



Worship Service for
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026

Prelude "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
"Be Thou My Vision"

P. Manz
H. Hopson

The Welcome

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.**

***The Hymn of Praise** "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

LUYH 575

***The Psalm**

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.**

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 63:1–8

***The Song of Praise** "Build My Life"

Younkers/Marin/Kaple/Redman/Barrett

The Confession of Sin

O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer, and forgive the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed.

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves, and we have failed to do your will. Forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

A brief moment of silence for individual confession of sin.

The Assurance of Pardon

God is faithful to pardon all who repent and turn to him.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We give you hearty thanks that even though we are so weak in ourselves that we cannot stand for a moment, you have become our strength. We praise you that although our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never cease to attack us, you have not left us defenseless. We thank you for keeping and strengthening us by the power of your Holy Spirit, enabling us to firmly resist every trial.

Thank you, Father, that we do not go down to defeat in this spiritual war, but by your grace, we remain persistent. We bless your name for the assurance that we shall finally obtain the complete victory and reign together with your Son, our Lord and Protector Jesus Christ, in your kingdom forevermore. Amen.

***The Song of Thanksgiving “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”** Papa/Bleecker/Boswell

The Prayer of Blessing

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was given to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive his infinite grace, and daily endeavor to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Gospel Luke 11:1-13

p. 869

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "The Friend at Midnight"

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response** "Be Thou My Vision"

LUYH 859, vs. 1,2,4

The Prayers of the People

conclude with 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.**

Ministry Moment: Campus Ministry at Grand Valley State University

The Offering Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan

The Offertory "Largo"

G.F. Handel

***The Sending Song** "Living Hope"

Wickham

***The Benediction**

The Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

P. Manz

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Oboe: Sally Wagenmaker

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Mauricio Espinal

Prayer of the People: Tony Razzini

Vocalist: Evie Hoekzema, Joslyn 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:

Afterword: Today Pastor Tim will hold an Afterword with “insider” keys for interpreting parables following today’s service.

Today’s Ministry Spotlight: *Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan*’s mission is to reflect God’s love by providing without cost, mobility, dignity, self-respect and self-esteem to children who do not have the use of their legs.

Walk-Out Worship: Worship Center I: Today our children will hear the beloved Parable of the Good Shepherd and the Found Sheep.

Worship Center II: Today our children will learn about the unexpected way and manner of Jesus’ life and ministry.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

“Thank you for the prayers and words of encouragement in the midst of my dad’s passing. We are very grateful for our family at Second.” ~ Lori & Mike Buitendorp.

Merele Katt is now under hospice care at home. Gord and Merele request prayers for peace and comfort during this time of transition.

Please continue to pray for Sharon Ottens.

Church Announcements:

Address & Phone Updates: *Lou and Joan Baker* moved to Freedom Village. Their address is 145 Columbia Ave., Apt 432, Holland, Michigan, 49423

Sharon Ottens' new phone number is 616-502-7201.

Ash Wednesday: We will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm on Wed. February 18.

Atrium Art Gallery: The Joy of Nature is the new exhibit that will be installed this week Tuesday in the Atrium Art Gallery. Featuring local artist Christi M. Dreese, these paintings reflect the extraordinary beauty that she finds as she observes it in the shoreline, woods, and beaches of our area.

Also, all are warmly invited to an *Art and Poetry Reception* after the service on Sunday February 22. This event will feature the art of Christi Dreese accompanied by original poetry inspired by that art and written by the 4th graders from Grand Haven Christian School. They are excited to read their poems to you and celebrate their learning with you at this event.

Book Club: We will meet on Monday, February 16th at 1:30pm in the Church Parlor. All are welcome to attend. The book for discussion is "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. Interesting and informative, plus fellowship and refreshments.

January Series: In spite of the weather, many from the community as well as from our church attended each day. They listened to and learned from a wide variety of speakers. They were overwhelmed by the hospitality of our church, and they delighted in the baked goods provided. This could not have been accomplished without the help of many in our congregation, including the cookie bakers and hosts/ hostesses. Special thanks to the Staff, Les Lewis, and Ralph Veldboom for their contributions. ~ Roger & DeeAnn Hordyk and Jim & Mary Winkle.

Newcomers: Are you new to Second CRC? Save the dates of March 8 and 15, for the opportunity to talk about our core beliefs, hear our story, for us to meet you, and for you to know us better. Please confirm your attendance at the Welcome Desk or email Amy Wolffis at admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org

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 are willing to lift praise and petition to God, please contact Amy Wolffis or Julie Hordyk for more information or to be added to our volunteer list.

SWAN's: On Tuesday, February 17, 11:30, let's enjoy a brunch at Village at the Pines, located at 1450 S Ferry St. GH. Hazel has offered to make a large quiche, but we will need some fruit and muffins. RSVP to Barb Hammond (616) 485-7595 or Carole Ruiters (616) 502-2015. Contact Carole if you are willing to bring something. We hope to see many of you there!

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue our Winter Session on Saturday February 14 at 8:00am at church. Future Dates: Feb 28, Mar 14 & 28, Apr 11 & 25, May 9 & 23. 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.

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?

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

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Projection: Paul Marotti

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

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Ken Terpstra, Bob Wagenmaker, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Dale & Norma Schuitema- Ian Clapp; Zach Wessel

Nursery: Kathy Westveld, Rosemary Geertsma

Little Lambs: Jenna Brian, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out I: Mary Winkle, Elisa Alvarado

Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Reed VanStratt

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Carl & Mary Erickson

Council in Parlor: Tony Razzini, Dale Schuitema

Offering: Mobility Worldwide of West MI

February 15, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

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

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Rick Geertsma, Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies,
Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Mike & Lori Buitendorp; Bruce & Esther Drukker

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Kim VanStratt

Little Lambs: Cherise VanderHeide, Jane DeGroot

Walk Out I: Marie Rycenga, Deb Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Tony Razzini, John & Agnes Fisher

Council in Parlor: Dale Schuitema, Dennis Schaaf

Offering: Missions -Daniel & Kristen Hamilton

Calendar

Sunday, February 8

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Afterword

11:30 AM- Bell Rehearsal

Monday, February 9

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, February 10

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, February 11

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting/Craft Group

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

6:30 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, February 12

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 13

Saturday, February 14

Sunday, February 15

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM- Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday February 18

7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday
Service

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Guest Registration:

