

October 8, 2023

Morning Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome

Call To Worship

*Song: **We Sing the Mighty Power of God vs 1-3**

*God's Greeting and Greeting One Another

*Song: **Great is The Lord vs 1&2**

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Song: **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing vs 1-3**

God's Will for Our Lives

Song: **I Will Sing of My Redeemer vs 1-3**

Congregational Prayer

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

WORD

*Song: **What a Mighty God We Serve vs 1**

Scripture: *Exodus 13: 8 - 14:31*

Message: ***Me and My God - WOW!***

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **By the Sea of Crystal vs 3**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Guest Pastor: Rev. Jerry Van Groningen

Accompanist: Emily Vande Griend

*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: Exodus 13: 18 - 14: 31 Message: ***Me and My God - WOW!*** Join us as guest pastor Rev. Jerry Van Groningen leads us in worship. God does amazing things when we trust Him in all things, even when it's difficult. Offering: Faith Promise

PM: 1 Samuel 16: 14-23 Message: ***Demonized or Depressed?*** Join us as guest pastor Rev. Rich Verkaik leads us in worship. When we feel spiritually and emotionally tormented, where can we look for comfort? We can turn to many places looking for solace, but the greatest of these is the comfort of Jesus. Offering: Hand2Hand

NEXT WEEK:

AM: John 18: 24-40 Message: ***What is Truth?*** Guest Pastor Rev. Dave Brower leads us in worship. Truth is much more cloudy and shadowy in our modern times. We no longer know what or who to believe. Where do we go to find the truth? For the Christian, we know who is the truth -- Jesus -- and we know how to discern the truth in cloudy times; through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We must stay in close relationship with both Jesus and His Spirit. Offering: Benevolent Fund

PM: John 1: 29-34 Message: ***Behold the Lamb*** Guest Pastor Rev. Jeff McCleary leads us in worship. Many today see Jesus as a great teacher, supportive friend, gentle leader, peace and social justice advocate, and more. John the Baptist saw Him as a lamb. What did he mean and what significance does his term "the Lamb of God" hold for us today? You're invited tonight to consider who Jesus is from the perspective of this giant of the New Testament. Offering: Hand2Hand

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** - immediately after morning worship.
- **Sunday Adult Education** - after morning worship.
- **Pop! - Jr High** - Sunday, 6:00 PM
- **Admin Council** - Monday, October 9, 7:00 PM
- **Men's Prayer Group** - Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 PM
- **Cadets Meeting** - Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 PM

Evening Offerings for the month of **October** will go to Hand2Hand.
Offerings may be placed in the boxes located at the sanctuary entrances.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dave will be on vacation October 7-15. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact your Care Group Elder.

"Christ Our Hope In Life And Death" is a newer song written by Keith Getty and others. As a way of introducing this song to our congregation on October 15, EVERYONE (all ages) is invited to participate in a rehearsal from 8:30-9:00am. We will sing this song during our morning worship on October 15. Please contact Kim Persenaire if you would like to have the music ahead of time or if you have questions.

First CRC Cadets are selling subs and soup again this year and all items are \$4. Order forms are on the welcome center in the narthex. Any questions please see Tom Caryl.

Save the date for a Capital Improvement Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on November 4th. More information to follow.

Young At Heart: Breakfast on Wednesday, October 18 at Arrows in Hudsonville (formerly Rainbow Grill) at 9:30. Sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

50th wedding anniversary reception: Members of the congregation are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of **Steve and Betty Snow's** wedding in Antakya, Turkey, the site of ancient Antioch where "the disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11:26). A reception will be held 12noon-2PM on Saturday, October 14 in the narthex of the church. There will be cake and refreshments. No gifts please.

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

FIRST CRC NEW MEMBER CLASS Our next 2-part class will be held on October 22 and October 29 right after the morning worship service. If you want to become a member of First CRC or simply want to learn more about our ministry, this is the place to start. Contact Pastor Dave with questions or to reserve your spot.

FIRST CRC/PINE REST PARTNERSHIP Having trouble falling asleep or staying asleep? Many mental health conditions, including anxiety and substance use disorders, are associated with sleep difficulties. Don't underestimate the power of good sleep. Call 1.800.442.0809. [Press 1] to schedule a free appointment with a licensed clinician. Remember to say you are a member of 1stHudsonville CRC to receive free, compassionate, and confidential support in person or through telehealth.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.
This Week: Jen VanDragt, Cheryl Brouwer, Natalie Groenendyk
Next Sunday: Cindy Palmbos, Tammy Schnyders, Cora Hoezee

Ushers for October:

AM: Keith Rillema, Rog Spoelma, Ron Sterk, Nathanael Stone

PM: Dave Aukeman, Mark VanderBrug, Jack Vugteveen

Coffee Server: This Week: Betty Velderman
Next Week: Judy DeHaan

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

A Birthday to Remember! Happy Birthday to **Marilynn Driesenga**, who is celebrating her 82nd birthday on Saturday, October 14!

Concerns and Praises:

- We express our sympathy to the **Los family** as they mourn the death of Dan's mother, **Joyce Los**, who passed away on September 27.
- We pray for **Jeff and Louise McMullin** as they mourn the loss of their nephew **Adam** who passed away last week. May God comfort all who mourn.
- **Steve Velderman** is scheduled for open-heart surgery on October 16.

Shut-ins: Wilma Johnson, Juliana DeYoung, Gert Holwerda and Arlene Krikke.

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: God's Presence Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Sometimes, life isn't easy. This week's devotion is all about how wonderful it is to know that God is there in good times and bad times. He is with you and he loves you. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Wherever You Go."

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Zion Christian School has a few coach openings: we need two middle school boys basketball coaches, and a girls varsity soccer coach. Please submit an application to the school if you are interested, and contact Joel Bont if you have any questions jbont@zionchristian.net or (616) 878-9472).

Hymn Sing - We want to welcome all of you to our annual Hymn sing benefiting Mississippi Christian Family Services. It will be held at Baldwin St CRC, 2101 Baldwin St. in Jenison on October 22 at 7:30 PM. We are blessed to have as our guests the "Metropolitan Choir of Praise". Join us for a night of praise to our Faithful God.

Free Concert - Glenn Bulthuis will put on a free concert featuring of the Music of Bob Dylan on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 2:15 p.m. at the **Calvin University Chapel**. Pete Bardolph and others will be joining in for about a 90-minute afternoon concert of some of the best Bob Dylan tunes, with a special focus on the Gospel songs of Bob Dylan.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Requesting Donations:

- We are requesting donations for ALL travel sized items (body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, bar soap, etc.) and baby wipes
- We are in need of laundry soap, dishwasher detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, and tampons

If you or someone you know is struggling due to the increase in gas and groceries, please reach out to our connection center at 616-662-3300x128!

October 8, 2023 - Evening Service

PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: **Lord of all Hopefulness vs 1-4**

*God's Greeting

*Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

*Song: **Bless the Lord O Saints vs 1, 2**

Congregational Prayer

WORD

Song: **Imagine vs 1&2**

Scripture: *1 Samuel 16: 14-23*

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*Benediction

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