



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

On the Run with God

1 Samuel 21:1–22:5

EVENING WORSHIP

Flee from Sexual
Immorality

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

April 28th, 2024

Rev. Jonathan Landry Cruse, Pastor



MORNING WORSHIP – 10AM

Pastor Cruse leading and preaching in worship.

“He knew what we were before conversion: wicked, guilty, defiled; yet He loved us. He knows what we will be after conversion: weak, erring, and frail; and yet He loves us.”

–J. C. Ryle

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 84:1–2

* 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: 524, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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: Exodus 20

Silent Prayer followed by Corporate Confession

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

People: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. We ask this through our only mediator and advocate Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 34:8–9, 15–18 (p. 464)

* Psalm of Thanksgiving: Insert, *Taste and See*

* 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: 56, *O God, Be Merciful*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 21:1–22:5 (p. 244)

Sermon: **On the Run with God** | no. 24 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: 439, *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

* 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!

Taste and See

O taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Ps. 34:8

1. Bless — the Lord! I'll praise my God for - ev - er.
2. Seek — the Lord, His ear will be in - clin - ing
3. Fear — the Lord, your trust in Him be - stow - ing.

Mag - ni - fy His ho - ly name with me. _____
to — the poor and hum - ble in their need. _____
Make — His name your on - ly boast and plea. _____

Come — and prove His love which fal - ters nev - er,
Look — to Him and feel your fac - es shin - ing—
He — will fill your cup to o - ver - flow - ing;

REFRAIN:

free — for all who come to taste — and see. _____
ra - diant are the ones who taste — and see. _____ Taste and
you — must on - ly come and taste — and see. _____

see the good - ness of the Sav - ior; He has

been a safe re - treat for me. Come by

faith and know His gra - cious fav - or. Sat - is -

fy your soul— O taste and see.

Based on Psalm 34
Jonathan Landry Cruse, 2020

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EVENING WORSHIP – 6 PM

Pastor Cruse leading and preaching in worship

* Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1–2

* 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: 537, *Jesus, Master, Whose I Am*

* Confession of Faith: The Westminster Shorter Catechism 29–30 (p. 970)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering

Hub & Spokes

* Hymn of Preparation: 480, *I Have No Other Comfort*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20 (p.955)

Sermon: **Flee from Sexual Immorality** | no. 15 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: 276, *Jesus Paid It All*

Words of Institution for the Lord's Supper

Distribution of Elements

Gluten-free bread is provided in the center cup. Grape juice is provided in the outer ring in purple cups for those who conscientiously abstain from wine.

Exhortation

Minister: Let us declare the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

* Sending Hymn: 529, *Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me In Thy Righteousness*

* Benediction & Dismissal

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SERVANT SCHEDULE

TODAY'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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVANTS

Preaching: Pastor Cruse
Opening/Closing: Bryce Bekius
Greeter: Mary A
Nursery AM: Julie H, Lily H, Caroline H
Nursery PM: Cassie M, Sarah G
A/V: Eshuis
Coffee Prep: Olivia V
Snacks: Seth V, Adam V
Hospitality: Westerman
Security: Adam V
Piano: AM, Michele E | PM, Kelly Y

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR CONGREGATION

- *Weekly pulpit ministry*: That the Word of God would be preached in power and with zeal, both law and gospel, so that the hearers would be convicted of their sin and misery, but comforted by the merits of Christ and thus live in the joy of this comfort by the Spirit.
- For Lyndsey Vlietstra's mother, Jill Mulder, who recently learned that her cancer has returned and began specialized chemotherapy to her spine this week in Chicago. Please pray for peace, effectiveness of the treatments, and no damage to her spine.
- For John DeVries recovering from recent foot surgery.
- Praise for the Lord's provision for the upcoming remediation at the Hamming's home this Friday and Saturday. Pray for safety, clarity, and complete remediation of the mold. Pray for additional provision as the Hamming's work to rebuild.
- For our pregnant mothers: Heather Vlietstra, Megan Meulenberg, Megan Novak, and Cassie Morrison.
- For ongoing health needs in the church: Tim Bero, Brayden Bodfish, John DeVries, Steve Glerum, Rebekah Hill, Dave Nieuwenhuis and John Wonser.

THE WIDER CHURCH

- Living Hope, Beamsville, ON; Pastor Doug Bylsma (Kristi). Praise for the Lord for the provision of two additional officers for our congregation, continued growth, and strong unity, love, and fellowship within the congregation. Petition the Lord for those with chronic health challenges, those suffering loss, provision of a new, bigger building, and wisdom for the Session in ministry and leading the congregation to planting a church.
- 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 the 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 federal, state, and local elected officials.

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 2nd Fri, 6pm
Men's Breakfast | 2nd Sat, 8am

TITHES & OFFERINGS

(thru 3/31/24)

YTD Actual: \$74,202
YTD Budgeted: \$65,000
Diaconal Fund: \$11,598
Building Fund: \$127,917

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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

- **This evening join us for our monthly hymn sing** followed by a celebration of the Lord's Supper in evening worship.
- **After service**, join other area reformed young adults (ages 18–30) for a Hymn Sing followed by dinner, a time of fellowship, and sermon discussion.
- **Volunteers Needed**, Friday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 4th. The Deacons are looking for help with demo at the Hamming's home. If you can help or have questions please contact Derek McElvain as soon as possible 269-929-7612 or dmcelvain@gmail.com.
- **Music Camp 2024 (July 8 – 13)**: We need a preliminary count of campers (ages 5–12) and volunteers (youth 13+ and adults) in order to plan for our 2024 Music Camp. If you plan to register campers and/or are available to volunteer to help with the Camp, please see or e-mail Mary Alphenaar or Sarah Gunst by Monday 5/6. There will be no priority registration for CPC campers this year, so if you want to reserve a spot for your campers, you must contact Mary or Sarah by 5/6.
- **Reformed Heritage Christian School**, 700 North Fletcher Ave, Kalamazoo, is holding a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 3, 2024, from 10am to 3:45pm. For an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: RHCS, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Walk-ins may be possible, but appointments are strongly encouraged.
- **Save the date:**
 - » Church Garage Sale: May 17-18, 9AM–3PM
 - » Softball Game: May 18, 4PM
 - » Building Dedication Service: June 2nd, 6PM