

# GOSPEL *partnership*



CHRIST  
CHURCH

October 24, 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** *Psalm 19: May the Words*

text, Psalm 19; music, Brian Moss

The skies open up to the glory of God,  
A voice calling out through the day and the night  
There is no place where the song is not heard  
Throughout the heavens and earth.  
O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

The law of the Lord is perfect and right  
Restoring my soul, giving joy to my heart  
The fear of the Lord is enduring and pure  
And true and righteous and wise  
O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer

May the words of my heart  
And the thoughts of my heart  
Be acceptable, acceptable to you

## **Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Addison Hawkins

## **Silent Meditation**

We lift our voices, we lift up our hands  
We lay down our lives, we lay down our plan  
We worship you, Father, in spirit and truth  
For even our praise is a gift from you

*-Everything Is Yours by Liz Vice*

## G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

## **Call to worship**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Elder David deJong

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**\* Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

Trinity Hymnal 604 Verses 1, 3-6

**\* Prayer of adoration**

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

choir

by Kathleen Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God sent the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

**Call to confession**

Hebrews 12:3-6

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
nor be weary when reproved by him.  
For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

**Prayer of confession** *followed by a time of silent confession*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Hebrews 12:12-14; 22-24

...lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

...you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## \* *Congregational response*

Philippians 2:1-11

Elder	So if there is any encouragement in Christ...let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
26-year-olds & older	who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
25 & younger	but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
26 & older	And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
25 & younger	Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
Everyone	<b>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</b>

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

**\* How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

text, John Newton

music, Alexander Reinagle



1. How	sweet	the	name	of	Je -
2. It	makes	the	woun -	ded	spir -
3. Dear	name!	the	rock	on	which
4. By	Thee,	my	prayers	ac -	cept -
5. Je -	sus,	my	Shep -	herd,	Broth -



sus	sounds	in	a	be - liev -	er's	ear!	It
it	whole,	and	calms	the	troub -	led	'tis
I	build,	my	shield	and	hid -	ing	my
ance	gain,	al -	though	with	sin	de -	Sa -
er,	Friend,	my	Pro -	phet,	Priest	and	my



soothes	his	sor -	rows,	heals	his	wounds,	and
man -	na	to	the	hun -	gry	soul,	and
nev -	er -	fail -	ing	trea -	s'ry	filled	with
tan	ac -	cu -	ses	me	in	vain,	and
Lord,	my	Life,	my	Way,	my	End,	ac -



drives	a -	way	his	fear.
to	the	wear -	y,	rest.
bound -	less	stores	of	grace.
I	am	owned	a	child.
cept	the	praise	I	bring.

6. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7. 'Til then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### \* Scripture reading

Philippians 2:12-18

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \* Prayer

What Type of Humility

Our Aim through Humility

The Power of Humility



## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

### \* *Salvation belongs to Our God*

Adrian Howard & Pat Turner

#### VERSES



1. Sal - va - tion - be - longs to our God, Who sits up - on the  
2. And we the re - deemed shall be strong in pur - pose and



throne, \_\_\_\_\_ and un - to the Lamb; Praise and glo - ry,  
un - i - ty, de - clar - ing a - loud; Praise and glo - ry,



wis - dom and thanks, hon - or and pow - er and strength -  
wis - dom and thanks, hon - or and pow - er and strength

#### CHORUS



be to our God for - ev - er and ev - er; be to our God for -



ev - er and ev - er, be to our God for - ev - er and ev - ver, A -



#### BRIDGE

men! Praise and glo - ry, wis - dom and thanks,



hon - or and pow - er and strength (to CHORUS)

## Prayers of the People

**Offertory**      *Psalm 19 May the Words*      Congregation please join in singing.

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

text, Psalm 19; music, Brian Moss



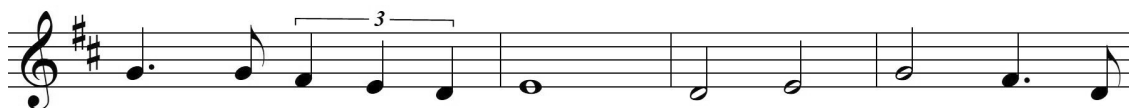
1. The skies o - pen up to the glo - ry of  
2. The law of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord ~ is per - fect and



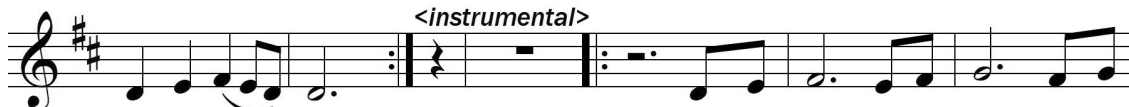
God. A voice call - ing out through the day and the  
right, re - stor - ing \_\_\_\_\_ my soul, giv - ing joy to my



night. ~ There is no place where the song is not heard through  
heart. The fear of the Lord is en dur ing and pure and



out the heav - ens and earth. O Lord, my Rock, and  
true and right eous and wise. O Lord, my Rock, and



my Re-deem - er. May the words of my mouth and the  
my Re-deem - er.



thoughts of my heart be ac - cept - a - ble, \_\_\_\_\_ ac - cept - a - ble \_\_\_\_\_ to

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\* *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 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## \* Postlude

## Worship musicians

Choir; Sarah Griffioen, director  
Salome Neele, song leader  
Richard Mason, song leader & guitar  
Susan Guerra, piano & organ

# 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 for understanding the events and commands of the Old Testament. 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 importance 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*

## *Going Forward with Covid*

As we continue to navigate life in our Covid world we want to acknowledge the blessings, challenges and differences of opinion as we seek a way forward as Christ followers. We are grateful that our understanding of the disease has grown and for the development of vaccines and treatments that have proven to be very effective against the most severe experience of the disease. At the same time there is much we still do not know. We have seen the disease mutate and continue to infect high numbers of people with widely variable and unpredictable effects. There is much information available, and while not all equally valid, we believe that each person can make the best choice for themselves and for their family in facing this disease.

As it pertains to our life together, particularly when it comes to our larger communal gatherings and the topic of masking, we must acknowledge a couple of things:

- 1) When we gather, we do so as a body and thus we become responsible for the body.
- 2) These larger communal gatherings are occasions for spread of the disease.

Given the present situation with Kent Co leading the way for Covid cases in MI and local hospitals feeling the pressure of treating those infected, we believe that each person should continue to prayerfully bring the totality of our life together including our larger communal gathering before the Lord. In all areas of our life together, including the uncomfortable and contentious topic of masking, we maintain that it is incumbent on us all to continue to love one another "with the mind of Christ", who loved us and humbled himself for us. And when we greet one another on Sunday, or throughout the week, masked or unmasked, may it be with the joy of Christ; in humility, considering others better than ourselves!

~ From the Session

## Life of the church

**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. **Breakout rehearsals for strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.**

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.

**The support group meeting sponsored by the AWA** (Advocates for the Wounded & Abused) scheduled for Nov 11 has been postponed. A new date will be announced in the future.

**La Fleur/Buwalda Fold gathering for women** (including girls) in zipcodes 49506 and 49507. Thursday evening, November 14, 6:30-8:30 at La Fleur's. Watch for an email invite.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Volunteers requested to help catalog some new music.** Part data entry, part alphabetizing, part filing. Time can be flexible. Contact Susan Guerra.

There are quite a few openings to **make and deliver meals this fall.** Please go to [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com) to sign up.

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## 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

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

### 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!

## YOUTH

### 56ers

Nov. 13, 10:30-12:00. Tie-dye and Pie. Bring a white 100% cotton t-shirt to church and we'll transform it into something fun and unique, and dig into some pie in the process

### Jr High

Our next youth group meeting is Nov. 7, 4:30-6:00, with a meal (burgers) to follow

Nov. 12, 6:00-8:00 (slight end time change): TV Thanksgiving Dinner Flight. Think TV show with dinner, but with a twist

### Sr High

Nov. 7 is our next youth group meeting, 6:30-8:00, with a meal (burgers) before at 6:00

Nov. 13, 6:00-9:00: Bonfire and Brats. Let's gather around a fire, roast some brats, play some games and enjoy chilaxin'- maybe even have some fireside dessert.

## Financial Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Jan - Sept Receipts	\$764,935	\$ 773,888
Jan - Sept Expenses	\$745,637	\$ 777,815
Jan - Sept Over (Under)	\$ 19,289	\$ (3,927)
Tithes and Offerings		
October 3	\$ 23,266	
October 10	\$ 15,941	
October 17	\$ 14,893	
October Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 54,101	\$ 82,125

### EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments	\$1,727,332
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,331,755

## This Week's Events

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<b>Today</b>	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 AM	Worship Service
		Meibeyer C-Group
	2:30 PM	College-Age Men's Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	College-Age Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	We Believe in God Study
	6:45 PM	Women's 7 Feasts Study ( <i>over Zoom</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Men's Leviticus Bible Study
	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>Russ' - 2750 28th St</i>
	10:00 AM	Women's Acts Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 PM	College-Age Men's Bible Study
	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 - 4158 Chicago Drive</i>
	5:00 PM	K-8th Grade Christmas Program practice
		Breakout rehearsals: strings, woodwinds, brass & percussion.
	5:45 PM	Potluck Dinner
	6:30 PM	Together in Prayer for all ages <i>- to join via Zoom (click on praying hands slide on website)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Adult choir rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Chamberlain C-Group
<b>Friday</b>	5:00 PM	College-Age: F.I.S.H. Friday
<b>Saturday</b>	6:15 AM	College-Age: Cedar Point



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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** please submit by 7:30pm Tuesday to [prayer@christchurchgr.org](mailto:prayer@christchurchgr.org)

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

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