

Sunday, January 26, 2020  
**10:00 AM Worship Service**

Gathering Music Paul Kerkstra, Ruth Tacoma, Bob Moreno  
Entering God's Presence in Music Grace Choir

*"I Just Feel Something Good is About to Happen"*

Call to Worship

\* Welcome and Greeting Time

\* Opening Songs of Praise

*"How Great is Our God"*

*"How Great Thou Art"*

Opening Prayer & God's Greeting

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

Try Praying - DVD Intro

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

*"Jesus is My Lord"*

Grace Choir

Scripture: Psalm 90 (Page 581); Ephesians 2:1 (Page 1133)

Message: **"THE WISDOM OF AGE"**

Rev. Tom Elenbaas

Prayer of God's Blessing on the Word

Offertory

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

*1<sup>st</sup> Offering – Regular Tithes and Offerings*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Offering – Hand2Hand*

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. 308

*"There is a Redeemer"*

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. Tom Elenbas from Fair Haven  
Ministries. Pastor Tom will present a message on coming under the  
"umbrella" of Harbor Ministries. Following the service we will gather  
back in the sanctuary for a Question & Answer time.

**OUR SPECIAL OFFERING** for the month of January is designated  
for the **"HAND 2 HAND" PROGRAM** – Donating food to kids  
facing weekend hunger. This offering will be received this morning.

## PRAYERS & PRAISE

**COMING IN FEBRUARY "TryPraying"**. TryPraying is a seven day  
prayer guide for people who wouldn't darken a church door – it's  
available as a booklet or a smart phone app.  
Many people pray who would not consider themselves religious.  
'TryPraying' is written for them. It's in accessible language and is a  
simple challenge to try praying for 7 days and see what happens. It  
has short information articles and stories of answers to prayer. There  
are things to do each day as well as a short prayer to pray.  
It's not a preach; but it does help people open their lives to their  
maker and find his influence and truth. Significantly it has the good  
news of Jesus explained throughout the seven days and anyone who  
works their way through the booklet runs the risk of becoming a  
Christian. It's a resource for churches, Christian organizations, or  
anyone who wants to share their faith with a friend, neighbor or  
family member. TryPraying is also a statement: a logo with the  
potential to start people on a journey – or at least to start a  
conversation. Across the UK, churches in various towns and cities  
have come together to display it on buses and banners and billboards,  
resulting in some amazing stories.

## **PRAYERS & PRAISE (Continued)**

### **HEALTH CONCERNS** – Linda Lowing is at Mary Free Bed

Hospital after a fall last week. Please keep Linda and her family in your prayers. For all other prayer requests and praise reports, see the prayer and praise line in today's bulletin.

**SUMMER CAMP SPONSORSHIP** - It's time once again to start looking ahead to summer time. Each year we have been blessed to send students who attend The Crossing/Impact night to Cranhill Ranch for a week of camp. Camp is an amazing experience for these students. Last year we sent 8 students from the Crossing/Impact to experience camp because of your generosity. Would you prayerfully consider sponsoring a child to go to camp? The cost of camp this year is \$405. Please consider impacting a student with a full or partial sponsorship. Please see Pastor Heather if you are able and willing to help a student attend.

## **CALENDAR OF THE WEEK**

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020**

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

IMPACT!

**6:00 PM DINNER!** BBQ 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.

**ADULTS – PARENT TOOLS FOR TEEN MENTAL HEALTH.** This is the final week of this class. Thank you to professional counselor Tara Angus for leading.

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020**

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

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

## **NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

**NEXT WEEK** 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 a Q & A time.

### **9:30AM DISCOVERY KIDZ ANNUAL SUPER “CEREAL”**

**BOWL AND PJ PARTY!** All are welcome! Bring your favorite cereal to share, wear your PJ's and Pastor Heather will provide drinks.

**YLIFE** - We will meet together at the Crossing immediately following the service next Sunday. Please RSVP to Pastor Heather by Jan 30th.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday, February 6, 7:00 pm **GREATER CONSISTORY**

**MEETING** for the expressed and specific purpose of seeking to discern which of the 3 vision pathways is best for this church.

If you have ever been on the Grace Reformed Church consistory you are encouraged to attend.

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.

Sunday, February 16, **SAC (Sunday After Church) FELLOWSHIP**

**BRUNCH** will be held. Come out and enjoy a time of fellowship together after worship! This is a reoccurring event on the third Sunday of each month.

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.

Monday, March 9 **SWIRL NIGHT** for GEMS & Victors!

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

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**URGENT NEED** for winter gear at Gladiola School – A drive will be held through February 16 for good used or new items: Needed are coats, snow pants, scarves, hats, gloves and socks for children ages 5 – 11. A box is provided in the gathering area for your donations. Thank you all so much!

**CD's** will be available at the sound board of messages from January 19, 26, and February 3 as well as the meeting with Pastor Chris De Vos of Pillar Church on Tuesday, January 21. These messages focus on the 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 gathering 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\\_protectyouneyes.eventbrite.com/](https://gracereformedchurch_protectyouneyes.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** – Because a hungry child hurts. This ministry packs food in backpacks for children who may need it on weekends. They do this each Tuesday night here in our nursery! Volunteers deliver backpacks throughout the school year to our partner school, Gladiola Elementary. Items needed in the month of February are: Spaghetti or other kinds of pasta, spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), Cans of soup (kid friendly), cracker sandwich snack packs (cheese or peanut butter), cereal/fruit bars, fruit snacks. Donation boxes are at the doors.

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

#### **GREETERS**

	<u>Upper Door</u>	<u>Lower Door</u>
Today	Larry & Bernice Palma	Brian & Mary Neal
February 2	Dick Postema	Cindy Schutter

#### **NURSERY**

Today Sue Stuk, Mary Kubiak Feb. 2 Diane Maitner, Addison Boeve

#### **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 26, 2020

## Congregational Prayers and Praise

- 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 lift up the niece of Orville and Esther Hoag, Lynette, who has just been diagnosed with cancer.
- Also, please pray for Alberta Weeber's sister, Winifred Leilter, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 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. *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.
- We remember Harvey Steensma in our prayers following surgery this past week.
- We also pray for Linda Lowing at Mary Free Bed.
- 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.

**As other prayers are shared, you are invited to write them down and include them in your prayers for our**

congregation this week. Please keep the church informed of any prayer requests or praise reports.