

March 10, 2024

Morning Worship

CALLED AND GATHERED

Prelude

*Song: **O Praise the Name vs 1-4**

*God’s Greeting and Greet One Another

*Song: **The Lord Is My Salvation vs 1-5**

CONFESSION AND OFFERING

Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Offering

Song: **My God How Wonderful You Are vs 1, 2, 4 & 6**

Clay Shoot Update: Set Free Ministries

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Message

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

*Song: **Breathe on Me, Breath of God vs 1 & 2**

FROM THE BOOK WE LOVE

Scripture: *1 John 2: 15-17*

Series: 7 Deadly Sins

Message: **Gluttony**

Prayer

HE SENDS US OUT

*Benediction

*Song: **New Doxology vs 1-3**

Congregational Meeting - Election of Elders and Deacons

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave

Accompanist: Tonia Westmaas

Worship Team: Sarah DeVries, Cindy Palmbos,

Kristin Power, Emily VandeGriend

Children’s Moment: Jenelle Vlietstra

Scripture Reader: Jack Huisman

*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: firstchurchdudsonville.org and click the link at the top of the page.*

THIS SUNDAY:

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*.” This morning, we will discover what the Bible says about this gluttony and its cure. 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 learn 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

NEXT WEEK:

AM: Genesis 4: 1-12; Luke 18: 9-14 Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: **Envy** Envy is a corrosive sin. It erodes joy and undermines relationships. Next Sunday we’ll learn what God’s Word says about envy. We’ll uncover the transformative power that helps us overcome the grip of envy and embrace a life of contentment.

The Installation of new Elders and Deacons will happen during this worship service.

First offering: Love Your Neighbor; second offering: General Fund

PM: Romans 3: 21-31 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: **The Power of Acceptance** In this message we unpack the Biblical truths that reveal our standing as justified and accepted through Christ’s redeeming work, inviting us into a life of grace-filled obedience and eternal assurance. Offering: Harmony Communities

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** meets after morning service.
- **Adult Sunday Education** meets after morning service.
- **Jr High Pop!**, tonight at 6:00PM.
- **Admin Council**, Monday March 11, 7:00PM.
- **Men’s Prayer Group**, Tuesday March 12, 7:00PM.
- **Cadets**, Wednesday March 13, 6:30 PM.
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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.

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.

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!

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Wednesday, March 13 @ Messiah CRC, 5:30PM. Synod has designated the second Wednesday of 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.

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

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.

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

Save the Date! The next Euchre game night is Saturday, March 23! Show up at 6:45 PM for setting up, play ends around 9 PM. Sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center

Easter Morning Walk Up Choir - Everyone is invited to sing "My Jesus" by Anne Wilson, during our 9:30am worship service on Easter morning, March 31. In preparation for this, you may reference "Anne Wilson - My Jesus (Official Lyric Video)" on YouTube.

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.

Women's Bible Study - our last day will be March 26. We will not be meeting on March 19 or April 2 as previously scheduled. We will be covering Lessons 11 and 12 that evening.

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: Kelsey Brouwer, Jo Victory, Natalie Groenendyk
Next Sunday: Jen VanDragt, Becca Williams, Aubrey Palmbos

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

Coffee Server: This Week: Jo Victory
Next Week: Judy Ponstein

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- **Joyce Feenstra** is recovering from the flu at home.
- **Marguerite Smeda** continues her recovery from a car accident.
- Those recovering from recent surgeries: **Marilynn Driesenga, Jim VanHill, and Dave Hekstra.**

Shut-ins: Sharon Walters, Andy Machiela, Bob/Marie Heyboer, and Joyce Feenstra.

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.

Financial Report – February 2024						
	02/29/24	02/29/24	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	\$	%
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
General Fund	39,113.55	31,315.67	62,482.25	62,631.33	-149.08	99.8%
Capital Impr.	2,723.00	2,500.00	4,541.00	5,000.00	-459.00	90.8%

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Healing Love - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus goes to the tomb where Lazarus’ family laid him to rest, and miraculously restores Lazarus to life. Jesus also healed Lazarus’ family’s broken hearts. It restored their joy. We might not be able to heal physically those we love as Jesus did. But, like Jesus, we can come alongside them and demonstrate God’s never-ending, always-present love. Check out all the great content at 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 10, 2024 - Evening Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Selection of Elders and Deacons

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: **Wonderful, Merciful Savior vs 1-3**

*God's Greeting

*Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 60

*Song: **Not What My Hands Have Done vs 1-3**

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer [Prayer Requests]

OFFER

Offering

Song: **Come to the Savior Now vs 1-4**

WORD

Ministry in Song: Come To the Water

Series: Sound Doctrine – Understanding and Living What We Believe

Scripture: *Isaiah 55:1-7*

Message: ***Faith and Repentance***

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace vs 1-4**

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