

Morning Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome

Veterans' Recognition

*Song: **Come Now Is the Time to Worship**

*God's Greeting and Greeting One Another

*Song: **Be Unto Your Name vs 1&2**

PRAYER

Song: **Be Still for the Presence vs 1-3**

Prayer

Mission Impact Week

Ministry Update: POP! Youth Ministry

WORD

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

*Song: **Ancient Words vs 1&2**

Scripture: *2 Kings 7:10*

Message: ***We Must***

Prayer

SENT

***Benediction**

*Song: **By the Sea of Crystal vs 1&3**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastors: Pastor Dave & Rev. Jeff Stam

Accompanist: Tonia Westmaas

Worship Team: Kenna Caryl, Breanne Cook, Kelly Hoezee, Kristin Power

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: MISSION IMPACT WEEK

AM: 2 Kings 7:10 Message: ***We Must*** Guest Pastor Rev. Jeff Stam of Set Free Ministries 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 of Resonate Global leads us in worship.

Offering: First CRC Safe Families

NEXT WEEK: MISSION IMPACT WEEK

AM: Mark 6: 30-44 Message: ***What Do You Have?*** Guest Pastor Rev. Trevor Rubingh of New City Kids leads us in worship. The well known story of feeding the five thousand contains surprising clues to a life of risk-taking of the fruitful risk taking and adventure for the kingdom. Offering: Capital Improvement

PM: Acts 4: 1-31 Message: ***Mission Impact*** How do we make an impact for God's Kingdom in our everyday lives? How do we live a bold life of faith that is also winsome and attractive to those who are far from God? We'll explore those questions as we conclude our *Mission Impact Week*.

Ministry in Song: **The King's Choraliers** are a male chorus united in their desire to share their love for Jesus in song. Offering: First CRC Safe Families

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** - after morning worship.
- **Presentation on Set Free Ministries** in the upstairs Fellowship Room after the morning service by Rev. Jeff Stam.
- **Pop! Snr High** - Sunday, November 5, 6:00PM
- **Pastoral Council** - Monday, November 6, 7:00PM
- **Ladies' Bible Study** - Tuesday, November 7, 7:00PM
- **Cadets** - Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 PM

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.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Fish are due today! 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 (one per family) and return to church November 5. Thank you!

Veteran's Day Recognition – Prior to our worship service this morning we will recognize our military veterans. Veterans: please meet in the upstairs Fellowship Room at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Education Class on 1 Peter will NOT meet this morning. Everyone is invited to a presentation by Pastor Jeff Stam on *Set Free Ministries*. This presentation will be in the upstairs Fellowship Room after the morning worship service

Men's Prayer Group - We have decided to do just one chapter of each Doctrine Study each meeting instead of two. Questions see Ron Moelker.

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

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 [Resonate Global]

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

Prayer for Persecuted Christians: Many churches encourage observance each November of the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, a time to uphold in prayer those who suffer for our shared faith. This Sunday our denomination, the Christian Reformed Church, suggests a focus on Afghan Christians. International Christian Concern (<https://www.persecution.org/>) describes Afghanistan as the worst country in the world for persecuting Christians. As many Afghan Christians are converts from Islam they are considered by the extreme Islamists who returned to power in 2021 as having committed apostasy, which is punishable by death. Please pray for our Afghan brothers and sisters in Christ who remain in Afghanistan and those who have fled to other countries where they face challenges as refugees. Steve Snow (snow2@erols.com; 616-209-5656), who has worked on Afghanistan and other Muslim-majority countries, welcomes questions on religious persecution and on efforts to promote religious freedom around the world.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.
This Week: Kara Helms, Jenna Persenaire, Eve Power
Next Sunday: Kelsey Brouwer, Kelly Hoezee, Mariah Matthyse

Ushers for November:

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

PM: Ben Bouma, Bill Brouwer, Kyle Brouwer

Coffee Server: This Week: Ann Sterk

Next Week: Judi Woodwyk

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- **John Bosscher's wife, Flo**, continues her recovery from pneumonia.
- **Steve Velderman** is recovering from successful open-heart surgery.

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

Dear congregation, thank you for all the birthday wishes - cards, in person, and on social media. It made my day special. Another year of God's blessings. - **Marilynn Driesenga**

Harmony Communities' Bowlathon - A very special **Thank You** to all of you who supported us for the bowlathon! We really appreciate your love and generosity as it is an amazing place for Jeremy to live! From **The Schnyders Family**

Thank you so much, First CRC family, for the heartfelt cards, words, hugs, and gifts shared with us last week. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated, and we sincerely thank you. It is a privilege and joy to serve alongside you in Christ's Church. We pray for God's continued blessing as we learn, grow, and worship together. Love, **Pastor Dave and Amy Jolman**

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Serving Others Every Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In John 6:1-14, a boy, whose name we don't even know, offers his little lunch that Jesus then multiplies into a big feast for many! This week's devotion is all about discovering all the ways that God takes great delight in blessing people who are willing to serve him in little ways! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace."

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - A grateful heart overflows in generosity. How might your gratitude for God's good gifts overflow to bless your neighbor? If you're grateful for the gift of good food, for example, how might that spur you on to help make sure your community is fed? If you're grateful for your family, how might you extend a sense of love and belonging to others? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

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/>

Blood Drive - There will be a Red Cross blood drive at Hillcrest CRC, located at 3617 Hillcrest Road in Hudsonville on Friday, November 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Your donation is critical in replenishing the blood supply! You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800REDCROSS or go online to RedCrossBlood.org. Thank you for giving!

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

November 5, 2023 - Evening Service

PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Song: **God is Here vs 1, 2, 4**

*Confession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #41

*Song: **Jesus with your Church Abide vs 1, 2, 4**

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer

*Song: **Christian Hearts in Love United vs 1-3**

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