

October 15, 2023

# Morning Worship

## GATHER

Prelude

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Greeting One Another

\*Song: **Ancient of Days vs 1-3**

*So, I will not fear for this truth remains: that my God is the Ancient of Days.*

## RENEWAL

Confession

Song: **Christ Our Hope in Life and Death (with First Family Choir) vs 1-3**

*What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.*

Congregational Prayer

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

\*Song: **Open My Eyes That I May See vs 1 & 2**

*Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear.*

## WORD

Scripture: *John 18:28-40*

Message: ***What is Truth?***

Prayer

## SENT

\*Benediction

\*Song: **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God vs 1-4**

*God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever!*

\*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dave Brower

Organ: Kim Persenaire

Piano: Kim Byker

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: [firstchurchdudsonville.org](http://firstchurchdudsonville.org) and click the link at the top of the page.*

## THIS SUNDAY

**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

## NEXT WEEK:

**AM: 1 Timothy 6: 11-21** Series: The Good Fight: The Challenge and Comfort of Following Jesus Message: ***What Are You Fighting For?*** Let's be honest, following Jesus can be uncomfortable, difficult, and messy. In the words of the Apostle Paul, it is a fight. But it's a *good* fight! And as we keep our eyes on Jesus, we experience real life, comfort, and joy. Join us next week as we look at another aspect of "The Good Fight." Offering: Georgetown Harmony Homes

**PM: John 17: 20-21** Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: ***Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*** If there is one God, then why do we speak of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? Next Sunday night, we'll explore that question as well as the impact it has on our lives today. Offering: Hand2Hand

## THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** - immediately after morning worship.
- **Ladies Bible Study** - Tuesday, October 17, 7:00PM
- **Young at Heart Breakfast** - Wednesday, October 18, 9:30 AM
- **Cadets Meeting** - Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 PM
- **Euchre Game Night** - Saturday, October 21, 6:45 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.

**Sunday Adult Education** will not be meeting today, October 15. Class will start up again on October 22.

**Rides needed: Donna Machiela** is in need of rides for some upcoming doctor appointments on Monday, Oct. 16 - 9:30 PM (yes, this is a night appt.), Wednesday, Oct. 18 - 1:45 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 19 - 10:30 a.m. Please contact Donna if you can help with any of these rides.

**Custodian Needs:** In anticipation of Steve Velderman’s surgery, the congregation has an opportunity to step up and help the Veldermans during Steve’s surgery and recovery time. The next 3 weeks will be a time for Betty to be home helping Steve in his recovery and the tasks at church will need to be completed by others. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome center hoping to put into action “many hands make light work.” Please contact Sandy Helms with any 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.

**First CRC Gems** girls are selling poinsettias again this fall! Orders are due by November 5 and pickup will be November 24 or 26. Sign up at the welcome center. Thank you for your support of the GEMS!

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

**Women’s Bible Study** - The Tuesday night Women’s Bible Study is started but there is still time to join if you would like. We are studying the book of Hebrews. Lessons are on the Welcome Center. Come join us on Tuesday, October 17 as we share Lesson 2. If you have any questions, see Tammy Schnyders.

**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.

**Pastor Appreciation Sunday** - We will celebrate Pastor Appreciation on Sunday, October 29 with coffee, cider and home baked goodies after the morning service. If anyone would be willing to bring approximately 2 dozen cookies or bars, please sign up at the Welcome Center. A basket for cards will be out next Sunday.

**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.

**Nursery:** The Nursery is open for morning services.  
This Week: Cindy Palmbos, Tammy Schnyders, Cora Hoezee  
Next Sunday: Kristin Schut, Kelly Caryl, Emery Brouwer

**Ushers for October:**  
**AM:** Keith Rillema, Rog Spoelma, Ron Sterk, Nathanael Stone  
**PM:** Dave Aukeman, Mark VanderBrug, Jack Vugteveen

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

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

**An Anniversary to Remember! Steve and Betty Snow** are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 19!

**Concerns and Praises:**  
• **Steve Velderman** will have open heart surgery tomorrow at Meijer Heart Clinic.

**Shut-ins: Elmer Hoffman, Molly Schreur, Donna Machiela, Adrian & 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.

Financial Report – September 2023						
	09-30-23	09-30-23	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	\$	%
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
General Fund	21,053.72	29,276.00	227,109.48	263,484.00	-36,374.52	86.2%
Capital Impr.	1,444.00	2,500.00	13,225.90	22,500.00	-9,274.10	58.8%

## FROM THE DENOMINATION

**Kids Corner: God's Provision Gives Us Hope** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God promises to give us better gifts (Matthew 7:9-11), and he promises to "take care of all [our] needs" (Philippians 4:19). This week's devotion is all about trusting God to provide, even when God's gifts might not look the way we expect. (Just think how he saved us from our sins!) Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "Wilderness Journey."

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

**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.

**Encouragement for Tween Moms:** On Monday, October 23 at 7PM Cindy Bultema, Executive Director of GEMS, will be speaking on "Connecting with Today's Girls in a Disconnected World" at Ferrysburg Community Church. Cindy is a dynamic speaker with a powerful story of overcoming loss and addiction. All elementary thru teen moms are invited to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to [lori@ferrysburgchurch.com](mailto:lori@ferrysburgchurch.com) by October 16.

**Word & Deed Dessert Night** - Come and hear how the Lord is working in Egypt and the Middle East through our partner El-Soora Ministries. A Word & Deed dessert night will be held (D.V.) on Tuesday, November 7, at Grace Christian Academy (1000 Ball Ave. GR) at 7 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Sherif Fahim, Director of El-Soora and Chairman of the New Testament Department at the Alexandria School of Theology and Adjunct Faculty of Eschatology at PRTS. You can register for this evening at <https://wordanddeed.org/event/grand-rapids-dessert-evening/>

## 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 15, 2023 - Evening Service

### ENTERING WORSHIP

Prelude  
Call to Worship

### PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*Song: **Man of Sorrows – What a Name vs 1-3**  
\*Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 12 Q&A 31  
\*Song: **Lamb of God vs 1-3**

### PRAYER

Congregational Prayer  
Song: **You Are My All in All**

### PROCLAMATION

Scripture: John 1:29-34  
Message: Behold the Lamb  
Prayer

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

\*Benediction  
\*Song: **Just As I Am, Without One Plea vs 1,2,4**  
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Accompanist: Kim Persenaire

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