



COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come—
this church opens wide her doors and offers
her welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

MORNING WORSHIP

Friends and Enemies
1 Samuel 19–20

EVENING WORSHIP

Such Were Some of You
1 Corinthians 6:1–11

April 21st, 2024

Rev. Jonathan Landry Cruse, Pastor



MORNING WORSHIP – 10AM

Pastor Cruse leading and preaching in worship.

“Live near to God, and so all things will appear to you little in comparison with eternal realities.”
–Robert Murray McCheyne

God Calls Us into His Presence

The word “church” literally means “called out ones.” In our very name, we acknowledge that our relationship with God is constituted by His call of us. Worship rightly begins with a Divine initiative. But recognizing we are too weak to worship God the way He deserves, we respond to His call in a prayer for the help of His Spirit (the invocation), to which God answers with the assurance of a warm welcome into His presence (the greeting).

* Call to Worship: Psalm 13:5–6

* Invocation

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Minister: Let us pray...

* God’s Greeting

* The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise: 214, *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

God Cleanses Us by His Law and Gospel

God’s Word instructs us in holy living. We come to it now with humility as it reveals our sin, but also in hope as it reveals our Savior, the Word incarnate. Our corporate prayer of confession is followed by a bold declaration that we need not fear God’s condemnation because Christ has taken it in our place.

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:12

Silent Prayer followed by Corporate Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together, saying...

People: Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to You that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed Your Word nor followed Your holy commandments. For the sake of Your goodness, be gracious to us and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:19–23

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: 277, *Before the Throne of God Above*

* The Apostles’ Creed (p. 851)

God Accepts Our Prayers and Gifts

All of the Christian life is to be devoted to God. We demonstrate that by giving our hearts to Him in prayer, and our monies to Him in the offering. As our Father, He loves to hear our prayers. As our King, He well deserves our gifts.

God Speaks To Us by His Word

The Bible tells us that it is through the “foolishness of preaching” that God saves sinners. So we eagerly come to hear from Him and receive His grace through the Scripture reading and sermon.

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

The benediction (“good word”) is God’s placement of His name upon us, securing our identity in His love and promise.

Congregational Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offering

Please pass the offering plate all the way down

* Psalm of Preparation: 59, *O Save Me from My Foes, O God*
(vv. 1–3, 6)

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 19–20

Sermon: **Friends and Enemies** | no. 23 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: 456, *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*

* Benediction

* Dismissal and Postlude

While gathered worship has ended, service to Christ continues: let us go forth in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord!

SERMON HELPS

What is the Bible text and title of the sermon?

What are the main points?

1. David's _____ and _____

2. Michal's _____ and _____

3. God's _____ and _____

4. Jonathan's _____ and _____



EVENING WORSHIP – 6 PM

Dr. Westerman leading and Pastor Cruse preaching in worship

“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” –Romans 8:32

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:6–7

* Invocation

* God’s Greeting

* The Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise: 450, *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

* Confession of Faith: The Westminster Shorter Catechism 28 (p. 970)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 97

Corresponding Psalm: 97B, *The Lord Reigns, Let the Earth Be Glad* (vv. 1–5)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering

* Hymn of Preparation: 460, *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:1–11

Sermon: **Such Were Some of You** | no. 14 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: 278, *Nothing but the Blood*

* Benediction & Dismissal

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SERMON NOTES

SERVANT SCHEDULE

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Preaching: Pastor Cruse
Opening/Closing: Perry Westerman
Greeter: Fred V
Nursery AM: Megan M, Marlene V, Ella G
Nursery PM: Heather V, Cheryl V
A/V: R. Vlietstra
Coffee Prep: Alphenaar
Snacks: Tiemeyer, Vander Band
Hospitality: McElvain
Security: Sam N
Piano: AM, Kelly Y | PM, Cassie M

NEXT WEEK'S SERVANTS

Preaching: Pastor Cruse
Opening/Closing: Pastor Cruse
Greeter: Hamming
Nursery AM: Hannah VB, Becky G, Shelby G
Nursery PM: Melissa B, Ruth V
A/V: O'Brien
Coffee Prep: Lyndsey V
Snacks: Vander Roest, Olivia V
Hospitality: Agbley
Security: Ben P
Piano: AM, Michal M | PM, Michele E
Communion PM: E. Post

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR CONGREGATION

- *Our regular ministries:* that through the church's ministries the body of Christ would be joined and held together as its members use their particular gifts God has given them, such that when each part is working properly, the body grows and builds itself up in love.
- Praise the Lord for the gift of His Son, delivered to us on cross to take away our sin and guilt!
- For John DeVries who is having another toe removed on Tuesday.
- For Melissa Bil as she waits for results from the biopsy on her thyroid.
- For endurance for the Hamming family as they continue to trust in God's provision during the mold ordeal at their home.
- For our pregnant mothers: Heather Vlietstra, Megan Meulenberg, and Megan Novak.
- For ongoing health needs in the church: Tim Bero, Brayden Bodfish, John DeVries, Steve Glerum, Dave Nieuwenhuis and John Wonser.

THE WIDER CHURCH

- For Grace Fellowship, Zeeland, MI. Praise the Lord for a united Session as they co-labor together and that the body is being equipped to minister to one another, for which they give particular thanks.

Pray for wisdom as they search for additional staffing and pursue facility expansion, church, planting, etc.

- For the upcoming Presbytery meeting, hosted at our church on Saturday, April 28th.
- For the missionary families we support: (Hub-Spokes) the Hopps in Mbale (Uganda), the Johnsons in Thailand, the Quebec project in Canada, Charles (Alice) Telfer (Wycliff Bible translation consultants), and OPC Japan.
- Praise the Lord for the work He is doing in the OPC's mother-daughter church plants! Pray for the work and perseverance of body of Christ and for the spread of the gospel.
- That those coordinating and leading short term mission teams would be energized to prepare for summer missions.

THE WORLD

- For our president, governor, and mayor.

SESSION

Pastor Jonathan Cruse
Brian Eshuis
Tom Vander Band
Perry Westerman (Clerk)

DEACONS

Bryce Bekius
Derek McElvain (Chairman)
David Post
Jacob Schumaker
Seth Verschoof (Sabbatical)

MINISTRIES

Women's Prayer | Sun, 9:40am
Men's Bible Study | 1st & 3rd Wed, 7pm
Dead Theologians Society | 2nd Wed, 7pm
Prayer Meeting | 4th Wed, 6:30pm
Women's Morning Bible Study | Thurs, 9am
Teen Girls | 3rd Fri, 6pm
Men's Breakfast | 2nd Sat, 8am

TITHES & OFFERINGS

(thru 3/31/24)

YTD Actual: \$74,201
YTD Budgeted: \$65,000
Diaconal Fund: \$11,859
Building Fund: \$ 124,414

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WELCOME

We are delighted to have you worship with us! We pray that you experience the grace of God through the preaching of the gospel and the fellowship of His people. Below you will find some helpful information about our schedule and facility. To learn more about our church and what we believe, please speak with one of us, or you can always visit our website!

Nursery is available during both services in the room across from the welcome center in the foyer. A nursing mothers area is available in a private room down the hall from the welcome center. Bathrooms are located just outside the fellowship hall by the offices or at the end of the hall off the welcome center. After worship you are invited to enjoy coffee and light refreshments followed by Sunday school (11:30-12:15pm) for all ages!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Youth Group Night**, Tuesday, April 23rd, 6 – 8:30pm, Classroom 3. Join us for pizza, devotions, and games. See Ben & Heather Vlietstra for more information.
- **Classical Conversations Open House**, Friday, April 19th, 9AM. Come observe a CC Community Day in action by visiting our current Friday campus Open House. Register at: <https://classicalconversations.com/events/?id=mGxz>
- **The Kalamazoo Chorus** presents Worthy is the Lamb, Friday, April 26th, 7:30PM at First United Methodist Church (212 S. Park St). A freewill offering will be taken for Hudson Taylor Ministries and Providence Christian School.
- **Presbytery, Saturday, April 27th is at Community!** This is an all day meeting of the governing body of the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario. We will be supplying coffee, breakfast, and lunch. If you're able to help supply food, please see the sign-up sheets on the table as you exit to the Fellowship Hall. Please see Erin Post with questions related to food or Pastor Cruse for other questions.
- **Young Adult Hymn Sing**, Sunday, April 28th at Community. Join others (ages 18–30) after evening service for a hymn sing followed by dinner, fellowship, and sermon discussion.
- **Boardwalk Chapel Trip**, Jul 27th – Aug 3rd with Covenant Church (PCA) in Holland, MI. High School, College, and career aged members of Community OPC are invited to join this training and evangelism trip! The cost will be no more than \$250 per person. See Pastor Cruse for more info.
- **Help the Hammings!** As they approach their move-out date they need help cleaning (wiping down) and packing their household goods. Sign up via the QR code or speak to Derek McElvain.
- **Save the date:**
 - Church Garage Sale: May 17-18
 - Softball Game: May 18, 4PM
 - Building Dedication service on June 2nd, 6PM.

