



Sunday Worship Service  
November 20, 2022

*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. We look forward to connecting with you. Also, please join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!*

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### God Calls Us Into Worship

**Prelude:** “All Creatures of Our God and King”  
*Sanctuary Bells*

Behnke

**\*Gathering Song:** “Ten Thousand Reasons”

LUYH 559 vs 1,2

**\*Call to Worship:**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

LUYH 572 vs 1,2, 5

**\*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

## **We are Reconciled with God**

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Hear what the Apostle Paul says: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

### **Song of Assurance: “Not What My Hands Have Done”**

LUYH 624 vs 2, 3

(Children 5 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to join us for Walk Out Worship.  
The teacher will be waiting in the back of the church).

## God Speaks to Us

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 49:1-28

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:** What if your life isn't about you?

Pastor Tim Blackmon

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Response:** "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

LUYH 67

## We Respond to God

**Prayers of the People**

**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:** Wycliffe Translations

**Offertory:** "How Great is Our God"

LUYH 574

## God Sends Us to Serve in His Light and Love

**\*Sending Song:** “We Receive Your Blessing”

LUYH

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Now Thank We All Our God”

Burkhardt

### **Credits & Liturgical Notes:**

- Participants:
  - Rev. Tim Blackmon, preacher
  - Jan Zuidema, pianist
  - Jean Schuitman, organist and director
  - Karen Katje, flutist
  - Chris Hordyk and Christie VanderHeide, praise team
  - Anne Zuidema, prayers of the people and scripture reading
- 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. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#775073.

### Prayer Requests, Praises, Thank You's:

**Emily Bierma** had two little boys on Thursday, October 27. John Wilder and Wesley Jay are both robust and healthy. Mom and babies are doing great. We celebrate with Emily and Tom and invite you to **bless the Biermas with a meal** during this very special time! Also, our church family will celebrate the birth of John and Wesley through our traditional gathering of gifts in a baby bassinet in the Atrium. **Today is the last day for the bassinet for gifts.** Reminder: gifts are anonymous.

**Tom Kapteyn** will be celebrating his **90th birthday** on November 25! Let's help him celebrate by showering him with cards at: 17381 Stanton St, West Olive, MI 49460. Tom and Evelyn are also very grateful for their 65 years of marriage!

Please continue to pray for **Darryl Tammen** at Seminole Shores. Please continue to pray for strength for both Darryl and Bonnie. Daryl and Bonnie covet your prayers during this difficult time. Daryl loves visitors; please reach out to Bonnie if you would like to find a time that works.

**Pete & Carolyn Sturris** wish to thank the congregation and staff for prayers and good wishes during his lengthy convalescence. His congestive heart failure has progressed to a stage of body weakness and disability. We deeply appreciate your continued prayers for a peaceful homecoming. "Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." To God be the glory!

Please pray for mercy and peace for **Jim Schuitman**. He is under Hospice care at the Memory Care Unit. Cards would be greatly appreciated, and he would welcome visitors. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are blessed to be part of such a caring congregation. His address is: Vista Springs Northview, Memory Care #18, 3740 Vista Springs Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

### Announcements:

**Choir:** The rehearsals for sanctuary choir are as follows: 7 pm Tuesdays, Nov 29, Dec 6 and Dec 13.

**Bells:** The handbells will join in worship on December 18. Practice will happen 11:30 am after church every Sunday until the performance. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of music!

All men are welcome to join a men's bible study on Saturday mornings at church. This fall, the **Tool Time Men's Bible Study** will be studying *The Mulligan: Everyone Needs a Second Chance in Golf and in Life* by Wally Armstrong and Ken Blanchard. The next dates for Tool Time are **Dec 3 and 17**. We will meet at church in the North Hall from **7:30–8:30 am** with coffee and donuts.

**Adult Enrichment:** Please join us today, **Nov 20**, for *The Afterword* with Pastor Tim. This gathering provides an opportunity to ask a follow-up question, request clarification or raise a point of discussion as we dive a bit deeper into the text and sermon. Next Sunday, November 27 will be a Hymn Sing.

The knitting group would like to invite all crafters to a **Christmas Sock Gnome Craft Social** (no knitting skills required) on **Dec 3rd from 10-11am** in the North Hall. Please RSVP clappdarcie@gmail.com with number of participants. We are asking participants to bring the items needed to make one gnome. Most

items can be found at the dollar store. The faux fur can be found at Fields Fabric. Please bring your own materials to the event. 1 white tube sock (body), 1 thin patterned sock (hat), 1 thick or fuzzy sock (clothes), 1 small piece of faux fur 3" square (beard), 2-3 Cups rice (to fill the body), 2 small clear plastic rubber bands, 2-3 small amounts of jute or sturdy string, Bell or pompon or other decoration for the tip of hat, if desired, Hot glue gun and glue sticks, Sharp sewing scissors.

The **Love in Action Thanksgiving Community Feast** will be located at Hope Church this year on Thursday, Nov 24 from 12-4pm. Volunteer opportunities may be found at [www.loveinactiontricity.org](http://www.loveinactiontricity.org). Please direct any questions to Megan at 616-846-2701. A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the recent Love In Action Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! Because of your generosity, Love In Action will be able to provide food for many of those in need during this holiday season.

**Friendship Club Christmas Program:** December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are welcome to attend the program!

**Christmas cards:** As the holidays approach, spread some love and Christmas cheer to some of our members by sending them cards. Starting this week there will be a box in the church atrium near the office in which you can place the cards. Please leave the envelopes unsealed to allow for easier opening, place your cards in alphabetical order, and tie them together. Cards can be dropped off until December 11. This year we're collecting cards for Claudia Alphenaar, Evelyn Baker, Jack and Marcia Brace, Conrad Brandsen, Gladys Brook, Bette Bosma, Jean Bosma, Joyce Dark, Jill Holman, Donna Kuiper, Ray and Shirley Kuiper, Joan Loeper, Vic and Jean Nienhuis, Gary and Joyce Roelofs, Jim Schuitman, Jerry and Hazel Smith, Pete and Carolyn Sturru, Daryl Tammen, Gord Veurink, and Lee Vontom.

### **Summary from the Full Council meeting on Tuesday, November 15:**

- Care Board: the transition of pastoral care leadership from Rev. Zuidema to Rev. Blackmon has been successfully completed. We thank Rev. Zuidema once again for his service at Second!
- Pastor Tim shared observations on his first quarter of service here. Council is beginning conversations about strategic planning and ministry initiatives in our subsequent meetings.
- We reviewed and approved edits to the safe church policy.
- We received and enthusiastically supported Pastor Tim's advent and 2023 sermon series!
- Weather-related church closings will be emailed 2 hours before a service, posted on our website, and announced on WOOD TV8.

## Volunteer Schedule:

### November 20

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Aiden Rotman, Ethan Hodge

**Ushers:** Brouwer (Team 6) Ron Brouwer, David Vander Heide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** Brian and Barb Fritz, Curt and Mary DeJongh

**Nursery:** Marilyn Bolt, Gabe Schaff

**Little Lambs:** Kerry Bierma, Ian Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Sheri Van Duyn, Zuidema Girl

**Greeters:** Rick Geertsma, Stu and Christie Vander Heide

**Offering:** Wycliffe Translations

### November 24 (Thanksgiving)

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis, Dan Gone

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

**Nursery:** Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

**Little Lambs:** Amy Goorman, Yasmin Vanderheide

**Walk Out Worship:** Marie Rycenga, Claire Clapp

**Offering:** World Renew, Love in Action, Grand Haven Christian, Western Michigan Christian

### November 27

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis, Dan Gone

**Video:** Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Dirk and Jacob Weesies

**Ushers:** Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig and Cathy Brolick, Gary Vanden Berg

**Coffee Hosts:** Ron and Patrice Frantz, Carl and Mary Erickson

**Nursery:** Dawn Rotman, Vivienne McCarthy

**Little Lambs:** Sheila Warners, Auerlia Koch

**Walk Out Worship:** Cindy Brace, Ian Clapp

**Greeters:** Glenn Gronevelt, David Vander Wall

**Offering:** Missionary Christmas Gifts

## Calendar

### **Sunday, November 20**

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Adult Enrichment

11:30 am—Bells

### **Monday, November 21**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, November 22**

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

7 pm—Friendship Club

### **Wednesday, November 23**

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

### **Thursday, November 24**

10am—Thanksgiving Service

### **Friday, November 25**

### **Saturday, November 26**

### **Sunday, November 27**

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Adult Enrichment