

GOSPEL *partnership*



CHRIST
CHURCH

November 14, 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

Luke 10:20

“...do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

Call to worship

Isaiah 2:3-5

Elder Bob La Fleur

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

*** For the Beauty of the Earth**

Trinity Hymnal 116

*** Prayer of adoration**

The Prayer of St Francis choir

text, St. Francis of Assisi; music, John Sanders

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred,
Let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair let me sow hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 5:1-6

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

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

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

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading Philippians 4:1-9

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

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon

Entreaty

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

A Unifying Purpose

requires Transformational Practice

and is upheld in Protective Promises.

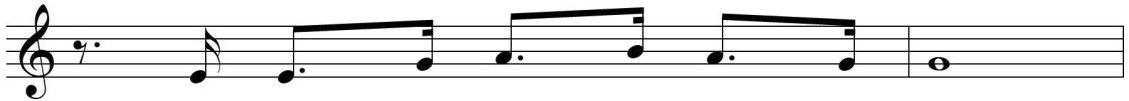
DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *The Lord is My Salvation*

by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
Nathan Nockles & Jonas Myrin



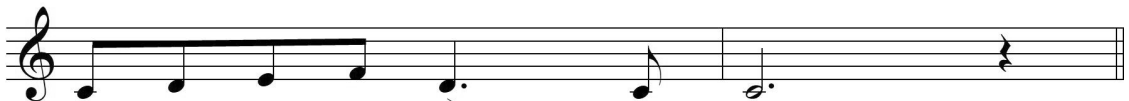
- [1. The grace of God has reached for ___ me,
2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls,
3. My hope is hid - den in the ___ Lord,
4. In times of wait - ing, times of ___ need,
5. And when I reach my fin - al ___ day



and pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
His strength will help me scale these walls.
He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.
when I know loss, when I am weak,
He will not leave me in the grave.



And I am safe on this sol - id ground: the
I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: the
When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: the
I know His grace will re - new these days: the
But I will rise, He will call me home: the



Lord is my sal - va - tion. to Vs. 2
Lord is my sal - va - tion. to Chorus
Lord is my sal - va - tion. to Vs. 4
Lord is my sal - va - tion. to Chorus
Lord is my sal - va - tion. to Chorus

Who is like the Lord, our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

debt is paid and the vic - t'ry won: the Lord is my sal - va - tion.

after Vs. 5

Glo - ry be to God, the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to God, the Son,

— glo - ry be to God, the Spi - rit; — the Lord is my sal - va - tion.

Reception of New Members 8:30 service

Hans deJong
Gary and Becky Knapp

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Everything Is Yours*

by Liz Vice

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

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

For Jesus has come, made a way by His blood
Tasted death for everyone
Rose again and now up above
Everything is Yours

So now we can sing, so confidently
Access His halls by the gospel that speaks
Burn again Spirit within
We've come alive you've forgiven our sin

*** *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** Hebrews 13:20–21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*** Postlude**

Worship musicians

Choir; Sarah Griffioen, director
Linda Bokma-deJong (8:30) and
Carly Besch (11:15), song leaders
Susan Guerra, piano & organ

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

COLLEGE AGE

What do you call the meal after church on Sunday? Dinner? Lunch? Regardless of your answer, you're invited to get together after second service for "Sunday What's It Called?!"

Today, November 14	November 21
VanderMaas's	Koopman's
4211 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.



The church office will be closed November 25 and 26.

To Note: K-8th grade Christmas Program Practice will happen Wed, December 1 at 6:30 (during congregational meeting).

Annual Congregational Meeting Wednesday Dec 1 at 6:30, Dinner at 5:45.

AGENDA

- Opening Scripture & Prayer
- Formation of the Roll and Adoption of the Docket recommended by Session Clerk's Report
- Year in Review: Celebrating God's Faithfulness
- By-Law Revision
- Election of Officers
- Budget
- Budget Resolution
- Questions
- Adjournment Hymn and Prayer

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

Deacon	Jason Harley, Joel Klamer, Jacob Lahmann, Rob LaPlaca, Chad Mosher, David Tenney, Paul Wilhelm
Elder	Dan Churchwell Shinji Yasugi Bryan Burke (<i>re-election</i>) Dick Friedrich (<i>re-election</i>)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We need your help! **In February of 2022, we will highlight missions involvement throughout our church and the world.** One specific week will feature speakers, music, artwork (and food!) If you are able to help in the planning of this upcoming missions festival, please contact Alice den Hollander via text or email.

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

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Come to the atrium at church on **Tuesday Dec 7 at 7pm for a Christmas Cookie Exchange!** More details to follow!

La Fleur/Buwalda Fold (49506/49507)

Join us on Thursday night, November 18 at La Fleur's (2401 Okemos SE) for dessert and beverages from 6:30-8:30pm. Bring a printed favorite dessert recipe. RSVP with a text to Cheryl La Fleur (616 915-5488) or Karen Kooistra (616 881-1783).

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.

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 NOVEMBER 9

The meeting **began jointly with the Deacons in devotions and prayer.**

Session **approved the 2022 budget**, which will be highlighted at the 12/1/21 congregational meeting.

Session approved **concluding Extending Community Enabling Mission campaign** fundraising and project priorities by 12/31/21, while keeping the building fund open and encouraging members to complete their pledges. A campaign report will be included in the congregational meeting packet.

The deacons and elders discussed and **finalized candidates for 2022 officer training.**

Jae Park, Pastor Intern at Gracehill Church, gave his testimony and sense of call to the pastorate. Session is endorsing Jae to come under care in the Great Lakes Presbytery.

The resignation of **Scott Gritter and the youth ministry** were discussed and prayed for.

Financial Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Jan - Oct Receipts	\$849,519	\$ 858,208
Jan - Oct Expenses	\$848,880	\$ 865,850
Jan - Oct Over (Under)	\$ 639	\$ (7,642)
Tithes and Offerings		
November 7	\$ 19,427	
November Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 19,427	\$ 82,125
EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN		
Total Commitments	\$1,734,257	
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,339,257	

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
	7:00 PM	College-Age Women's Bible Study
Monday	7:00 PM	Men's Leviticus Bible Study
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>New Beginnings</i> - 6209 28th Street SE
	10:00 AM	Women's Acts Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
	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
	5:00 PM	K-8th Grade Christmas Program practice
		Breakout rehearsals: strings, woodwinds, brass & percussion.
	5:45 PM	Dinner
	6:30 PM	Together in Prayer for all ages
Friday	7:30 PM	Adult choir rehearsal
	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

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