



Worship Service for  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 23, 2025

## Head Lifted: Entering God's Presence

**Prelude** "We Praise you O God"

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### Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases; he redeems our life from the pit.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him!**

### God's Greeting

## Arms Open: Welcoming One Another

### \*Mutual Greeting

## Hands Raised: Offering Our Praise

**\*Song of Praise** "Ten Thousand Reasons"

LUYH 559

### \*Opening Prayer

Holy and gracious God, you alone are worthy of our praise, our trust, and our lives.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this place with your presence and power.**

Cleanse our minds, kindle our hearts, and draw us into the fellowship of your Son, that our worship may be in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Whittier/Maker

## Knees Bent: Seeking Forgiveness

### Call to Confession

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
**Let us confess our sins to the Lord, who delights to show mercy.**

### Song of Confession “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

LUYH 462

### The Prayer of Confession

Father of compassion, we confess our sins before you—the sins we remember, and those we have forgotten.

**We have trusted in ourselves, not in your grace;**

**we have loved the world more than your kingdom.**

**We have grown dull in prayer, quick to judge, and slow to forgive. Our hearts wander, our affections fade, and our obedience falters.**

Have mercy upon us and cleanse us through the blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Renew a right spirit within us, that we may walk humbly before you and rejoice again in your salvation. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

When the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us—not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his mercy.

**By his Spirit we are washed, renewed, and made new. Alleluia!**

### \*Song of Assurance “Agnus Dei”

Smith

## Ears Open: Hearing His Word

### \*Prayer of Blessing for Walk Out Worship

Almighty Father, you are our refuge and strength, a shield for all who trust in you.  
**Clothe these children with courage and the power of your Spirit.**

Teach them to love what is good, to speak what is true, and to stand firm in your light.  
**Make them strong in grace, gentle in heart, and fearless in faith. Amen.**

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.

They are dismissed at 11:20am from their classrooms located in the lower level near the nursery.)

**The Scripture Reading** “James 4:13-17”

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**The Sermon** “Until Death Do Us Part”

**Hearts Overflowing: Giving Back to God**

**\*Song of Response** “In Christ Alone”

LUYH 770

**Prayer of Response**

**\*Confession of Faith**

Q. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,  
who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,  
is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.**

**I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for  
body and soul and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon  
me in this sad world.**

**God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this  
because he is a faithful Father.**

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 9 Q & A 26

**Prayers of the People**

**The Offering** “Resonate - The Slacks”

**Offertory** “Abide with Me”

arr. Haan

**Feet Sent: Walking in His Blessing**

**\*Sending Song** “All I have is Christ”

Kauflin

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “All Glory Be to God on High”

arr. Haan

## **Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Liturgist:** Erik Veker

**Organ:** Cathy Schaaf

**Piano:** Robin Kieft

**Prayer of Blessing:** Reed Van Stratt

**Prayers of the People:** Sheila Warners

**Vocalist:** Chris Horczyk

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

## **Welcome Guests:**

Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and sweet treats after church so we can meet you!

## **This Sunday:**

**Today's Ministry Spotlight:** Resonate Global trains missional leaders, guides new churches, and forges partnerships to proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ worldwide. This week we highlight and support the work of the Slack family. Please find their updates on Mission bulletin board.

**Walk-Out Worship:** Worship Center I: Children will learn about Daniel's life and his steadfast commitment to Yahweh. Even in the lion's den, God is a place of safety for all those who trust in Him.

Worship Center II: Children will hear a series of stories of David as he rises from shepherd boy to shepherd king.

**Upcoming Services:** Please note that we will have a service for:

\*Thanksgiving, Thursday November 27 at 10am

\*Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24 at 5pm

## **Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:**

Please keep Chuck & Jeanne Schuch in your prayers as Chuck's brother Tom passed away on Monday, November 17 from pancreatic cancer. A memorial service will be held during Christmas time.

Please keep Sharon Ottens in your prayers as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Please pray for David Ziegler. David and Jeanne are new to our church and David was recently diagnosed with a rare sarcoma.

Please pray for Lou Baker as he recovers from shoulder replacement surgery he had on Friday.

Ron Kuiper has requested a weekly meal train, due to recent health issues. Please sign up to bring him dinner: <https://mealtrain.com/qzvvv3>

Please continue to pray for Eileen Harnden. She was moved to Serenity Home in Marne last month and is gradually adjusting. She is feeling a bit lonely without her church family and friends from Friendship Club. Eileen loves to get mail, so let's shower her with cards, showing her that we care about her. Please reach out to Anne Zuidema (care elder) with questions. Address: Eileen Harnden, c/o Serenity Home, 830 Hayes St., Marne MI 49435

### Church Announcements:

**Art Gallery:** *"Connections. Pause. Reflect. Wonder."* will be showcasing until the end of January. Please invite your family and friends to visit the Atrium Gallery during regular office hours. Also, a list of pieces for sale is available in the office.

**Angel Tree:** We are supporting the Christmas Shoppe at Love in Action. The Angel Tree is in the Atrium along the windows decorated with gift tags. Our donations will brighten Christmas for LIA's Housing Guests and families of those in their "Financial Fitness" program. Please consider taking a tag or two from the tree and place the items unwrapped under the tree by Sunday, December 7. Thank you! ~ The Outreach Team

**Christmas Cards:** As the holidays approach, spread some love and Christmas cheer to some of our members by sending them cards. Starting this Sunday there will be boxes in the church's narthex and in the atrium near the office for the cards. Please leave the envelopes unsealed to allow for easier opening, put cards in alphabetical order, and tie them together. Cards can be placed in the boxes by December 14. We are collecting cards for: *Claudia Alphenaar, Evelyn Baker, Lou & Joan Baker, Jack & Marcia Brace, Conrad Brandsen, Donna DeVries, Hank DeYoung, Judy Doezema, Eileen Harnden, Jill Holman, Fran Kieft, Dave & Sandy Klaassen, Donna Kuiper, Shirley Kuiper, Vic & Jean Nienhuis, Jack & Ruth Smant, Jan Veenstra, Jean VerStraete, Ruth Wallinga.*

**Handbell Choir:** We will rehearse on Sunday, November 23 at 11:30am in the choir room. New members are always welcome. Questions, contact Jean Schuitman at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:morbaroque@gmail.com) or by text at (231) 750-6676.

**Ministry Anniversary:** This November marks 30 years since Rev. Blackmon's ordination. Pastor Tim served at Oasis Community Church, River Rock Church and The American Protestant Church of The Hague and as Chaplain at Wheaton College, prior to becoming our pastor in 2022. The congregation is invited to bring or send cards during November to recognize Pastor Tim's faithfulness to serving God and His church.

**Missionary Christmas Cards:** There's a table in the Atrium with Christmas Cards for our missionaries for you to wish them a blessed Christmas. Please sign them by Sunday, December 7.

**Ping Pong:** We continue on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

**Tool Time Men's Bible Study:** We will meet Saturday, November 22 from 8-9am. Fall Dates: December 6 & 20. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

## Volunteer Schedule

### November 23, 2025

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

**Sound:** Rick Clapp

**Ushers:** Steve Marotti, Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Mike Buitendorp

**Coffee Hosts:** Doug & Jan Zuidema; Hazel Smith,

**Nursery:** Victoria McCarthy, Laura Knochenhauer

**Little Lambs:** Onika Beswick, Amy Wolffis

**Walk Out I:** Lori Buitendorp, Reed VanStratt

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

**Greeters:** Deborah Erickson, David & Sandra Brace

**Council in Parlor:** Steve Marotti, Tony Razzini

**Offering:** Resonate Global-The Slacks

### November 27 - Thanksgiving

**Projection:** Paul Marotti

**Video:** Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

**Sound:** Mike Katje

**Ushers:** Curt DeJongh, Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt

**Coffee Hosts:** Dale & Norma Schuitema

**Nursery:** Kathy Westveld,

**Little Lambs:**

**Greeters:** Steve Marotti, Hank & Carla Byma

**Council in Parlor:** Tony Razzini, Dale Schuitema

**Offering:** World Renew /Love in Action /GHCS / WMC

### November 30, 2025

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

**Sound:** Jim Warners

**Ushers:** Ken Terpstra, Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

**Coffee Hosts:** Dave Vander Wall; Ralph Veldboom; Dirk & Jacob Weesies

**Nursery:** Rosemary Geertsma, Ruth Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Manette deJonge, Jenna Brian

**Walk Out I:** Barb Fritz, Marie Rycenga

**Walk Out II:** Annie Hoekzema, Dawn Rotman

**Greeters:** Tony Razzini, Craig & Cathy Brolick

**Council in Parlor:** Dale Schuitema, Dennis Schaaf

**Offering:** Muskegon Hope Lighthouse Ministries

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## Give Online:



## Guest Registration:



## Calendar

### **Sunday, November 23**

10:00 AM–Worship Service

### **Monday, November 24**

9 AM -1PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, November 25**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM- Friendship Club

### **Wednesday, November 26**

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

### **Thursday, November 27**

10:00 AM- Thanksgiving Service

### **Friday, November 28**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, November 29**

8:00 AM – Tool Time

### **Sunday, November 30**

10:00 AM–Worship Service &

Advent Begins