

Sunday, January 19, 2020
10:00 AM Worship Service

Gathering Music

Entering God's Presence in Music

Grace Choir

"God Will Make a Way"

Call to Worship

* Welcome and Greeting Time

* Opening Songs of Praise

"We Will Remember"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness/Beginning to End"

Opening Prayer & God's Greeting

"Thank You Lord"

Installation of Tim Boeve to the office of Deacon

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.

Music Ministry

"Find Us Faithful"

Grace Choir

Scripture: Romans 12:1-21 (Page 1100)

Message

Rev. Greg Stamm

"THE BIRTH (AND REBIRTH) OF A CHURCH"

Prayer of God's Blessing on the Word

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. 140

"Great is the Lord"

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

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

TODAY WE WELCOME 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. Following the service we will gather back in the sanctuary for a Question & Answer time.

SAC (Sunday After Church) FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH will be held today. Menu- BBQ Meatballs, Pork Chops, Mac & Cheese, Greens, and more!! Come out and enjoy a time to fellowship together after worship! No reservations are needed! Everyone is welcome. This is a reoccurring event on the third Sunday of each month.

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE class will not meet today.

6:45 – 8:00 PM Y-LIFE will meet at the Crossing. Retreat RSVP due to Pastor Heather tonight.

PRAYERS & PRAISE

HEALTH CONCERNS – Harvey Steensma will have surgery on Wednesday, January 22 to remove cancer cells. Please keep him in your prayers. Esther Hoag will undergo cataract surgery on her other eye this Wednesday. Continue to keep her in your prayers. For all other prayer requests and praise reports, see the prayer and praise line in today's bulletin.

IN APPRECIATION – *A special thank you to Rick Postema and Jayme Dood for taking our Christmas trees down to the recycling center. Your hard work is very much appreciated!*

QUESTION 116 OF OUR CATECHISM IS

“WHY DO CHRISTIANS NEED TO PRAY?”

Coming this February **“TryPraying”** is a congregational opportunity

to explore a personal journey for the answer.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 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 – 8th.

VICTORS – For boys in grades 1 – 8th.

BE BIG – For Preschool & Kindergarten children.

**ADULTS – PARENT TOOLS FOR TEEN MENTAL
HEALTH.** This is week 2 of a 3 week class. Join professional
counselor Tara Angus as she helps parents navigate through
depression, anxiety, self-harm, red flags for suicide, navigating the
justice system, school issues and court.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

6:00 PM DINNER will be served prior to a 90 minute presentation
by Pastor 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. You won't want to miss it!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

6:30 PM SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE.

7:30 PM PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 26, 2020

NEXT WEEK 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 will be followed by a question and
answer time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 pm **SEARCH TEAM MEETING.**

Sunday, February 2, 10:00 am Retired Pastor Curry Pikkaard from South Haven will be 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 all 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.

Sunday, February 2nd - **DISCOVERY KIDZ** “Super Cereal Bowl” Event!

Saturday, February 8 **OUTREACH MINISTRY LUNCH** at Heartside. Meet at church at 10:30 to travel downtown to serve the homeless.

Monday, February 10, **ELDERS & CONSISTORY** will meet.

Monday, February 10 **SWIRL NIGHT** for GEMS & Victors!

Monday, February 17, 6:00 pm **GEMS SOUP DINNER.** Plan to come out and support the girls as they prepare a delicious dinner for us prior to classes!

Friday, February 21, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm **SEARCH TEAM** activity.

Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 pm **MINISTRY TEAMS** will meet.

Friday, March 13 – Sunday, March 15 **GENESIS** for High Schoolers!

April 17 – 19 **Y-LIFE RETREAT** Reservations due today!

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

CD's will be available at the sound board beginning tomorrow of this Sunday and the next two Sundays messages as we discover different pathways available to Grace Church. Q & A sessions will also be recorded. If you have to miss a session, please be sure to pick up a copy and be informed!

DISCOVERY KIDZ- NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITY!

Our volunteer population is decreasing - OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!!! New format for 2020...looking for a commitment of teachers (all materials provided) of 2 weeks and helpers 4 weeks. Please see Pastor Heather for more information or sign up in our gather area.

DIGITAL RESOURCES JUST FOR YOU! Do you need advice on what filter to use on your child's device? Or, how to talk to your kids about awkward topics? Don't worry – the Protect Young Eyes team has a spot where you can read about resources that work, which you can access here: Protect Young Eyes Resources. PYE will be visiting our church on February 10th at 6:30pm and you can RSVP here https://gracereformedchurch_protectyoungeyes.eventbrite.com/.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS “BELONGING” will begin on February 9. It will be a 6 week class ending March 15. This class will enable you, but not obligate you, to become a member at Grace. Sign up today in the gathering area if you would like to attend.

“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. Items needed this month: canned chicken (5 oz), taco seasoning mix, peanut butter (16 oz), small bagged snacks (goldfish crackers, animal crackers, cheezits, cookies), fruit cups, microwave popcorn.

MINISTRY TEAMS – There is still time to sign up to be on a Ministry Team. The Spiritual Growth team is especially in need of additional new members. Descriptions and duties of each team are available along with the sign up sheet in the gathering area.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS

Today
January 26

Upper Door
Luke & Janell Nordlund
Larry & Bernice Palma

Lower Door
Deb Pierce
Brian & Mary Neal

NURSERY

Today Lyndsey Boeve, Bella Licari
January 26 Sue Stuk, Mary Kubiak

PRAYERS & PRAISE LINE

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Congregational Prayers and Praise

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your guidance. Forgive us for getting ahead of Your plans, and help us know when to stop and listen for Your direction. Your ways are perfect, Lord. Thank You for offering gentle grace. Amen.

- We give thanks today for Pastor Greg Stamm. We pray for him as he leads the Great Lakes City Classis.
- 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. 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 also lift up the niece of Orville and Esther Hoag, Lynette, who has just been diagnosed with cancer.
- We continue to keep Esther in our prayer as she undergoes another eye surgery.
- This week we lift up Harvey Steensma as he will undergo surgery on Wednesday.
- We pray for our group of 4th 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. *Special Prayer Request: Pray that the kids will speak positively to each other and reception of food will do more than just refresh their bodies, but lead to spiritual nutrition as well.*
- 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.

- 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.