

Sunday, January 5, 2020  
**10:00 AM Worship Service**

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

\* Welcome and Greeting Time

\* Opening Songs of Praise

No. 591 (Verses 1, 2, 4)     *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”*  
   *“In Christ Alone”*

Opening Prayer & God’s Greeting

No. 333 (Verses 1 - 3)     *“O The Blood of Jesus”*

Ordination and Installation of Newly Elected Elders & Deacons

Moments in Prayer

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Scripture: James 3:1-12 (Page 1173)

DVD: *“Power of Words”*

Message

Rev. Dr. Jack Doorlag

**“SKILLS FOR MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS:  
TAMING THE TONGUE”**

Congregational Song No. 597 (Verse 3)

*“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated”*

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Offertory

Tithes and Offerings for God’s Kingdom will be received.

Please sign the Fellowship Register as it is passed.

\* Doxology - *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* God’s Parting Blessing

\* Song of Departure No. 654

*“Change My Heart O God”*

Departing Music

Organist, Paul Kerkstra

Pianist, Ruth Tacoma

\*All who are able, please stand.

# WELCOME

A warm welcome to our visitors and members alike. We rejoice at the joy Christ brought to the world so long ago. May such joy live within us as we worship the Lord. Please take a moment and sign your name and address on the Fellowship Register as it is passed today.

## TODAY AT GRACE

### **TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S**

**SUPPER.** We invite all those who are members of Christ's Church and have found forgiveness of sins in Him, to participate in the supper. A brief Communion Service will be held in the Chapel following the service for anyone who was not able to be present during the worship service this morning.

**9:50 – 11:15 AM DISCOVERY KIDZ** will meet. All kids ages 3 years – 5th grade meet downstairs by the youth desk.

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION** newly elected Consistory members will be held today.

**For the Office of Elder:** Pat Ter Beek, Larry Kleymeer  
Pat Ter Beek will be ordained as well as installed.

**For the Office of Deacon:** Luke Nordlund, Sandra Gort,  
and Tim Boeve. Sandra Gort will be ordained as well as installed.

**WE EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION** for the faithful service by the Consistory Members who this morning relinquish their responsibilities:

Bob Moreno, Jerry Vander Wal,  
Ray Zondervan, Eric Wigent, Brian Licari

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS**

forward following the service today and each Sunday. Come to the front of the sanctuary and give your prayerful support to those who are in need.

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** class will meet in the Consistory Room following the morning worship service. You are invited to join them!

**6:30 – 8:30 Y-LIFE** will meet!

## **CALENDAR OF THE WEEK**

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

**3:15 – 5:45 or 7:30 PM THE CROSSING** for youth in  
Grades 3 - 6.

IMPACT!

**6:00 PM DINNER!** Pizza is on the menu! Come on out and  
share a time of fellowship prior to classes.

**6:25 – 7:30 PM**

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior)** for girls in  
grades 1 – 8<sup>th</sup>.

**VICTORS** – For boys in grades 1 – 8<sup>th</sup>.

**BE BIG** – For Preschool & Kindergarten children.

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020**

**6:30 PM SEARCH TEAM** meeting.

**6:30 PM SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE.**

**7:30 PM PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020**

**10:30 AM** - Meet at church to go downtown together to serve  
**LUNCH AT HEARTSIDE.** See Brian Neal with any  
questions.

## **NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 12, 2020**

**NEXT WEEK** Pastor Jack will lead our service and share the message:  
“Skills for Maturing Disciples – Growing in Real Wisdom” from  
James 3:13-18.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday, January 13, 7:00 am **STAFF MEETING.**

Sunday, January 19 - **SAC (Sunday After Church) FELLOWSHIP  
DINNER** will be held. This is a reoccurring event on the third  
Sunday of each month.

COMING SOON...

## **"Future Vision Pathways for Grace Reformed Church"**

What does the future for Grace look like?

Three different pathways will be explored.

**Sunday, January 19**, our guest pastor will be Rev. Greg Stamm, newly appointed Leader for the Great Lakes City Classis who will present a message on the potential future path of Renewal and Revitalization for Grace Church followed by a question and answer time.

**Tuesday, January 21**, a 90 minute presentation by Pastors Chris DeVos from Pillar Church on the path of revitalization for Pillar Church - the ups and downs, the barriers they faced, etc. followed by question and answer time.

**Sunday, January 26**, Pastor Tom Elenbas from Fair Haven Ministries, will be our guest pastor for worship and will present a message along the lines of coming under the "umbrella" of Harbor Ministries - a recommendation that has been suggested by our former pastor, Rev. Rick Oppenhuizen. This, too, will be followed by a question and answer time.

**Sunday, February 2** we will have retired Pastor Curry Pikkaard from South Haven as our guest pastor who will present the potential future pathway of Church Merger (Pastor Curry successfully navigated the merger of 2 churches in North Grand Rapids Classis - Bethany Reformed and Fairview Reformed into what is now called Orchard Hills Reformed Church on 3 Mile Road) followed by question and answer time.

After these 3 pathways have been presented and discussed, and after a time of prayer, a special meeting of the Greater Consistory will be convened to see what the Spirit of God is saying to us as leaders and how the Spirit of God is leading us. Depending on the outcome of that gathering, we could then potentially convene a special congregational meeting sometime in the month of March (after calling members of the congregation to a season of prayer - one of our stated core values) to determine if there is any consensus on a future vision pathway.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and make every effort to be present for these very important messages and discussions.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **COMING ON MONDAY EVENINGS FOR ADULTS – PARENT**

**TOOLS FOR TEEN MENTAL HEALTH.** Join us for 3 weeks, January 13, 20, and 27, from 6:30 – 7:30 as Professional Counselor Tara Angus helps parents navigate through depression, anxiety, self-harm, red flags for suicide, navigating the justice system, school issues and court. Come for dinner at 6:00 pm. Classes will follow.

**“HAND 2 HAND” PROGRAM** – Donating food to kids facing weekend hunger. Donation boxes are at the doors. Also, for the month of January this will be our special offering. This offering will be received on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW NURSERY SCHEDULES** will soon be available. If you would like to be added to the volunteer list, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

**ALSO NEEDED IS A NURSERY COORDINATOR.** Someone to put the schedule together and check coverage on Sunday’s – be the “go to” person! Please call Sue in the office (538-3100) if you would be a willing volunteer for this task!

**MINISTRY TEAMS** – The new year brings new opportunities for you to join a Ministry Team here at Grace. There are 5 different teams that you can choose from. Where is your passion?? We give thanks to all those who have served on a team in 2019. We would love for you to continue serving! Please sign up in the gathering area indicating your dedication to continuing on the team in 2020. Congregation... if you have not been active on a team now is your opportunity! The teams are: Worship, Spiritual Growth, Hospitality, Mission/Outreach, Facilities/Finance. All Ministry Teams will meet on the same four evenings throughout the year beginning with a short devotional time together (7:00 – 7:15 PM) strategic planning and dialogue as separate teams (7:15 – 8:15 PM), followed by reporting to one another what was discussed in each Ministry Team (8:15-8:30 PM). The meeting dates have been set as follows: Tuesday, February 25; Tuesday, April 28; Tuesday, Sept. 29; and Tuesday, November 24. Descriptions and duties of each team are available along with the sign up sheet in the gathering area.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

### **GREETERS**

	<u>Upper Door</u>	<u>Lower Door</u>
Today	Jan Higley	Elaine Martin
Jan. 12	Sarah Carpenter	Bob & Donna Moreno

### **NURSERY**

Today: Kerri Baker, Kaedra Adam Jan. 12: Judy Beadle, Abby Kubiak

<b>USHER/COLLECTION</b>	<u>Aisle 1</u>	<u>Aisle 2</u>	<u>Aisle 3</u>	<u>Aisle 4</u>
January	Norden	Gort	Otto	Nordlund

## **PRAYERS & PRAISE LINE**

January 5, 2020

### **Congregational Prayers and Praise**

**God, we choose to find our joy and strength in you today. We choose to walk in love. We choose to set our eyes on you and off all the struggles and chaos of this world. We choose your peace over worry. We choose kindness over hurry. We choose forgiveness over disunity and resentments. We choose your Spirit-filled power over relying on our own strength and ability. We believe in your truth, and we have Jesus in our lives and because of that, we have all that we need to live free and abundantly every day. Thank you Jesus!**

- We are so thankful today for our Consistory members who give of their time and talents here at Grace. We give thanks for their commitment.
- We are thankful for the dawning of a new year with so many new opportunities for us to do service for your kingdom.
- We pray for our church during this time of transition. We pray for the search team as they go about their very important work.
- We thank God today for Pastor Jack and Pastor Heather as they serve at Grace.
- We thank and praise God today for our Children. We pray that each one will come to know, love, and serve our great God.
- Please continue to pray for "Impact" and The Crossing after school program as they begin classes tomorrow. We pray that each family will know and feel God's love and care for them through our hands as we walk alongside them each week.
- We pray for our group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Gladiola as well as their teachers.
- We pray for the Hand 2 Hand Program and Pastor Jordan Stonehouse as they provide weekend meals for the students in need.
- We give thanks for the service men and women serving our country. In particular today we pray for Joshua Sawyer and Elsa Carpenter and their families.
- Please pray for 6 year old Nick Dood as he continues infusions for muscular dystrophy. Please pray for a drug that will cure his condition.

- Continue to keep Esther and Orville Hoag in your prayers.
- Please continue to pray for Char Otto who has chronic back issues.
- Pray for our Shut-in's: Mrs. Wilma Kamphuis, Mrs. Ruth Ver Merris, Mr. Jim Friar, Mr. Don Vander Veen, Mrs. Effie Bolt, Mrs. Gladys Kessel.