

We Believe...in God the Father

Prelude “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

arr. Varner

The Call to Worship

All who come from near and far,

come and worship.

All who thirst for God,

come and worship.

All whose hearts overflow with gratitude and hope,

come and worship.

All whose hearts may be filled with despair or grief,

come and worship.

All who come with doubts or questions about life in Jesus,

come and worship.

Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit,

come, worship Christ, the newborn King.

The Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:14

***The Hymn of Praise** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

LUYH 81 vs 1-3, 5

*The Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word; Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***The Opening Song** “Here I am To Worship”

LUYH 567

We Believe...in God the Son

The Call to Repentance

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Prayer for the Forgiveness of Sins

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name.

The Proclamation of Pardon

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace;
that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***The Song of Assurance** "How Blest Are They Whose Trespass"

LUYH 669 vs 1,2

We Believe...in the Holy Spirit

The Blessing

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms in the lower level.)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Sermon “The Son's Mission”

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response** “How Great is our God”

LUYH 574

We Believe...in one holy Church

***The Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary, and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.**

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living
and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Offering *Mosaic Counseling*

The Offertory “Hallelujah, What A Savior!”

arr. Johnson

***The Sending Hymn** “God Reigns! Earth Rejoices”

LUYH 91vs 1,3,4

***The Benediction**

Postlude “Thine Is The Glory”

arr. Root

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Flute: Karen Katje

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano Julie Hordyk

Prayers of the People: Jay Knochenhauer

Vocalist: Amy Goorman, Paul LaMaire

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: *Mosaic Counseling* provides accessible and affordable professional mental health service, which includes suicide prevention training and a school outreach program that serves 27 schools across West Michigan.

Walk-Out Worship: Today we will gather together to celebrate our Savior's birth through singing, story, and art.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Ron Kuiper will turn 90 on December 27. We will have cake to celebrate this Sunday, December 28th during the coffee hour.

“God is watching over us. We know, because you asked Him to. In mid November, David was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. He is now in ongoing immunotherapy. Thank you for walking along side of us. The journey is far from over, but we are forever grateful that you have entered our lives & are praying for us.” ~Jeanne & David Ziegler

Please continue to pray for those recovering from surgery including Jane DeGroot and Cheryl Diephouse.

Please continue to pray for Vic and Jean Nienhuis.

Church Announcements:

Holiday Office Hours: The church office will have limited hours. It will be open on Tuesday, December 30 from 9am-12pm. If you have any questions or pastoral concerns, please contact Amy Wolffis at (616) 402-8881 or email admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org

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.

Book Club: New Year-New Book! We will meet on Monday Jan, 19th at 1:30pm in the Church Parlor. Open to anyone interested. Book to discuss, “The Other Einstein” by Marie Benedict. Interesting and informative, plus fellowship and refreshments.

Men’s Breakfast: Join us on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 8:30am! This relaxed “Meet & Greet” is a great opportunity to enjoy breakfast together, connect, and get to know the men who attend Second CRC. We hope you’ll come and be part of the fellowship. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

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

SWANS: Let's start our New Year by having breakfast at the Pine Street Cafe in Ferrysburg on January 20 at 9:30. Reservations are needed, please call Barb at (616)-485-7595 or Carole (616) 502-2015. Carpooling from church can be arranged.

Volunteer Schedule

December 28, 2025

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Amy & Eric Wolffis; Ron & Joan Morse

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out: Annie Hoekzema, Reed VanStratt

Greeters: Jim Warners, Jane DeGroot/ Reka Buitenhuis

Council in Parlor: Anne Zuidema, Alan VanDyke

Offering: Mosaic Counseling

January 4, 2026

Projection: Dan

Video: Chuck DeWitt Paul Marotti Mark Boelens Harley Dyk

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Team 9- Eric Rotman, Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Larry & June Au; Art & Marilyn Bolt

Nursery: Mary Wierenga, Kim Van Stratt

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Amy Bunce

Walk Out I: Mary Winkle, Elisa Alvarado

Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Reed Van Stratt

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Bob & Manette deJonge

Council in Parlor: Alan VanDyke, Dan Braak

Offering: Bethany Christian Services

Calendar

Sunday, December 28

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday, December 29

Office Closed

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 30

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, December 31

Office Closed

Thursday, January 1

Office Closed

Friday, January 2

Office Closed

Saturday, January 3

Sunday, January 4

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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