

April 21, 2024

Morning Worship

EARLY IN THE MORNING, OUR SONG SHALL RISE TO THEE

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting and Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship from Psalm 96:1-2; 8a-9a

*Song: **Holy, Holy, Holy vs 1, 3, 4**

Perfect in power in love and purity.

ONLY THOU ART HOLY; THERE IS NONE BESIDE THEE

Call to Confession

Song: **Holy Spirit Living Breath of God vs 1-2**

Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

ALL THY WORKS SHALL PRAISE THY NAME

Offerings: Benevolent Fund and General Fund

Offertory Song: **He's Always Been Faithful**

All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me

Welcome New Member: Karen Admiraal

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message

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

*Song: **Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death vs 1-3**

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trials?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

PERFECT IN POWER, IN LOVE, AND PURITY

Scripture: *Genesis 39:1-23*

Series: You'll Get Through This

Message: ***Tempted and Tried***

Ministry in Song: **Still, My Soul Be Still**

Hold on to His ways with shield of faith against temptation's flaming arrows.

*Benediction

*Song: **Sanctuary**

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave

Accompanist: Kim Persenaire

Violin: Sarah DeVries

Scripture Reader: Jeff Brinks

Soloist: Anna Schreur

Guitar: Josh Horstman

*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 and click the link at the top of the page.

THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Genesis 39: 1-23 Series: You'll Get Through This: The Story of Joseph
Message: ***Tempted and Tried*** Temptation is always present and can lead to life-altering pain and devastation. In this message we'll discover how to develop greater resilience in the face of sin's persuasion power.

First offering: Benevolent Fund; second offering: General Fund

PM: 1 Peter 2: 4-10 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe
Message: ***You Need a Church Home*** The message title says that we need church home. But, why? Why can't I just be a Christian on my own? Over the next few Sunday evenings we'll explore these questions and more as we consider the Doctrine of the Church.
Offering: Unity Christian HS

NEXT SUNDAY:

AM: Genesis 39:20-40:23 Series: You'll Get Through This: The Story of Joseph
Message: ***Waiting is the Hardest Part*** Everyone's story has twists and turns and times of waiting. The waiting is often the hardest part. In this message we'll see how Joseph's life goes from the pit to the palace to prison. We'll be led to consider how we maintain integrity and lean on God's promises even in the darkest of times.

First offering: Chr. Education Tuition Grant Fund; second offering: General Fund

PM: Deuteronomy 7: 6-11 Message: ***Why Does God Love Us?*** Join us as Rev. Jeff McCleary leads us in worship. We are sinners by nature and manifestly underserving of God's love yet those who have been safed through faith in Jesus have received and continue to be blessed by the Father's love. How is this possible, and what should be our response, and how might the knowledge of this shape our living daily?

Offering: Unity Christian HS

THIS WEEK:

- Pop! Jr High, Sunday, 6:00PM
- Men's Prayer Group, Tuesday, 7:00PM

Evening offerings for the month of **April** will go to Unity Christian H.S.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed - The carpet in the Sanctuary is being replaced beginning tomorrow, April 22. It would be a great help if some volunteers could stay after church this evening for maybe 20-30 minutes to remove Bibles/Hymnals and move the pulpit. There may be a few other things to move where new carpet is planned to be installed. Then on Friday, April 26 at 8AM there will be a group who will be cleaning the sanctuary. If you are able to help in any way or have questions please contact Sandy Helms. Thanks to all who are willing to help!

Join a Youth and Adult Choir May 5! Join us for rehearsals after the morning service in the sanctuary **TODAY** and at 8:30am on May 5. We'll be practicing to sing the Gettys' version of "Oh Shout for Joy" during the morning service on the 5th. Practice at home by searching "Shout For Joy (The New Hundredth)" on YouTube. Sign up at the Welcome Center or by texting Emily Vande Griend at 641-780-4828.

Spring Has Sprung! It's time to celebrate with an all church potluck on Sunday, April 28 at 11:45 AM in the church basement. Meatballs, rolls, dessert, beverages and tableware will be provided. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. **TODAY** is the last day to sign up at church. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office (616-669-6557 or fcrhudsonville@att.net) by Wednesday! Happy Spring!!!

Coat Rack - There are some lonely winter coats (three adult and two kids sweatshirts) on the coat rack in the Narthex, please check to see if they're yours and bring them home so they aren't lonely anymore!

South Elementary Snacks - they are in need of several more to finish out the year. These must be individually wrapped items. Please place in box in foyer. Contact Cheri Huisman with questions.

Calling all graduates! If you have graduated or will be graduating from any post high school degree, please contact Christy in the office at fcrhudsonville@att.net ! We want to celebrate you and your accomplishments!

April Missionary Highlight: The Sliedrecht Family, Global Outreach International
Prayer requests:

- Praise God for the opportunity to engage with college students to discern God's call to missions.
- Pray for more opportunities to engage in spiritual conversations with international students.
- Pray for Tim as he facilitates an 8-month long leadership training program.
- Praise God for the MentorMe program which includes 45 staff and 50 youth.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Cindy Palmbos, Sandy Helms, Hazel Laansma
Next Sunday: Jenna Persenaire, Kara Helms, Brinley Cook

Ushers for April:

AM: Ben Bouma, Braden Bouma, Jake Vlietstra, Brett Wassink
PM: Dave Aukeman, Andrew Bard, Mark Byker

Coffee Server: This Week: Natalie Timmer

Next Week: Yvonne VanderHeide

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

We joyfully welcome new member **Karen Admiraal** to the First CRC family! Her address is: 4865 Summergreen Ln, Hudsonville. Her phone number is: 616-209-5014.

Concerns and Praises:

- **Flo Bosscher** has been dealing with serious health concerns.
- **Donna Machiela** – hospitalized due to complications from cancer
- **Mike Krikke** had knee replacement surgery this Wednesday.

Shut-ins: Arlene Krikke, Elmer Hoffman, Molly Schreur, 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.

FIRST CRC/PINE REST PARTNERSHIP April is Stress Awareness Month Stress can become overwhelming, and when left untreated it can lead to physical ailments including digestive issues, headaches, muscle pain, and even cardiovascular concerns. Take control of your mental and physical health through our Pine Rest/First CRC Partnership.. Behavioral health experts can help navigate life stressors and teach healthy coping skills to overcome stress. 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

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Earth Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When God created the earth, he made sure to make everything right. After every day of creation, he looked at what he had made and called it good. And then—at the end of creation—God gave it all to us and put us in charge. That is an incredible blessing and a huge task! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day Collection

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

National Day of Prayer - May 2: Prayer is a powerful thing, and each year a day is set aside for a nation-wide day of prayer. South Grandville CRC (4130 Wilson Ave) invites you to join us for a community-wide prayer service on the National Day of Prayer, May 2 at 7PM. We will be praying for the many needs of our world, nation, and local community. "As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him." (2 Samuel 22:31)

The Nifty 50's Drive-In Diner will be open at Zutphen CRC (3223 40th Ave. Hudsonville, MI) this Friday, April 26 at 5:00 pm! Drive your classic car or new car to the Diner and enjoy music and great food! Drive into the lower parking lot to order, and be served by our 50's styled servers! The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled cheese, French fries, shakes, malts, and ice cream sodas! All proceeds go to the Youth Guatemala Mission Trip in June. If you have questions, please call the office at 616-896-9709 or email office@zutphencrc.org

MentorMe GALA - It is our hope that you will join us at our MentorMe GALA on Wednesday, May 1 at 6PM at Watermark Country Club to Celebrate and Share all God is doing; lives being changed, identities being restored, truth being taught and captives being set free! We are excited that our guest speaker will be Dean VanderMey, Executive Director of Set Free Ministries. Business casual attire, please RSVP by April 15 at mentormeofwestmi.org or 616-540-3383. There is no cost to attend.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

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>

April 21, 2024 - Evening Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Greeting One Another

*Song: **The Church's One Foundation vs 1-2, 4**

Gather us in, all peoples together.

*Confession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #35

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Congregational Prayer

Songs by Request

Offering: Unity Christian High School

WORD

Scripture: *1 Peter 2:4-10*

Series: Sound Doctrine – Understanding and Living What We Believe

Message: **You Need a Church Home**

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **I Love Your Church, O Lord vs 1-3**

I love your church, O God, the people You have called.

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