

GOSPEL *partnership*



CHRIST
CHURCH

November 7, 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.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Moment of silent meditation

Paul was pressing on, “off and running,” but now it wasn’t to show God what he could do; it was to see what God was doing and to personally appropriate what had been done in him to experientially explore all the ramifications of being forgiven, and loved, and blessed.

-Eugene Peterson

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

Call to worship

Psalm 96:1-4

responsive reading

Elder Jerry Gortmaker

Leader O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People **Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Trinity Hymnal 457

*** Prayer of Invocation**

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

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Joel 2:12-13

The Lord says: "Return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness

Romans 5:1-2, 5

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. God has purified you by the sacrifice of his Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Your sins are forgiven.

8:30 service: During the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service: Church "busy bags" are available in the foyer for young children.

* In Christ Alone



Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took my flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: This is the



Light, my strength, my song. This Cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe. This gift of love and right-eous -
world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fin - al



ground firm through the fierc - est draughts and storm. What heights of
ness scorned by the ones He came to save till on that
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain. And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No - pow'r of



love! What depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the
me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the
hand till He re - turns, or calls me home; here in the



love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I stand.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Philippians 3:12-4:1

^{3:12} Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Tearfully Mature
An Arresting Identity

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

A Tearful Approach

An Upward Call

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The bread served is gluten free. Rows will be dismissed to walk forward.

For All the Saints

text William Walsham How, music Christopher Miner

For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
The King of glory
passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

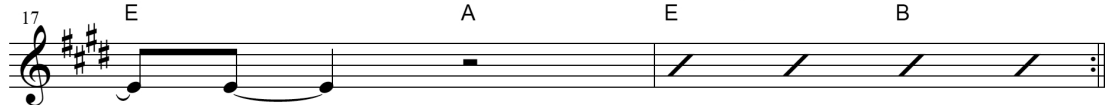
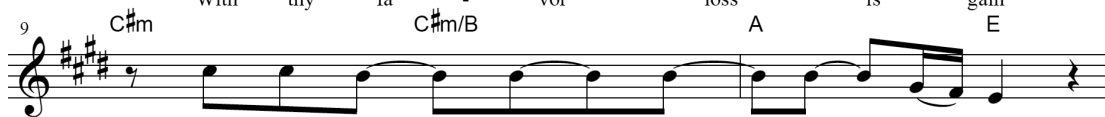
Prayers of the People

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken verses 1,3,4

words Henry Lyte, music Bill Moore

1. Je - sus I my - cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world - de - cross and di - leave me,
3. Man may trou - ble - spise and stress trea - sure,
4. Go then earth - ly fame and my ter, fol - low Thee too breast pain

5. Na - ked, poor, de - spised, for - sa - ken,
6. Hu - man hearts and looks hard on me,
7. Life with thy ser - vice pain may is sa - ceive press me,
8. In thy ser - vice pain may is sa - ceive press me, sure,



DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S MISSION

West Michigan Campus Outreach Commissioning

Join us in regular prayer for this new ministry of Christ Church and for the Lord's blessing on these team members.

Jeff and Stephanie Beckett

Kenny and Laura Hayes

Chase and Jessica Smith

Xzavier and Tia Torres

Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (616) 208-2820.

Offertory *Our Great God*

Fernando Ortega

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love
Unfailing grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Chorus

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms

Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

*** *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**

Worship musicians

Noel Snyder, piano

Joel Klamer, bass

John Bratt, drums

Leah Quinn, song leader

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

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

Introduction to Christian Ethics

We meet quite a few righteous people in the Old Testament, a handful of them in the New Testament, but when we walk into church, we find only sinners. So where did all the righteous people go? We will talk about—and maybe even laugh about—this and other questions in this for the most part serious class on what it means to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

*Sasha Bukovietski
room 101/102*

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.

*Don & Sherry Levy, facilitators
north overflow*

First Things Class

Interested in learning more about Christ Church? Participating in this class doesn't in any way obligate you to become a "member" of Christ Church, but hopefully will help prepare those who do wish to become members.

south overflow

How to Think About Authority, Identity, Justice

Members of the session (elders) will teach, share and engage on the topics of authority, identity and justice. These are topics that we constantly find ourselves dealing with, whether it be from a cultural and society perspective or even from within the church. The aim of this class is to look to the Bible for a better understanding of these topics.

Sanctuary

Life of the church

Today is Deacon Fund Sunday. Take this opportunity to serve those in need. This offering, beyond your regular tithe, should be marked for the Deacon Fund or give to the fund online by selecting Deacon fund. <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/give/online>

The next stated **session meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 6:30pm.** Be in prayer for our pastors and elders.

Meet Officer Candidates

The following will stand for election at the congregational meeting on Dec 1. Feel free to reach out to candidates personally, or meet with them Nov 7 or 14 in the lounge at 10am.

Deacon: Jason Harley, Joel Klammer,
Jacob Lahmann, Rob LaPlaca,
Chad Mosher, David Tenney,
Paul Wilhelm

Elder: Dan Churchwell, Shinji Yasugi

Senior luncheon (55+) will be Tuesday, Nov 9th at noon in the atrium. Lynn Peterson will bring devotions & we will have pie for dessert. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Join the church around the world as we pray for persecuted Christians today, November 7th. Information from Voice of the Martyrs is available on the table in the foyer.

What a joy it was to be remembered by so many over the past month of Pastor Appreciation. **Thank you for your kindnesses in cards and gifts.** It is a privilege to serve this body and we look forward to continuing to exalt Christ together!

~Pastors Andrew and Addison



COLLEGE AGE

Sunday Lunches

Get together after second service for food and fellowship! Let Kuni know if you need a ride.

November 14

November 21

VanderMaas's

Koopman's

3211 Holyoke Dr SE

308 Somerset Dr NE

F.I.S.H. Friendsgiving Potluck - November 19

We interrupt our regular programming to present you a feast worthy of usurping the old thanksgiving tale. Bring a classic dish, an ancestral treasure, a rando recipe, or simply your hungry self—you won't regret it. Friday 6:00-9:30 at church.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Game & Get To Know You Night

Thursday, December 2nd from 6 - 9pm.

We'll gather in the atrium, enjoy good food, play some games, have a time of introduction for men who are "new" to Christ Church and we'll share some stories.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Volunteers requested to help catalog some new music. Part data entry, part alphabetizing, part filing. Time can be flexible. Contact Susan: susanguerra@christchurchgr.org

Make and deliver meals this fall.

go to www.TakeThemAMeal.com to sign up.

Last Name: Christ Church

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Preschool - 4th grader Sunday School

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.

Q. 100 What does the beginning of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The beginning of the Lord's prayer (Our Father in Heaven) teaches us to draw near to God with completely holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father who is able and ready to help us. It also teaches that we should pray with and for others.

Christ Kids Worship

November Theme: Praise

YOUTH

56ers

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

Jr High

Youth group happens tonight, Nov. 7, 4:30-6:00, with a meal to follow.

This Friday, Nov. 12, 6:00-8:00 (slight end time change): TV Thanksgiving Dinner Flight. Think TV show with dinner, but with a twist; this will be at church.

Sr High

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

Come out Saturday night, 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.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Single Women will meet on Friday, Nov. 12, 6:00 pm at church in Room 203-204. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

La Fleur/Buwalda Fold (49506/49507)

Gather at La Fleurs on Thursday, November 18 between 6:30 and 8:30. Bring a written favorite recipe. Real desserts and beverages will be served.

This Week's Events

Today	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 AM	Worship Service
	2:30 PM	College-Age Men's Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Bosma C-Group
		Jr High Youth Group
	6:00 PM	Jr & Sr High meal
Monday	6:30 PM	Sr High Youth Group
	7:00 PM	College-Age Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 PM	We Believe in God Study
	7:00 PM	Women's 7 Feasts Bible Study
		Men's Leviticus Bible Study
	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>New Beginnings</i> - 6209 28th Street SE
	10:00 AM	Women's Acts Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Senior's (55+) Lunch
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Session Meeting
	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</i> - 4158 Chicago Drive
	5:00 PM	K-8th Grade Christmas Program practice
		Breakout rehearsals: strings, woodwinds, brass & percussion.
Friday	5:45 PM	Dinner
	6:30 PM	Together in Prayer for all ages
	7:30 PM	Adult choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Chamberlain C-Group
	5:00 PM	College-Age: F.I.S.H. Friday
Saturday	6:00 PM	Jr High TV Thanksgiving Dinner Flight
		Single Women Gathering
	10:30 AM	56er Tie Dye and Pie
	6:00 PM	Sr High Bonfire and Brats

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 24	\$ 11,357	
October 31	\$ 15,314	
October Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 80,771	\$ 82,125
EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN		
Total Commitments	\$1,734,207	
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,339,007	



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ANNOUNCEMENTS: please submit by 7:30pm Wednesday to announcements@christchurchgr.org

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12

♯ D A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A D A⁷ D D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.