

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a welcome card (found in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket if you would like to learn more about Second CRC. Also, please look for the welcome sign after church during coffee time so we can meet you!

God Calls Us Into Worship

Prelude: “Holy, Holy, Holy” Piet Post

***Gathering Hymn:** “Be Still, for the Presence” LUYH 532

***Call to Worship:**

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready. (Revelation 19:6–7)

***Song of Praise:** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” LUYH 538

***God’s Greeting & Welcome**

***Mutual Greeting**

We are Reconciled with God

Call to Confession

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the

way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4–9)

Prayer of Confession

○ Lord, **have mercy upon us.**
○ Christ, **have mercy upon us.**
○ Spirit, **have mercy upon us.**
○ God the Father in heaven, we humbly ask you, **hear us.**
○ God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **hear us.**
God the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, **hear us.**
Be gracious unto us. **Spare us, good Lord.**
Be gracious unto us. **Help us, good Lord.**
Be gracious unto us. **Save us, good Lord.**
from our sin, from our errors, from all evil,
Good Lord, deliver us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. (Joel 2:12–13)

***Song of Assurance:** “The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases” LUYH 347

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to leave for Walk Out Worship during this song.
The teacher will be waiting in the back of the church)

God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:1-57 (ESV)

Sung Prayer for Illumination: “Ancient Words” LUYH 762

Sermon: What if He's there, and He's not silent? Pastor Tim Blackmon

We Respond to God

***Hymn of Response:** “Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven”

LUYH 573

***Apostle’s Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the People

Amy Goorman

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.

Announcements

Offering: Faith Promise: Don Slager, United Bible Society

Liturgist: Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

People: And God is able to bless us abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all we need, we will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Offertory: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

LUYH 876

God Sends Us to Serve In His Light and Love

***Sending Song:** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LUYH 965

***Benediction**

Postlude: “Sinfonia”

Henry Purcell

Participants:

Pastor Tim Blackmon, preacher

Julie Hordyk, pianist

Jean Schuitman, organist

Amy Goorman, prayer of the people and scripture reading

Amy Goorman and Paul LaMaire, praise team

Cal Keuning, percussion

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We display all music and congregational readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are located in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

Volunteer Schedule:

September 18

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Dirk Weesies, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Harley Dyk

Ushers: Stan Boelkins, Dan Braak, Jeff Erickson, Joe Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Les and Bern Lewis, Ryan and Victoria McCarthy

Nursery: Dee Ann Hordyk, Auerlia Koch

Little Lambs: Ann Koch, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Greeters: Mike Katje, Brian and Barb Sikkenga

Offering: Faith Promise: Don Slager, United Bible Society

September 25

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Harley Dyk, Jim Query, Aiden Rotman, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Brouwer (Team 6) Ron Brouwer, Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Garrison and Ann Koch, Roger and Dee Ann Hordyk

Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Ian Clapp

Little Lambs: Kerry Bierma, Zuidema Girl

Walk Out Worship: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: David VanderHeide, Jim and Jean Schuitman

Offering: CROP Walk

Calendar

Sunday, September 18

10:00 a.m.—Church Service

Monday, September 19

9 a.m.-12 p.m.- Office Hours

1:30 p.m.- Book Club

Tuesday, September 20

7:30 a.m.- Prayer Team

9 a.m.-12 p.m.- Office Hours

7 p.m.- Friendship Club

7 p.m.- Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, September 21

9 a.m.-12 p.m.- Office Hours

7 p.m.- CHAOS

Thursday, September 22

9 a.m.-12 p.m.- Office Hours

1:30 p.m.- Women's Bible Hour

6 p.m.- Empower U

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

Sunday, September 25

10:00 a.m.—Church Service

11:15 a.m.- Adult Enrichment

6:30 p.m.- FOCUS

For more information on current events, please visit our website:

secondcrcgrandhaven.org

Announcements:

New Fall Hours in the office started this week. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. til 12 p.m.. You are welcome to stop in or email with any needs, questions, or concerns. Thanks!

A reminder for **book club** this Monday, September 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor of church. You still have time to read, "Anna Karenina" by Leo Tolstoi, and join in the discussion. Open to all interested!

Bridal Shower: Alexandra Hodge married Zachary Boersen at a "small wedding" on July 19th. Now, prior to her December 30 wedding and reception, we get to celebrate her and all she has meant to our church with a brunch bridal shower!! This will be Saturday, October 22, at 9:30 am. Alex is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, as well as Amazon. Please **sign up** at the welcome desk, and remember, all gifts are given anonymously!!

Save the date: the 2022 Tri-Cities **CROP Hunger Walk** is on October 2. The sign-in opens at 1:30 p.m. and the walk starts at 2 p.m.. It will start at St. Mary's Catholic Church church, 406 E. Savidge St. in Spring Lake. Interested in collecting donations? Grab an envelope from the welcome desk!

Kids Food Basket has a goal of receiving 200,000 decorated bags by September 30. Many of you have decorated bags in the past. For the next two weeks we will have bags available in the North Hall, as well as crayons, markers, and colored pencils. Please take some time after church to decorate bags, or take some bags home and work on them during the week. They ask that we refrain from using paint, glitter, stickers. etc, because sometimes they come off in the food. In addition they request that we not put religious messages on the bag. Please return any bags you complete by Sunday, September 25, and they will be delivered to the Kids Food Basket by September 30.

Looking ahead... the church will host another **blood drive** on November 3 from 12-5:45 p.m. There is a link in the Tuesday news to sign up.

Sanctuary choir has started up and you can join the next practice on Tuesday, September 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. The choir will sing on Sunday, October 2. High school on up are invited to

join in praising our Lord with music. Any questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at 231-750-6676 or morbaroque@gmail.com.

Adult Enrichment starts today after the service. After enjoying fellowship for a few minutes you are welcome back into the sanctuary at 11:30.

Today: Iryna Wells – Ukrainian who recently fled from war-torn Ukraine will speak from her perspective about what is happening in Ukraine and the impact on its people

Next Week: Rev. Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen – Safe Church Ministry Director – Better Together: the challenges and opportunities of women and men working together in ministry

Praise, Prayers, and Thank You's:

From **Joyce Dark**: I want to thank my church family for all the kindness you continue to show me. I so appreciate all the cards and calls I received during my month long stay in the hospital/rehab this past May plus all the cards sent to me for my 92nd birthday in August. The special visits from Jim and Mary Winkle keep me updated on church happenings which I love to hear-it is so sweet and thoughtful of them! I pray the Lord will continue to bless the people of Second CRC in all their work for Him!

Once again, we thank all who participated in last Friday's **Love In Action Food Drive**. The response was great and the Central Food Pantry was very appreciative of the support of 2nd CRC. The need is great and continues to grow.

The **Schuitman** family needs specific prayers to find a place in a Memory Care Unit that is close to us and most of all be comforting for Jim. His overall condition remains pretty stable at this time. We are so very grateful for the caring thoughts and prayers lifted on our behalf.

Dear Congregation of Second CRC, thank you so very much for your generous gift you recently gave to **Rehoboth Christian School**! We are truly thankful. God is so good and he continues to bless our school now in 119th year. Thank you for being part of the ministry at Rehoboth. Blessings- Dave Sytsma

Second CRC Family, thank you for your recent gift to **Positive Options**. Your support allows us to give hope to those in our community facing a pregnancy decision. One of our clients recently told us how the help she received is more than we will ever know. Her heart was touched. Thank you for joining God in what He is doing through his ministry.