

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude “God is Here”

arr. Innes

The Greeting

***The Mutual Greeting**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

We Worship God

***The Opening Hymn “Come, People of the Risen King”**

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***The Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, **Yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for everything in the heavens and on the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.**

Riches and honor come from you alone, and you rule over all things. Power and might are in your hand, and it is you who gives greatness and strength to all.

And now, our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

***The Opening Song “Behold Our God”**

Baird/Altrogge

We Confess & Are Assured of Grace

The Call to Confession

Psalm 78 calls us not to be like the generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God, therefore let us confess our sin together.

The Prayer of Confession

O Lord, who has 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.

The Words of Assurance

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 1:3

***The Song “Waymaker”**

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God Speaks & We Receive His Word

***The Prayer of Blessing for Children**

Parents and members of this covenant family: will you commit yourselves, again this week, to embrace a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation, trusting not in your own strength, but in the grace of God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure?

We will, God helping us.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May you know and treasure Christ all your days, for the glory of God and the joy of every generation to come. Amen.

(Children 4 years-5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They will be dismissed at 11:30 from their classrooms in the lower level.)

The Prayer of Illumination

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that we — and the generation rising after us — may be complete, equipped for every good work. Open our eyes now to see what you would teach us about a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation. **Amen.**

The Scripture Reading Psalm 78:1-8

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

The Sermon “So That They Would Hope”

We Respond in Faith

***The Song of Response** “Tell Out, My Soul”

LUYH 364

The Prayers of the People

The Offering *Crop Walk*

The Offertory “Children of the Heavenly Father”

arr. Hustad

God Sends Us Out

***The Closing Hymn** “The Blessing”

Jobes/Carnes/Elevation Worship

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Innes

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon**Organ:** Cathy Schaaf**Piano:** Mauricio Espinal**Prayers of the People:** Henk Ottens**Vocalists:** Evie Hoekzema, Patrice Frantz

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 cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today's Ministry Spotlight: Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk is an annual collaborative event of area churches and organizations to take steps and raise funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them. This year's annual walk will be held on Sunday, October 4 at First Grand Haven CRC. You may take a Walker Packet at the Welcome Desk or contact Amy Wolffis with questions.

Walk-Out Worship: We are eager to begin our Worship Centers liturgical format this Sunday with all Walk Out Worship children! We will dismiss at 11:30am.

Worship Center I: Our children will learn about how the church tells time with a liturgical calendar and also learn about how stillness and silence can be prayers to God.

Worship Center II: Our children will learn about different ways to pray to God and will experience an imaginative prayer together.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Eric Rotman and his family following the passing of Eric's mother, Marlene.

Church Announcements:

Book Club: We will meet on Monday, September 14th at 1:30pm in the parlor to discuss our summer read, "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. All are welcome to attend. Questions, please contact Agnes Fisher at (616) 377-7221.

Cadets: Cadets is for boys 2nd grade and up. Learn more at the Hot Dog / Kick off meeting for the entire family on Monday, September 14th, 6:45pm at Potawatomi Park. Contact Pete Malek for more information: pmalek413@gmail.com

Friendship Club: We appreciate all our cookie bakers! There is a sign-up sheet for Friendship Club Cookies at the Welcome Desk. Our Fall Session begins on September 22nd from 7-8pm in the North Hall. Interested in volunteering? please contact Ruth Marotti at [616-886-6216](tel:616-886-6216). Thank you for your support and prayers for this outreach.

Kitchen Request: If you have any Pie Plates that you no longer use, please consider donating to the church kitchen for Midweek Meals or church gatherings.

Love in Action Service Opportunity: Community Haven Meals provides meals for our neighbors who are facing housing challenges. You are invited to sign up to bring one meal for lunch meal or recurring lunches – all are appreciated. Sign up is now open: <https://signup.com/go/zhYSZkN>

Midweek Kids: Come and join us for a Weird and Wacky, Strange and Slimy fall session at Midweek Kids! We'll learn about unique living things God made, and we'll explore God's Word to see what He tells us about friendship and how He calls us to be a friend as we learn about our ultimate example of friendship and our dearest friend who sticks closer than a brother: Jesus Christ. Childcare is provided for children ages 4 years old and younger.

Sanctuary Bell Choir: Fall rehearsals begin today at 11:30 in the choir room. For more information, contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com or by text at (231) 750-6676.

Sanctuary Choir: Our next rehearsal is Thursday, September 17th at 7:00pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome!

SWAN's: We will meet on Tuesday, September 15th at 2:00pm. Carole Soule, an extraordinary lady who is blind, will tell us about her journey through blindness. She has learned many adaptations that she will share.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will begin our Fall Session on Saturday September 19th at 8:00am. Future Dates: Oct 3, 10 & 24; Nov 7 & 21; Dec 5 & 19.

Women's Bible Hour: Join us in the Parlor on Thursday at 1:30pm where we are studying "Prayers of the Old Testament" for the next seven weeks. Questions - Char at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

September 13, 2026

Projection: Dan Wagonmaker

Video: Harley Dyk, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Team 3 - Ken Terpstra, Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Jason & Anne Zuidema; Char TerHaar; Susan Van Eerden

Nursery: Machele Knochenhauer, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Cherise Vander Heide, Alice Hendricks

Walk Out I: Marie Rycenga, Elisa Alvarado

Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Dale Schuitema; Evan & Lois Reinders

Council in Parlor: Alan VanDyke, Patti Steigenga

Offering: Crop Walk

September 20, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Team 4 - Rick & Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Stuart & Christie Vander Heide; Jim & Dawn Sacks

Nursery: Kim Ver Stratt, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out I: Carla Byma, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out II: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Brian Bierma; Jerry & Helen Richard

Council in Parlor: Patti Steigenga, Dale Schuitema

Offering: Faith Promise - Steve & Mary Porter-Wycliff

Calendar

Sunday, September 13

10:00AM – Worship Service

11:30AM – Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 14

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

1:30PM – Book Club

Tuesday, September 15

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

2:00PM – SWAN's

Wednesday, September 16

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

5:30 – Midweek Meal

6:30 – Midweek Teaching

Thursday, September 17

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

1:30 – Women's Bible Hour

7:00PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 18

Office Closed

Saturday, September 19

Office Closed

8:00AM – Tool Time

Sunday, September 20

10:00AM – Worship Service

11:30AM – Bell Choir Rehearsal

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Rooted: Discovering the Gospel Together

This past January, our council and staff gathered for our annual retreat—to dream, to pray, and to discern where God is calling us next. After much prayer, we sensed a double calling: cultivating a culture of God-centered worship and doubling down on discipling the next generation.

This fall, we're leaning into that second call—and we want **every single one of you** there. Starting September 9, our Midweek Gathering becomes a seven-week series built around one question: ***how do we pass on a living faith to the next generation?***

Each Wednesday opens with dinner at 5:30, followed by teaching (children's and youth ministry provided), and each week's theme carries into Sunday morning as well. This will be our only class offered this fall. **That's how important we believe it is.**

This is for the parent rocking a newborn at 2 a.m., wondering how to raise a child who loves Jesus. It's for the grandparent who keeps praying, keeps encouraging, keeps pointing grown children and grandchildren back to Jesus. It's for the teacher shaping young hearts every week—here at Second and in classrooms across our community. It's for the young adult still working out what you believe.

And it's for every leader entrusted with shepherding this church— elders, deacons, care volunteers. Every single one of you has a part to play in raising up the next generation.

Together, we'll explore seven commitments for becoming rooted and grounded in the gospel:

1. Embrace a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation.
2. Foster a robust partnership between church and home.
3. Teach the breadth and depth of the whole counsel of God.
4. Proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Disciple the mind, heart, and will.
6. Pray with dependence on God's sovereign grace.
7. Inspire worship of God, for the glory of God.

Sign Up at the Welcome Desk or online at: <https://bit.ly/4i1az4J>

