Morning Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Call To Worship

*Song: **Ten Thousand Reasons vs 1-3***God's Greeting and Greeting One Another
*Song: **Who You Say I Am vs 1&2**

GRACE

Sacrament of Baptism: Parker Steven Williams
Song: Jesus Loves Me vs 1&2
Congregational Prayer
[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children's Worship]
*Song: Jesus vs 1&2

WORD

Series: The Good Fight: The Challenge and Comfort of Following Jesus Scripture: 2 Corinthians 10: 1-6
Message: Choose Your Weapons
Prayer
Pastor Appreciation

SENT

*Benediction
*Song: **By Faith vs 1-5***Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave Scripture Reader: Jack Huisman

Accompanist: Kim Byker

Worship Team: Kristin Buskard, Avery Dekker, Coby Dekker, Andrea Matthysse

*Congregation stands if able



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: 2 Corinthians 10: 1-6 Series: The Good Fight: The Challenge and Comfort of Following Jesus Message: *Choose Your Weapons* The symbol of the Christian faith is a cross. So, it shouldn't surprise us that following Jesus will challenge us to our core. Today we'll wrap up this series as we consider the weapons available in this Good Fight.

This morning we celebrate God's amazing grace in the baptism of Parker Steven Williams, son of David and Becca Williams.

Offering: World Renew

PM: Psalm 19: 1-6 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: *The Creator of Heaven and Earth* Did the vast universe around us begin as a random occurrence? Some say "Yes." Is planet earth just an unplanned rock floating in space? Some say "Yes." And what about you – a chance combination of chemicals, or something much more? In this message, we'll dig into these questions as we continue our exploration of the Doctrine of God.

Offering: Hand2Hand

NEXT WEEK: MISSION IMPACT WEEK

AM: 2 Kings 7:10 Message: We Must Guest Pastor Rev. Jeff Stam leads us in worship. Today we'll see God's clear conviction and command to bear witness to the good news of salvation. We'll look to the Old Testament history and prophets to get a sense of how strongly God feels about the importance of sharing the means of salvation and to the New Testament to see how God translates that urging to an empowered command. How we respond is dependent upon on our ability to listen and identify God's leading and our willingness to obey.

Offering: Faith Promise

PM: Colossians 1: 15-23 Message: *The Antithesis of Mission* Guest Pastor Rev. Bill Van Groningen leads us in worship. Offering: First CRC Safe Families

THIS WEEK:

- Sunday School and Catechism after morning worship.
- Sunday Adult Education after morning worship.
- First CRC New Member Class after morning worship.
- Pop! Snr High Sunday night, 6:00 PM
- Cadets, GEMS Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 PM
- Capital Improvement Dinner/Auction Saturday, November 4, 5:30 PM

Evening Offerings for the month of **October** will go to Hand2Hand. Evening offerings for the month of **November** will go to First CRC Safe Families. Offerings may be placed in the boxes located at the sanctuary entrances.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Custodian Needs: The congregation has an opportunity to step up and help the Veldermans during Steve's recovery time following his successful surgery. 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 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.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday - Today we are celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Please join us for baked goods, cider and coffee after the morning service. There is a basket for cards for Pastor Dave and Amy on the Welcome Center. Sunday School and 5/6 catechism classes, your snacks will be downstairs after singing. 7/8 and up catechism classes, you may get yours upstairs and go directly to your classroom.

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

Veteran's Day Recognition – We will recognize our veterans next Sunday, November 5 at the beginning of the worship service. Veterans: please meet in the upstairs Fellowship Room at 9:15 AM.

Peter Fish: Nearly 10 percent of the people in the world are hungry. Please consider donating to this very worthy cause through World Renew. Pick up a Peter Fish bank today (one per family) and return to church October 29 or November 5. Thank you!

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!

Capital Improvement Spaghetti Dinner and Auction is on Saturday, November 4 at 5:30 PM. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

YOUNG AT HEART - Save the date. Our fall luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 11:30 in the church narthex. More details coming soon.

MISSION IMPACT WEEK - November 5-12. The Good News of Jesus Christ makes an impact! The love of Jesus Christ changes hearts and transforms communities. Over the next two weeks we'll hear stories of how that is happening. We'll also be challenged to make an impact right where God has placed us!

November 5 a.m. Rev. Jeff Stam [Set Free Ministries] p.m. Rev. Bill VanGronigen [Home Missions, ret.]

Rev. Stam will host a presentation on Set Free Ministries in the upstairs Fellowship Room after the morning service.

November 12 a.m. New City Kids and Rev. Trevor Rubingh **p.m**. The King's Choraliers and Pastor Dave Jolman

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Kristin Power, Maribeth Laansma, Alivia Bouma Next Sunday: Kara Helms, Jenna Persenaire, Even Power

Ushers for October:

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

PM: Dave Aukeman, Mark VanderBrug, Jack Vugteveen

Ushers for November:

AM: Blake Timmer, Dale Vande Griend, Brett Wassink, Adam Westmaas

PM: Ben Bouma, Bill Brouwer, Kyle Brouwer

Coffee Server: This Week: Judy Ponstein

Next Week: Ann Sterk

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- **John Bosscher's wife, Flo**, has returned home after hospitalization due to complications from pneumonia.
- Steve Velderman is recovering from successful open-heart surgery.

Shut-ins: Joyce Feenstra, Arlene Schut, Fran Nederveld, and Henrietta Dyke.

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: Learning Like Us - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus was twelve once too. When he grew up, people knew him as a carpenter, skills he probably learned from his father, Joseph. This week is all about the ability to learn and having strength and courage to try new things and grow. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Boy Jesus At the Temple."

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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/

Zion Christian is still looking for a few coaches: Boys 6th/7th grade basketball, girls 6th/7th grade basketball, and girls varsity soccer. Please contact Joel Bont (ibont@zionchristian.net) or the school if you are interested, or fill out an application from our website. Thank you.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimie@calvinseminary.edu.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Volunteer Opportunities at Love Your Neighbor

- Pickup & Delivery (those with trucks are highly encouraged!)
- Small Appliance Test & Repair
- Store Cashiers
- Shoe volunteers in Treasure's Resale Shop
- Volunteers to sort and price donations before they go to the Outback Store
- Test and Repair Ministry (Training is provided!)
- Landscape volunteers for the Hudsonville Campus

October 29, 2023 - Evening Service

PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer *God's Greeting

*Song: Praise the LORD, Sing Hallelujah vs 1-3
Let them praise the LORD their Maker: they were made at His command.
*Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 26
Song: All Things Bright and Beautiful vs 1, 2, 4
All things wise and wonderful – the Lord God made them all.

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer
*Song: **Beautiful Savior vs 1, 3, 4**Beautiful Savior! King of creation!

WORD

Series: Sound Doctrine – Understanding and Living What We Believe Scripture: Psalm 19:1-6 Message: **The Creator of Heaven and Earth** Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: The Heavens Declare Your Glory vs 1-3
The heavens declare Your glory, the firmament Your power.
*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave Accompanist: Kim Persenaire

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