

March 3, 2024

# Morning Worship

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude

\*Song: **O Worship the King vs 1, 4**

\*God's Greeting and Greet One Another

\*Song: **Across the Lands vs 1-3**

## WE HUMBLY APPROACH GOD

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

## WE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song: **Table of Plenty vs 1-3**

Offering

Congregational Prayer

[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children's Worship]

\*Song: **The Old Rugged Cross vs 1 & 3**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\*Scripture: *Proverbs 26: 13-26*

Series: 7 Deadly Sins

Message: ***Sloth***

Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Song: **By the Sea of Crystal vs 1-3**

\*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave  
Accompanist: Emily VandeGriend

Scripture Reader: Jeff Brinks

\*Congregation stands if able

Welcome!

If you have a prayer request or you would like to know more about us, please fill out the Welcome Card and place in one of the Connection boxes as you leave the sanctuary.  
To view our services online go to: [firstcrchudsonville.org](http://firstcrchudsonville.org) and click the link at the top of the page.

## THIS SUNDAY:

**AM: Proverbs 26: 13-26** Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: ***Sloth*** We've all seen a picture of the hairy, long-tailed sloth hanging from a tree branch. Lazy but harmless. So why is sloth named as one of the 7 Deadly Sins? Join us as we open God's Word together to better understand the very deadly sin of sloth.  
First offering: Faith Promise; second offering: General Fund

**PM: Matthew 5: 22-24, 6:14-15, Ephesians 4: 25-32** Message: Forgiveness Foibles, Failings and Faults. Join us next Sunday evening as Guest Pastor Rev. Ron Baker leads us in worship. Offering: Harmony Communities

## NEXT WEEK:

**AM: 1 John 2: 15-17** Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: ***Gluttony*** Frederick Buechner wrote that "A *glutton* is one who raids the icebox for a cure for *spiritual malnutrition*." Join us next Sunday as we discover what the Bible says about this deadly sin.  
First offering: Capital Improvement; second offering: General Fund

**PM: Isaiah 55: 1-7** Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: ***Faith and Repentance*** Nothing is more important than our relationship with God. In this message we'll learn more about the dynamics of that relationship. We'll discover how to embrace the transformative power of faith and repentance as we humbly submit to God's sovereignty and grace in our lives.  
Offering: Harmony Communities

## THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** meets after morning service.
- **Adult Sunday Education** meets after morning service.
- **Snr High Pop!**, tonight at 6:00PM.
- **Pastoral Council**, Monday March 4, 7:00PM.
- **Ladies' Bible Study**, Tuesday March 5, 7:00PM.
- **Cadets, GEMS**, Wednesday March 6, 6:30 PM. GEMS Mother/Daughter night

Evening offerings for the month of **March** will go to Harmony Communities.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The following men have been selected** as candidates for Elder and Deacon for 2024-2027.

**For Elder:** Dave Aukeman, Bill Brouwer, Ben Bouma, Jeff Persenaire, Steve Schnyders, Joe Lems and Dave Vruwink.

**For Deacon:** Andrew Bard, John Bosscher, Mike Krikke, Brett Buskard, Brett DeVries, Jake Horstman, Dale VandeGriend and Andrew Power.

Voting by ballot to accept the names will be after the morning service on March 10. Absentee ballots are available at the information center and must be signed. They can be placed in the Admin Clerk's mailbox or given to a Council member. Names will be drawn for two Elders and three Deacons at the beginning of the evening service also on March 10. Installation will take place during the morning service on March 17. An organizational meeting for the new council will be held after the morning installation service. Retiring officers are: Elder – Doug Krikke, Mark Byker. Deacon – Brad VanDragt, Levi Schut, Joe Persenaire.

**Committee Chairpersons' Meeting - Sunday, March 3** We will have a brief meeting 15 minutes after the morning service in Pastor Dave's office.

**FIRST CRC NEW MEMBER CLASS** If you want to become a member of First CRC or simply have questions about our ministry, we invite you to our next *New Member Class*! This 2-session class will meet on Sunday, April 7 and Sunday, April 14 after the morning worship service. To reserve your spot, contact Pastor Dave.

**Sunday Adult Education on the book of 1 Peter** - Sunday mornings, 11 a.m., in the Upstairs Fellowship room. Everyone is welcome. No books or pre-reading; just show up! Leader: Pastor Marc VanBerkum

**Cadet Fertilizer Sale** - Please support the Cadets by purchasing fertilizer for your lawn and garden. A Cadet may be contacting you or you can find an order form on the Welcome Center in the narthex. Orders must be in Jeff Horstman's mailbox by TODAY, March 3. Orders should be ready for pick up by the week of March 25. Contact Jeff if you have any questions.

**Save the Date!** The next Euchre game night is Saturday, March 23! More details to follow; sign up sheet is in the welcome center.

**March Missionary Highlight:** The Gemmen Family, InnerChange Missions  
Prayer requests:

Praise - being allowed into Mel Trotter once a week to interact with the unhoused.

- having an intern work alongside with the unhoused in the downtown area.

Request - Doors will be opened for the gospel with the downtown unhoused population.

- Lisa learns her leadership role with the Staff Care and Development team.

### **ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Wednesday, March 13 @ Messiah CRC, 5:30 pm**

Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 13, 2024) as the Annual Day of Prayer. On this date each year, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

**Greeters:** We are looking to add to our list of those willing to greet. If you would be willing once every 3-4 months, morning service, the sign up sheet is on the welcome center. Thank you!

**Young Adults (18-35):** April 12 from 7-9pm First Hudsonville CRC will be hosting a worship night! It will consist of about a 45 minute gathering filled with singing along with some prayer and scripture reading. Following will be a time of fellowship! We will be serving cookies and if the weather is nice there might be some yard games! The surrounding churches are invited as well! We are hoping to have the nursery open for this event! More to come on that! Please sign up using the QR code on the flyer if you would like to use our nursery services so we know about how many people we will need! Questions? Contact Alyssa Horstman (616) 581-0544 or Riley Keegstra (616) 283-5113

**Missing 13 Positive Option baby bottles** - if you have a baby bottle on your counter or somewhere in your home, can you please return it? Positive Options uses them for other church's donations. They can no longer get them, so they need to have each church return what they have been given. Thank you for your help with this!

**Kids Hope** - Make an investment into our community by being a Kids Hope mentor! Just showing up for a child makes a huge difference! Contact Cheri Huisman to find out more.

**Kids Hope Family Dinner** is looking for kitchen/serving/cleanup volunteers on Thursday April 11 5:30- 8:00 at Hudsonville Reformed Church. I am also looking for 1 person to be in charge of the kitchen/food. Sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Contact Cheri Huisman with questions.

### **FIRST CRC/PINE REST PARTNERSHIP Overcoming Behavioral Addictions**

When we hear the word addiction, we usually think about alcohol and other drugs. However, addiction can take on many forms. Behavioral addictions such as gambling, shopping, gaming, and unhealthy eating patterns can also cause problems at work or school, with finances, or in relationships. If you or someone in your household wants help changing a behavior, simply call 800.442.0809 (press 1) or send an email to eap@pinerest.org . There is no co-pay or out-of-pocket cost.

**Nursery:** The Nursery is open for morning services.  
This Week: Kristin Schut, Jennie Sale, Elizabeth Power  
Next Sunday: Kelsey Brouwer, Jo Victory, Natalie Groenendyk

**Ushers for March:**  
AM: Jim Plooster, Keith Rillema, Rog Spoelma, Rog Van Loo  
PM: Dale VandeGriend, Jack Vugteveen, Adam Westmaas

**Coffee Server:** This Week: Judy DeHaan  
Next Week: Jo Victory

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

**A Birthday to Remember!** Happy birthday to **Harry Vander Brug**, who celebrates his 83rd birthday on Tuesday, March 5!

- Concerns and Praises:**
- **Joyce Feenstra** has returned to American House after being hospitalized with influenza.
  - **Marguerite Smeda** is recovering from injuries suffered in a car accident.
  - **Marilynn Driesenga** is recovering from foot surgery.
  - **Jim VanHill** is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
  - **Dave Hekstra** returned home last week. **Julia and the girls** have recovered from their illnesses.
- Shut-ins: Elmer Hoffman, Molly Scheur, Donna Machiela, and Delia Persenaire.**

If you have any needs or prayer requests, please contact your Care Group Elder/Deacon or Pastor Dave.

**Our Prayer Coordinator, Tammy Schnyders**, produces a monthly prayer sheet, “Partners in Prayer”, sends out prayer emails, and regularly updates the Praise and Prayer Line [669.5548]. If you have a prayer need contact Pastor Dave, your Care Group Elder, or Tammy Schnyders.

FROM THE DENOMINATION

**Kids Corner: Living a Holy Life** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Have you ever wanted to do something that you knew wasn’t right? We all wrestle with sin, but we need to take personal responsibility. We can’t blame Satan for our poor behavior (Ephesians 6:11-17). Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC’s Lent and Easter Collection.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

**The Counselors of the Rush Creek Cadet Council** would like to invite all of the middle and high school students, their parents and anyone that works with youth from your church to the "workshop" portion of our Cadet Counselor meeting on March 14, 2024 at Messiah CRC (2900 Springdale, Hudsonville). The presentation begins at 7:00 PM and runs for about an hour. There will be time for questions afterwards. Alan Vanden Bosch will be speaking about Internet Safety. He will cover a variety of topics from sharing passwords to legal and social consequences of sharing too much information. Sensitive issues will be discussed. Because of the state of the world that we live in, we believe that this is information that all teens and parents need to know.

The **Christian Reformed Conference Grounds**, 12253 Lakeshore Drive, Grand Haven, MI, invites you to Join us for our annual **Spring Fundraiser Dinner and Concert** on Saturday, April 20. The doors will open at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm we will serve a delicious Conference Grounds dinner. After dinner, you can sit back and enjoy the music of the Burgess Brothers, Kendra Walters, and Julie Baylor. You will be blessed and challenged by our speaker who is a longtime Grounds camper, Pastor Jeremy Krueze. He will inspire and challenge you to come alongside us as we seek funds for our new Ministry Center. Tickets for the dinner are on sale now for \$15 per person! Call 616-842-4478 to reserve your spot today!

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

**Simply Give** - Hudsonville Meijer is partnering with Love for Simply Give. Want to help fill Love's food pantry? Grab a Simply Give Card and head to the Hudsonville Meijer. Scan the Simply Give card at the Meijer checkout for \$10 and Meijer will MATCH your donation. That \$20 goes directly to Love Your Neighbor’s Food Pantry. Can’t head to Meijer? Give online through this link: <https://bit.ly/lovesimplygive24>

**Annual Pickleball Event** - May 18 is Love Your Neighbor's 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament in Hudsonville! Sign up to play or consider sponsoring this unique, local event to raise funds for local families in Love Your Neighbor's Life Skills Programs. Sign up to play: <https://bit.ly/pickleballwithlove24>

# March 3, 2024 - Evening Worship

## ENTERING WORSHIP

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
God's Greeting

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*Song: **Come All You People Praise Our God vs 1, 3**  
Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 40 & 51  
Offertory: **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace vs 1-3**  
Congregational Prayer

## PROCLAMATION

Song: **And Can It Be vs 1-4**  
Message: ***Forgiveness Foibles, Failings and Faults***  
Scripture: *Matthew 5: 22-24, 6: 14-15; Ephesians 4: 25-32*  
Prayer

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

\*Song: **Great is Thy Faithfulness vs 1, 3**  
\*Benediction  
\*Song: **Blest Be The Tie that Binds, vs 1-3, 6**  
\*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Guest Pastor: Rev. Ron Baker  
Accompanist: Emily VandeGriend

\*Congregation stands if able