

Prelude “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

arr. Wetzler

The Welcome

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Psalm 105:1–4

***The Hymn of Praise** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

LUYH 250

***The Psalm**

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Psalm 119:97–104

***The Song of Praise** “My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”

LUYH 370

The Confession of Sin

O Lord, you have mercy upon all – take away from me my sins and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

The Song of Thanksgiving "Speak O Lord"

LUYH 755

The Prayer of Blessing

Dear Lord, please help us to follow Jesus right away whenever he calls us. Help us tell everyone we meet the Good News of his love and how he saves us. We want the whole world to see the wonderful things you have done. You live and rule with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They are dismissed at 1:20 from their classrooms in the lower level)

The Gospel Luke 8:4-15

p. 865

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "The Parable of the Sower"

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response** “Ancient Words”

LUYH 762

The Prayers of the People

The 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.**

The Offering Western Michigan Teen Challenge

The Offertory “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

arr. Cherwien

***The Sending Song** “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

LUYH 334 vs 1,2,4,5

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”

arr. Hustad

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Liturgist: Erik Veker

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Mauricio Espinal

Prayers of People: Rob Wagenmaker

Vocalist: Patrice Frantz, Rob Wagenmaker

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: At *Western Michigan Teen Challenge*, the journey to sobriety includes attention to the spiritual needs of the young adults who seek our help.

Walk-Out Worship: Worship Center I: Today our children will learn about Jesus' baptism and discuss the Trinity.

Worship Center II: Today our children will hear John's account of Jesus clearing the Temple. Do we have a zeal for the honor of God like Christ?

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please keep Lori & Mike Buitendorp in your prayers as Lori's father, Donald Van Gorder, passed away on Sunday January 18.

"As we enter the new year and continue on our journey, we want to thank our family at Second CRC for your many cards, words of encouragement, and other acts of kindness. The Second CRC family is very special and is always very supportive of those in need. And we appreciate being a part of it. As for our journey, Patti has two more chemo treatments and then surgery planned for the first week of March. We have seen God's hand many times in this journey so far and look forward to His continued blessings as we move forward." ~ Ken & Patti Steigenga and family.

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.

Book Club: We will meet on Monday February, 16th 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.

January Series: The January Series continues Monday at 12:30 in North Hall. Come join us for interesting speakers, good fellowship, and delicious treats. The speakers this week are:

Monday: David Brooks - The Path to Cultural Repair

Tuesday: Dr. Samantha Nutt - Conflicted? The World of War

Wednesday: Wu Man - The Pipa - A Musical Bridge Between Cultures

Thursday: Tom Medema - America at 2050: How Our National Parks Inspire A More Perfect Union

Friday: Sabrina Little - Sports as a Laboratory for Virtue

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

Prayer Volunteers: You may have noticed that our Sunday "prayer of the people" is often delivered by a member of the congregation...one of the people. If you love to lift praise and petition to God, please volunteer to lead in this way. Contact Amy Wolffis or Julie Hordyk for more information or to add your name to our volunteer list. Thank you!

Swan's: Our breakfast at Pine Street Cafe in Ferrysburg has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 27 at 9:30am. Reservations are needed, so call Barb Hammond at (616) 485-7595 or Carole Ruiter at (616) 502-2015. Carpooling from church can be arranged.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin our Winter Session this Saturday January 31 at 8:00am at church. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.



MIDWEEK GATHERING

Winter Session: Wed. January 14- Wed. February 11
Dinner at 5:30pm | Bible Study at 6:30pm
Register online or at the Welcome Desk.

Nunc Coepi: Now I Begin with Pastor Tim

Do you ever feel like you're "failing" at your spiritual life?

Many of us want a deeper walk with God but struggle to find a rhythm that sticks. This class is centered on the practice of *Nunc Coepi*—the habit of beginning again *with* God, no matter how many times we stumble. We will be using Jonathan Gibson's *Be Thou My Vision*, a beautiful guide that draws from the great treasures of church history to structure our daily prayer, Bible reading, and meditation. Whether your devotional life feels dry or you're looking for a robust structure, this class will provide the tools and the community to help you dwell in God's presence, one day at a time.

On the Love of God with Erik Veker

What does it really mean that God is love (1 John 4:16)? It's a powerful truth—but easy to misunderstand, and when we do, we miss so much. In this class, we'll trace a line through the Bible to see who this loving God truly is. What is he like? How does he show his love? And how does it shape who we are and what we do? We can't cover everything—God's love is too vast. But it's worth slowing down, reflecting, and praying for a fresh experience of the love that surpasses knowledge.

Midweek Kids: How Great Is Our God

Children ages 4 - 5th grade are invited to join us to learn about the wonders and mysteries in outer space, revealing God's majesty. We will stand in awe of our Creator God!

CHAOS: Middle School

Leaders and kids explore the Bible and what their faith really means in today's world. There are also games, events, and lots of, well chaos!
We welcome any middle school student to join this fun fellowship.

Volunteer Schedule

Jan. 25, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Paul Marotti, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

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

Coffee Hosts: Craig & Annie Hoekzema, Levi Hoekzema; Mauricio & Elisa Espinal

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Kari DeLange

Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Sydney Marotti, Amy Bunce

Walk Out I: Carla Byma Ian Clapp

Walk Out II: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Dale Schuitema, Doug & Cheryl Diephouse

Council in Parlor: Steve Marotti, Deborah Erickson

Offering: Western Michigan Teen Challenge

February 1, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Mike Katje

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

Coffee Hosts: Jim & Mary Winkle; Carisa & Paul Marotti - Cora Brace

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out I: Barb Fritz, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Daniel Dykstra & Ava Schuyler

Council in Parlor: Deborah Erickson, Tony Razzini

Offering: Cadets-Grand Haven Club

Calendar

Sunday, January 25

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday, January 26

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, January 27

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

Wednesday, January 28

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

1:00 PM – Knitting/Craft Group

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, January 29

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 30

5:30 PM- Council & Staff

Retreat

Saturday, January 31

8:00AM- Tool Time

8:30 AM- Council & Staff

Retreat

Sunday, February 1

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Bell Rehearsal

6:30 PM – Focus High School

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Guest Registration:

