

# GOSPEL *partnership*



CHRIST  
CHURCH

October 17, 2021



## ***Welcome to worship at Christ Church!***

*Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.*

*We are glad that you have joined us.*

*Young children are an important part of our community as well. We are very happy to be part of this very significant stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service, or you may choose to use one of our nurseries for children ages 3 years and younger, and Christ Kids Worship for 4- to 6-year olds during the sermon. If you have a baby and would like a quiet space, you are welcome to use the nursery or room 102.*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

## Silent Meditation     John 12:27:30

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.”

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

## Call to worship     Galatians 4:4-5

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But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

*\* Please rise in body and/or in spirit.*

\* Lord Most High

Don Harris & Gary Sadler  
c 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI #332344

WOMEN

From the ends of the earth,

MEN

From the ends of the earth, from the

from the depths of the sea, from the

depths of the sea, from the heights of the heav - ens

heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised; from the


Your name be praised; from the hearts of the weak,

hearts of the weak, from the shouts of the strong,

from the shouts of the strong, from the



from the lips of all people this song we raise, Lord. Throughout the  
lips of all people this song we raise, Lord.



end-less ag-es You will be crowned with prais-es, Lord Most High;



Ex-alt-ed in ev-ry na-tion, sov-'reign of all cre-a-tion,



Lord Most High, be mag ni-fied, be mag-ni - fied.

\* Prayer of adoration

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

**Call to confession**

Acts 5:31

God exalted him [Jesus] at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

**Prayer of confession** *spoken together and followed by a time of silent confession*

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.  
You have called us to be the church,  
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.  
Yet we acknowledge we are frequently more apathetic than active,  
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,  
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.  
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Remove the obstacles preventing us  
from being your representatives to a broken world.  
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 53:1-12

*Four readers are needed for the following scripture passage. Please use a microphone.*

**Reader 1**    Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
                  And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
                  and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
                  and no beauty that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men,  
                  a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
                  he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**Reader 2** Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

**Reader 3** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.  
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?  
And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**Reader 4** Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.  
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

*During the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.*

*Churches all over the world are singing this hymn today as part of a global hymn sing. Our hearts join the song of millions of believers to proclaim "It is well."*

*Note: We will not sing the Chorus after Verse 1.*

**\* *It Is Well with My Soul***                      Trinity Hymnal 691

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

**\* Scripture reading**      Philippians 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* Prayer**



A Hero Like No Other

A Hinge to Bear the Weight

A "How-to" that Shapes Our Lives

# DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

## He Is Lord

Solo:      Emptied of His glory; God became a man,  
              To walk on earth in ridicule and shame.  
              A ruler, yet a servant; a shepherd, yet a lamb;  
              A man of sorrows, agony and pain.

              Humbled and rejected, beaten, and despised.  
              Upon the cross the Son of God was slain.  
              Just like a lamb to slaughter, a sinless sacrifice;  
              But, by his death his loss became our gain.

### \* Congregation



1. He	is	Lord,	he	is	Lord,	he	is
2. He	is	King,	he	is	King,	he	will
3. He	is	Love,	he	is	Love,	he	has
4. He	is	Life,	he	is	Life,	he	has



ris -	en from	the dead,	and he is	Lord!	Ev -	ery knee	shall bow,	ev -	ery
draw	all na -	tions to	him; he is	King!	And the	time shall	be when	the	
shown	us by	his life	that he is	Love!	All his	peo -	ple sing	with	one
died	to set	us free,	and he is	Life!	And he	calls us	all to	live	



tongue	con -	fess that	Je -	sus Christ	is	Lord.	
world	shall	sing that	Je -	sus Christ	is	King.	
voice	of joy	that	Je -	sus Christ	is	Love.	
ev -	er -	more,	for	Je -	sus Christ	is	Life.

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## Prayers of the People

Give online at [christchurchgr.org](http://christchurchgr.org) or by texting (616) 208-2820.

**Offertory**      *Variations on “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”*    piano

text, Thomas Kingo  
music, arr. Curt Oliver

On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
“Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!”

**\* Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* Benediction** Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**\* Postlude**

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**WORSHIP MUSICIANS**

Rick Groggel, song leader  
Margaret Yasugi, violin  
Susan Guerra, piano

# Sunday School for all ages 10:00 - 10:50

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## COVENANT SCHOOL CLASSES

*Pre-K through 4th grade students: sign your child in at the multipurpose room; parents sign out children from classrooms (listed below) at 10:50.*

*5th-12th grade students do not need to be signed in or out*

2 & 3 year olds	2/3 nursery	5th – 6th grade	room 304 (in atrium)
Preschool	room 201	7th – 8th grade	room 303 (in atrium)
Kindergarten	room 205	9th –10th grade	room 302 (in atrium)
1st grade	room 203	11th - 12th grade	room 301 (in atrium)
2nd grade	library		
3rd grade	room 204		
4th grade	room 202		

## ADULT INSTITUTE

### Gospel Vision

Gospel Vision is designed to help God’s people live at the intersect of Gospel truth and life’s realities. As we strive to to grow in faith, create community with fellow travelers, and declare His glory among the nations, Gospel Vision’s design is to help us see how right thinking (orthodoxy) can result right doing (orthopraxis) for daughters and sons of God.

*Pastor Andrew VanderMaas  
sanctuary*

### Sermon Response

Filled up with the sermon? Let’s assimilate it together. Join us for this discussion-oriented class in which we “talk around the circle,” sharing our highlights and possible applications together. Join in or just listen. Haven’t heard the sermon yet? Come and get a preview.

*Levys and Waters , facilitators  
north overflow*

### Introduction to the Old Testament

The class is designed to provide a context fo runder-standing the events and commands of the Old Testa-ment. Some of the highlights include how the Hebrew Bible is organized versus the Christian Bible; discuss the impact of the Septuagint translation; show the settlement of the 12 tribes; the division of the nation; discuss the prophets of the Assyrian, Babylonian and Persian periods; discuss the im-portance of the Dead Sea Scrolls; demonstrate the numerous OT references in the New Testament; and provide a historical reference to people and events of the OT.

*Arni Rich  
south overflow*

## Life of the church

**Stutzman/deJong Fold lunch today after the second service at 12:30pm.** Bring a side, salad, or dessert for a time of fellowship. Pulled pork will be provided. (If your zip code is 49302, 49331 or 49546 you are in the Stutzman/deJong fold.)

**We Do Wednesdays.** As a way to devote ourselves to scripture, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer (Acts 2:42), four Wednesday night gatherings are planned from October 27 to November 17. ***Our first dinner on October 27th will be a potluck.***

- 5:00-5:45 Christmas program practice  
for K-8th graders.
- 5:45-6:30 Dinner in Atrium.
- 6:30-7:15 Prayer for all ages.  
Nursery provided
- 7:30 Choir rehearsal

**Did You Know?...October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** While we can show our appreciation anytime, this is a great opportunity to personally express your gratitude to Pastor Andrew and his wife, Lisa, and Pastor Addison and his wife, Lynnette, for their pastoral ministry among us. Your gestures of thanks will be an encouragement to them.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**We still need adults and youth helpers to serve in the nursery and in Christ Kids Worship!**

Contact Debbie Bukovietski (nursery) or Ginnie Stawicki (CKW) to find out how you can get involved.

**If you're intersted to help with AV contact Matt at [mbkelly@me.com](mailto:mbkelly@me.com).** No experience necessary.

## COLLEGE AGE

**Cedar Point Trip: Sat-Sun, October 30-31**

Looking for a fall thrill? A weekend getaway with a gaggle of goons? Or how about an opportunity to visit a sister church in Detroit and see which side really is the best side. We've got it all! Come join us at Cedar Point "America's Rockin' Rollercoast" and an overnight at Redeemer Pres. Detroit.

### SATURDAY

- 6:15am Meet at Church
- 11am Arrive at Cedar Point
- 10pm Leave CP for Detroit

### SUNDAY

- 10am Worship with Redeemer Presbyterian Church Detroit
- Lunch in Detroit
- 3:30pm Arrive back at Christ Church



*Sign-up by October 24 to get in on the group discount rate of \$45.*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Preschool - 4th grader Sunday School:

October Catechism Questions:

#### Q. 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is offering up our desires to God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and with thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

#### Q. 99. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction is the form of prayer that Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's prayer.

### Christ Kids Worship:

October Theme: Prayer

## YOUTH

### Jr High

This afternoon is our first regular youth group meeting of the year, join us from 4:30-6:00 at church for time together playing and being in the WORD. We'll follow up youth group with dinner together from 6:00-6:30.

### Sr High

See you tonight for youth group, 6:30-8:00. We have a good evening planned with some fun stuff and some really good stuff from the WORD. Come early for supper together from 6:00-6:30.

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

**Saturday, October 16th** Come for a **morning hike** in the beautiful woods surrounding Pickerel Lake (6001 Ramsdell Dr NE, Rockford). We will gather and meet in the parking lot of the park at 9:00am Contact Leah (slgritter@sbcglobal.net)

### November 6th: 'Enjoying Watercolor'

with Julie and Sojourn Churchwell

Saturday 9:00am, Cost: \$15

Signup at <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/watercolor>

We've had some changes recently to the **Women's Discipleship team**. Your current team includes Katie Blakeslee, Adrienne Lambers, Kristin O'Callaghan, Bethany Slusher, Jamie Vanderput, and Lindsay Williams and is led by Lynnette Hawkins and Nichole Lammers. Reach out to any of them with questions, thoughts, and ideas!

# Session Summary

*Desiring to keep the congregation updated on some of the discussions & decisions of the Session,  
here is a summary of our most recent meeting.*

FROM OCTOBER 12

Established a **commission to interview additional elder and deacon candidates** on 10/26/21. Approved candidates will be voted on at the 12/1/21 annual congregational meeting.

Received an in-person **report from Debbie Bukovietski on children's ministry** activities and plans.

Discussed an initial list of 2022 **officer training nominations**.

Rick Groggel, Treasurer, presented a **draft 2022 budget**, followed by questions and initial review by the elders.

Discussed and prayed for various pastoral care situations.

The elders **concluded the meeting on their knees praying** for the church.

## Financial Report

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	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Jan - August Receipts	\$697,956	\$ 689,567
Jan - August Expenses	\$658,169	\$ 689,779
Jan - August Over (Under)	\$ 39,787	\$ (212)
Tithes and Offerings		
October 3	\$ 23,266	
October 10	\$ 15,941	
October Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 39,207	\$ 82,125

### EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments	\$1,726,282
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,204,701

## This Week's Events

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Today	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 AM	deJong/Stutzman fold lunch
	2:30 PM	College-Age Men's Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Jr High youth group Bosma C-Group
	6:00 PM	Jr & Sr High dinner
	4:30 PM	Sr High youth group
Monday	7:00 PM	College-Age Women's Bible Study
Monday	6:45 PM	Women's 7 Feasts Study ( <i>over Zoom</i> )
	6:00 PM	Men's Leviticus Bible Study
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>Russ</i> - 2750 28th St
	10:00 AM	Women's Acts Bible Study
	8:00 PM	College-Age Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Gospel of John Study - <i>contact Bob 616-915-5477</i>
	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>Rainbow Grill</i> - 4158 Chicago Drive
	9:00 AM	Women's 7 Feasts Study
	6:00 PM	Together in Prayer - <i>in lounge or via Zoom (click on praying hands slide on website)</i>
	7:00 PM	Adult choir rehearsal
Friday	5:00 PM	College-Age F.I.S.H. Friday



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** please submit by 7:30pm Wednesday to [announcements@christchurchgr.org](mailto:announcements@christchurchgr.org)

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