

Sunday, January 12, 2020
10:00 AM Worship Service

Gathering Music

Entering God's Presence in Music

Grace Choir

"Jesus Got a Hold Of Our Life"

Call to Worship

* Welcome and Greeting Time

* Opening Songs of Praise

"Cry of My Heart"

"Ancient Words"

Opening Prayer & God's Greeting

"As the Deer"

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

"I Will Be True"

Grace Choir

Scripture: James 3:13-18 (Page 1174)

Message

Rev. Dr. Jack Doorlag

**"SKILLS FOR MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS:
GROWING IN REAL WISDOM"**

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. 429 (1st Verse)

"They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"

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.

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!

7:00 PM THE SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet in the
Consistory room.

PRAYERS & PRAISE

HEALTH CONCERNS – Esther Hoag underwent cataract surgery on
Wednesday and all went well. She will have surgery on the other eye
in two weeks. For all other prayer requests and praise reports, see the
prayer and praise line in today's bulletin.

IN APPRECIATION – *Thank you to all those who donated their time
and efforts to decorate the church for Christmas and then took
everything down again in January! A special thank you to Karen
Roberts for taking charge of this project as well as the flowers and
pulpit arrangements throughout the year!*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

7:00 AM STAFF MEETING.

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

IMPACT!

6:00 PM DINNER! We are thinking warm thoughts with our
All American Dinner complete with Hamburgers and Hotdogs
fresh off the grill! 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.** Join us for 3 weeks, January 13, 20, and 27, 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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

6:30 PM SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE.

7:30 PM PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 19, 2020

NEXT WEEK Rev. Greg Stamm will lead our service and share a
message of Renewal and Revitalization. See below for all the details!

SAC (Sunday After Church) FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH will be
held. Menu- BBQ Meatballs, Pork Chops, Mac & Cheese, Greens,
and more!! Come out and enjoy a time to fellowship together after
worship! This is a reoccurring event on the third Sunday of each
month.

6:45 – 8:00 PM Y-LIFE will meet at the Crossing.

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 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. **Dinner will be served prior to this meeting!**

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 2nd - **DISCOVERY KIDZ** “Superbowl” Event! More details soon.

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

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

Friday, March 13 – Sunday, March 15 **GENESIS** for High Schoolers! (Registration is closed).

April 17 – 19 **Y-LIFE RETREAT** Reservations due Jan 20th!

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 gathering area.

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!

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

“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 – 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	Sarah Carpenter	Bob & Donna Moreno
January 19	Luke & Janell Nordlund	Deb Pierce
January 26	Larry & Bernice Palma	Brian & Mary Neal

NURSERY

Today	Judy Beadle, Abby Kubiak
January 19	Lyndsey Boeve, Bella Licari
January 26	Sue Stuk, Mary Kubiak

USHER/COLLECTION

<u>Aisle 1</u>	<u>Aisle 2</u>	<u>Aisle 3</u>	<u>Aisle 4</u>
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PRAYERS & PRAISE LINE

January 12, 2020

Congregational Prayers and Praise

Dear God, give the leaders of this nation the wisdom and integrity to lead our nation in the best direction, where You are put in Your rightful position - and give each one discernment we pray. May the decisions that they reach be godly and wise. We pray that the light of Your love will shine on this land and may peace reign in our nation.

Amen.

- We pray today for our country and our leaders.
- We remember those who are affected by the fires in Australia. Give them hope and a sense of calm through this disaster.
- 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 give thanks for successful surgery for Esther Hoag. We also lift up the niece of Orville and Esther, Lynette, who has just been diagnosed with cancer.
- 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.
- 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.