

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2020
10:00 AM Worship Service

Gathering Music Paul Kerkstra
Entering God's Presence in Music Grace Choir
 "Worthy is the Lamb"

Call to Worship
* Opening Songs of Praise
 "Be Thou My Vision"
 "Build My Life"

Opening Prayer & God's Greeting
 "Raise a Hallelujah"

Hand 2 Hand Update Pastor Jordan Stonehouse
Moments in Prayer
Music Ministry *"My Savior's Love"* Grace Choir

Scripture: Psalm 22 (Page 537), Matthew 27:46 (Page 966)
Message: **"MY GOD, WHY?"** Rev. Dale Matthews
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 *"In Christ Alone"*
Departing Music

Organist, Paul Kerkstra
Keyboard, Sarah Horton
Pianist, Ruth Tacoma

*All who are able, please stand.

WELCOME

We are so glad to have you worship with us during this season of Lent. During this season we are all together in need of diving forgiveness, in need of power to lead a more faithful Christian life. Whatever led you to our church today, we believe God rejoices in having you in this place.

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. Dale Matthews who will lead our service and share the message. We also welcome Pastor Jordan Stonehouse who will give us an update on the Hand2Hand program!

SAC (Sunday After Church) FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

Enjoy a time of fellowship together after worship! On the menu today is grilled pork tenderloin, baked chicken, greens, baked beans, wild rice, and of course, dessert! Everyone is welcome – no reservations required! This is a reoccurring event on the third Sunday of each month.

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 join in!

PRAYERS & PRAISE

HEALTH CONCERNS – Please be in prayer for Donna Moreno who will undergo surgery on her ankle tomorrow, March 16 at Blodgett Hospital. For all other prayer requests and praise reports, see the prayer and praise line in today's bulletin.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

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

IMPACT!

6:00 PM FELLOWSHIP DINNER. Pizza is on the menu! Come out and enjoy dinner and fellowship together!

6:25 – 7:30 PM GEMS & VICTORS for youth grades 1-8.

BE BIG – For Preschool & Kindergarten children.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020

6:30 PM SENIOR CHOIR will meet.

7:30 PM PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

NEXT WEEK, MARCH 22, 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

GEMS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY – Pastor Heather will share the message as the girls take part in the service. Our special offering for the month of March is designated for the GEMS organization. This offering will be received next week.

7:00 PM SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY meets.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 23 – **GENTS NIGHT AND LADIES TEA**

It will be a fun night for the GEMS, VICTORS, AND BE BIG students! The boys will have a menu of wings, venison burgers, shrimp, and other good hardy foods! A corn hole tournament will take place! The girls will be hosting a tea. Delicious food and dessert as well as a fun craft. We will need many extra members of our congregation to join us this evening to ensure every child has an adult with them. If you need a ride, we will transport this night only. Call the office (538-3100) or see Pastor Heather to arrange your ride.

Sunday, March 29, 4:00 pm The **JESUS MOVIE** will be shown.
Y-LIFE will meet.

Monday, March 30th – **IMPACT CELEBRATION NIGHT**

We will be celebrating with all our leaders and students as GEMS, Victors, and Be BIG come to a close.

Sunday, April 5, 10:00 am – **FACES IN THE PALM SUNDAY PARADE.**

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm **FACES AT THE TABLE.**

Saturday, April 11, 10:30 am – **OUTREACH EVENT** – Feeding the Homeless downtown. Join Brian & Mary Neal as they serve lunch at Heartside park.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 10:00 am **FACES AT THE CEMETERY.**

Sunday, April 19, 10:00 am. Paul Hoekstra, from **TALKING BIBLES**, will be with us to give us a moment in mission update. Pastor Jack will be here and will share the message. This will also be the Sunday for the Fellowship Brunch!

Sunday, June 7 – Save the date for **GRADUATION SUNDAY!**

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCOVERY KIDZ: HELPERS STILL NEEDED FOR MARCH!

All generations welcome!! Please sign up in the gathering area or see Pastor Heather.

EASTER MEMORIALS – See Bulletin insert! Orders due March 22!

“HAND 2 HAND” PROGRAM – Because a hungry child hurts.

Items needed in the month of March: canned chicken (5 oz), taco rice, peanut butter (16 oz), individual cereal, fruit/cereal bars, microwave popcorn. Donation boxes are at the doors.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS

	<u>Upper Door</u>	<u>Lower Door</u>
Today	Lexie Wagoner	Ray & Robin Zondervan
March 22	Jerry & Sue Vander Wal	Judy Beadle
March 29	Tim & Lyndsey Boeve	Kerri Baker

NURSERY

Today	Lyndsey & Addison Boeve
March 22	Sue Stuk, Abby Kubiak
March 29	Pat Ter Beek, Mary Kubiak

USHER/COLLECTION

	<u>Aisle 1</u>	<u>Aisle 2</u>	<u>Aisle 3</u>	<u>Aisle 4</u>
March	Otto	Nordlund	Kubiak	Boeve
April	Norden	Gort	Otto	Nordlund



May the sunlight and the rain be reminders God, that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes to the needed changes in our lives. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS & PRAISE LINE

March 15, 2020

Congregational Prayers and Praise

- We give thanks today for the Hand2Hand program. We pray for Pastor Jordan Stonehouse and the many volunteers who pack and deliver weekend meals for the students in need. We pray that the reception of food will do more than just refresh their bodies, but lead to spiritual nutrition as well.
- We lift the leaders of our communities and our country in prayer as they make decisions that will have an impact on us all. We pray that they will look to God for wisdom and strength.
- We pray today for the leaders of our church. We ask for God's blessing on their lives and work here at Grace.
- We pray for our church during this time of transition. We pray for the search team as they go about their very important work.
- 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 pray for our group of 4th grade students at Gladiola as well as their teachers.
- 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 lift up Donna Moreno in prayer as she submits to surgery tomorrow. We pray that you, Lord, will guide the hands of the surgeon.
- Continue to keep Clara Koster in your prayers as she undergoes surgery on Thursday, March 19. We pray that the brain tumor is indeed begin and she recovers well from her surgery.
- We pray for Jim Herrema as he recovers from surgery.
- Also, please pray for Alberta Weeber's sister, Winifred Leilter, who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Thankfully she will not require chemo, but will start radiation on March 26.
- 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.

Flower Sale

Would you like to purchase an Easter Flower
in memory of a loved one?

A variety of flowers will be purchased.
On Easter Sunday they will be displayed in
front of church and you will be able to take
one home with you following the service.

An insert will be included in the Easter bulletin
with all donors and who their flower is in memory of.



All proceeds from this sale will be
designated for Camp Scholarships.

Please fill in the form below and place it in the lobby along with
payment. Flowers are \$10.00 each. If you have any questions,
please see Karen Roberts.

Name _____

In Memory of: (Please print)

Number of flowers @ \$10.00 each _____

Checks can be made payable to Grace Reformed Church.

Thank you! All orders due March 22.



You are invited to join us at

Grace Reformed Church

as we walk through the Lenten season and come together
on Easter Sunday to celebrate our Risen Lord.

Please call the office if you have any questions (616-538-3100).

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – *Jesus Movie*



4:00 PM This will be a family friendly film about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Snacks will be served.

SUNDAY, April 5 – *Palm Sunday*



10:00 AM FACES IN THE PALM SUNDAY

PARADE. Remembering events that took place years ago on the road from Bethany to Jerusalem. The center of this parade...Jesus. Come out and learn more about those faces in the crowd.

THURSDAY, April 9 – *Maundy Thursday*



7:00 PM FACES AT THE TABLE

The table of the Lord is being prepared for you. Please join us for this special service as we celebrate the Lord's Supper in a new and exciting way and learn more about those "faces at the table".

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - *Easter Celebration*

10:00 AM FACES AT THE CEMETERY. Faces of



fear and faces of joy. Meeting the risen Jesus changes everything! Come, join the celebration of our Risen Lord!