

October 23, 2022

Morning Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Song: **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven** Vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

*God's Greeting and Greeting One Another

*Song: **To God Be the Glory** Vs. 1 - 3

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives

Pastoral Prayer

WORD

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

*Song: **Speak, O Lord** Vs. 1 - 3

Scripture: 1 Kings 18 : 20 - 46

Message: ***Elijah and Prayers for Faith***

1. The Great Need for Prayer

2. The Great Power of Prayer

3. The Greatest Result of Prayer

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **Lead Me, Guide Me** Vs. 1 - 3

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Accompanist: Ev Hamberg

*Congregation stands if able

Welcome!

If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection 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: Rev. Tom Pettinga will lead our worship services. **I Kings 18 : 20 - 46**

Message: ***Elijah and Prayers for Faith*** Special Offering: Love Your Neighbor

PM: 2 Kings 6 : 8 - 23 Message: ***Elisha and Prayers for the Blind***

Special Offering: Dégagé Ministries

NEXT SUNDAY

AM: Rev. Kent Rottman will lead our morning worship service. **Matthew 11 : 28 - 30**

Message: ***Lighten the Load***

Special Offering: World Renew Disaster Relief - Hurricane Ian Response

PM: Rev. Rich Verkaik will lead our evening worship service.

Special Offering: Dégagé Ministries

THIS WEEK

- **Sunday School and Catechism** - after the morning worship service
- **Men's Prayer Group** - Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 PM
- **Cadets** - Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 PM

Pastor Dave will be on vacation until October 30. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact your Care Group Elder.

Welcome to our new Administrative Assistant We are pleased to announce that Christy Graff is joining us as First CRC's new Administrative Assistant. Beth Spoelma will be training Christy over the next number of weeks. When you see Christy, please extend a warm welcome!

Special Offerings received for the evening service during the month of October will go to Dégagé Ministries.

Bulletin Deadline: The bulletin deadline will be Wednesdays at 12:00 PM for the next few weeks.

During our morning worship service on October 30, you will be invited to participate in an impromptu walk-up choir that will sing "Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine" (Psalter Hymnal #490). There will not be a rehearsal for this choir. Contact Kim Persenaire if you have questions.

CHURCH NOTES

Military Veterans from First CRC: Please check your church mailbox for information on a special veterans' recognition that will take place during our morning worship service on Sunday, November 6th.

Sunday school need! We would love to partner each child with a "prayer partner grandparent" from our congregation. This can be as simple as saying hello on Sundays to a small gift/card for birthday or holidays! If you were a prayer partner before, please let me know if you would like to continue. We have been blessed with many new children in our Sunday school so we are in need of 30 people to make this happen! Please let Kendra Bouma know if you are willing!

The GEMS are selling poinsettias for our fundraiser again this year! These beautiful flowers are great for gifts and Christmas decorating! See one of the GEMS or place your order on the sheet at the welcome center! Flowers are \$10 each. Orders are due by November 6 and will be available for pickup on November 25.

This year the Middle School GEMS are learning about inner and outer beauty. To help raise funds for some of the activities and the end of the year event, we will be hosting a pop can drive. Empty, returnable cans can be placed the tub located in the church kitchen from now until March 1st. Thank you for supporting the girls! Any questions contact Natalie Timmer.

Men's Prayer Group: This Men's group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00pm at church. We meet to intentionally spend some time in prayer for our world, our lives and the lives of others, and our church. Again we will start each meeting with some time of mutual interaction on this years provided devotional book- 'Strength for Today for Men'. Any questions contact Ron Moelker. (Rmoelker@sbcglobal.net)

T.M.T. (The Main Thing) Bible Study Begins the first week in November

- For the 20–50-year-old age group.
- Various ways to engage include:
 - ◇ Use the "New Morning Mercies" Daily Devotional (physical copies available in the foyer for only \$10).
 - ◇ Short weekly on-line video that pairs with the devotional
 - ◇ Online discussions of the content.
 - ◇ In-person discussion during Sunday School Hour on November 20.

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser: Saturday, November 5, 5-7 p.m. Sign up at the welcome center if you plan to attend. Chili, Hot Dogs, and Dessert will be served. Those entering the contest, please sign up at the Welcome Center, also. A free-will offering will be collected to go to the landscape project and steeple repair. Come out and support these great causes!

Mom Connection: Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:00 - 11:30 AM through December 6. Donations are again requested. They are asking for flavored coffee creamer, mini muffins, and juice boxes! Questions? Contact Julia Hekstra 616-214-5188.

Bullying in School Is your child being picked on in school, showing reluctance to attend school or acting moody after school? If you have questions about how to talk to them, call 1.800.442.0809. [Press 1] to schedule a free appointment with a licensed clinician. Remember to say you are a member of 1st Hudsonville CRC.to receive free, compassionate and confidential support in person or through telehealth.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.
This Week: Cindy Palmbos, Becca Williams, Alivia Bouma
Next Sunday: Cheryl Brouwer, Kara Helms, Kinsley Klokkert

Ushers for October:

AM: Rog VanLoo, Jake Vlietstra, Jack Vugteveen, Brett Wassink

PM: Dave Aukeman, Bill Brouwer, Kyle Brouwer

Coffee Server: This Week: Yvonne Vander Heide
Next Week: Betty Velderman

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Praying for One Another:

- **Linda Horstman** had successful surgery last week. Plans are being made for radiation treatment.
- **Norma Schepers** has returned home from the hospital.
- If you have any needs or prayer requests, please contact your Care Group Elder/Deacon or Pastor Dave.
- **Shut-ins:** Pray this week for **Fran Nederveld, Henrietta Dyke, Jerry Schripsema, and Juliana DeYoung**
- **Partners in Prayer** Tammy Schnyders puts out a monthly prayer sheet. She also regularly updates the Praise and Prayer Line [669.5548] and sends out prayer emails. If you have any prayer requests, please contact Tammy.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Love Your Neighbor is excited to prepare crisis bags for the Grand Rapids Police and Fire Department, but we need your help! We currently have hats, stuffed animals, and blankets, but we are in NEED of coloring books and crayons! Thank you in advance for your generous donations. Please reach out to Wendy at wendyd@lovewm.org to donate!

Walk-In Freezer We are asking for YOUR help to raise money for a walk-in freezer to preserve the frozen food for our Life Skills families. If we raise \$5,000, we have an anonymous donor who will match that price. We need your help. Are you willing to donate? Donate today: <https://loveinc.harnessapp.com/wv2/campaign/6694>

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Listen to God - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How does God talk to you? Maybe during prayer. Maybe God speaks to you when you read the Bible. How do you listen to God? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Building Blocks of Faith are four statements that, when they become increasingly true for a person, indicate that his or her faith is growing -- I belong to Jesus and to his body, the church. I know and understand the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part. I have hope, through Christ, in all of God's promises. I am called to work in God's kingdom, and I am equipped to do that work. -- What opportunities do the people in your household have to grow in each of these ways?

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

You are invited to hear Representative Bill Huizenga speak on the topic of "Living Your Faith in a Divided Political Environment" on **Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00pm** at Cornerstone United Reformed Church (6442 – 36th Avenue, Hudsonville). **A few moments will also be spent on discussing the ballot proposals.** Please make plans to attend.

Please join us for a night of praise at Baldwin CRC in Jenison, MI tonight at 7:30 PM. Cliff Doornbos will be directing a hymn sing accompanied by many instrumentalists. The "Singing Hims" under the direction of Jack Ponstine will be our special guests. This is a benefit concert for Mississippi Christian Family Services and a free will offering will be taken.

Moms in Prayer Praying in agreement with God's will is powerful and effective! Moms in Prayer equips women to confidently declare God's attributes and pray His word over their children and schools. As a result, we are seeing breakthroughs and victories in spiritual battles! Woman of all ages are invited to gather for one hour a week and exchange fears for peace and hope! Contact Mary Jane Geers at mjbgeers@gmail.com for more information or text the word GROUPS to 51555 to find out if there is a Moms in Prayer group in your area.

Word & Deed Dessert Night You are warmly invited to attend a Word & Deed dessert night to be held on Thursday, November 10 D.V. at Bethany URC in Wyoming at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to have Juan Carlos Ramirez of Education Plus as our keynote speaker. Juan is the director of Education Plus a shantytown ministry in San Jose, Costa Rica. Plan on joining us for fellowship, and a presentation highlighting what the Lord is doing in Costa Rica! A free-will offering will be taken.

October 23, 2022 - Evening Service

PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Song: **Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God** Vs. 1 - 3

*Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

*Song: **Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** Vs. 1, 2, 5, 8

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer

Song: **For the Beauty of the Earth** Vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

WORD

Scripture: 2 Kings 6 : 8 - 23

Message: ***Elisha and Prayers for the Blind***

1. The Blindness of Fear

2. The Blindness of Unbelief

3. The Gift of Sight for Ministry

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