



GOD IN OUR MIDST



## ***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.*

*Small children are part of our community as well, wiggles and whispers and all. We are very happy to be part of this very important stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. If you would like a quiet space to care for your baby, you are welcome to use the nursery or room 102.*

**Prelude**      *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

**Moment of silent meditation**      Revelation 5:8

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP



**Call to worship**

John 1:1-5, 29

Elder Mike Wilbraham

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re - deem - er and
2. Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, Faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your



Friend; \_\_\_\_\_ Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
brace; \_\_\_\_\_ You of - fer hope when our hearts have  
own, \_\_\_\_\_ Here in our weak - ness You find us



res - cue the souls of men? O \_\_\_\_\_ You res - cue the souls of  
hope - less - ly lost the way. O \_\_\_\_\_ we hope - less - ly lost the  
fall - ing be - fore Your throne, O \_\_\_\_\_ we're fall - ing be - fore Your



men. \_\_\_\_\_ Go to Verse 2  
way. \_\_\_\_\_ You are the One that we praise. \_\_\_\_\_  
throne. \_\_\_\_\_ } Go to Chorus



You are the One we a - dore. \_\_\_\_\_ You give the heal - ing and



grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, O \_\_\_\_\_ our



hearts al - ways hun - ger for. \_\_\_\_\_



**\* Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Trinity Hymnal 295



**\* Prayer of adoration**

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

### **Call to confession**

Hebrews 10:12-14

...when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.



**Prayer of confession**

### **Declaration of forgiveness**

Colossians 2:14-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

### **Reception of New Members**

8:30 service	Pam Hollis David & Keeley Tenney and Gracie
10:30 service	Scott & Jessica Amis, Keira, Rachel, Ethan, and Abby Sarah Griffioen Janice Kerr Michelle Wierenga

### **Baptism**

8:30 service	Gracie Drew Tenney, covenant daughter of David & Keeley
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On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.



## \* He Will Hold Me Fast

text, Ada Habershon & Matt Merker  
music, Matt Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me  
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me



fast; when the tempt - er would pre - vail,  
fast; pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,  
fast; just - ice has been sat - is - fied;



He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my  
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be  
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less



hold Through life's fear - ful path; for my love is  
lost; His prom - is - es shall last; bought by Him at  
life, He will hold me fast 'til our faith is



oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
turned to sight, when He comes at last!

*sing in parts*

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US



### \* Scripture reading Exodus 27:20–21, 29:10–18, 31–34, 30:1–10

<sup>27:20</sup> “You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn. <sup>21</sup> In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the LORD. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.

<sup>29:10</sup> “Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting. Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull. <sup>11</sup> Then you shall kill the bull before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting, <sup>12</sup> and shall take part of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and the rest of the blood you shall pour out at the base of the altar. <sup>13</sup> And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, and the long lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar. <sup>14</sup> But the flesh of the bull and its skin and its dung you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.

<sup>15</sup> “Then you shall take one of the rams, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram, <sup>16</sup> and you shall kill the ram and shall take its blood and throw it against the sides of the altar. <sup>17</sup> Then you shall cut the ram into pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put them with its pieces and its head, <sup>18</sup> and burn the whole ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the LORD. It is a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the LORD.

<sup>29:31</sup> “You shall take the ram of ordination and boil its flesh in a holy place. <sup>32</sup> And Aaron and his sons shall eat

the flesh of the ram and the bread that is in the basket in the entrance of the tent of meeting. <sup>33</sup> They shall eat those things with which atonement was made at their ordination and consecration, but an outsider shall not eat of them, because they are holy. <sup>34</sup> And if any of the flesh for the ordination or of the bread remain until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

<sup>30:1-10</sup> “You shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. <sup>2</sup> A cubit shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth. It shall be square, and two cubits shall be its height. Its horns shall be of one piece with it. <sup>3</sup> You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and around its sides and its horns. And you shall make a molding of gold around it. <sup>4</sup> And you shall make two golden rings for it. Under its molding on two opposite sides of it you shall make them, and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it. <sup>5</sup> You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>6</sup> And you shall put it in front of the veil that is above the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is above the testimony, where I will meet with you. <sup>7</sup> And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, <sup>8</sup> and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations. <sup>9</sup> You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering, and you shall not pour a drink offering on it. <sup>10</sup> Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. With the blood of the sin offering of atonement he shall make atonement for it once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God!

### \* Prayer





## Sermon A Pleasing Aroma

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

### A Core Pattern

- Cleansing (29:10-14)
- Consecration (29:15-18)
- Communion (29:31-34)

### A Sweet Fragrance (30:1-10)

### An Open Invitation (27:20,21)

Further discussion/questions? [andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org](mailto:andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org)  
Sermons are available online at [www.christchurchgr.org](http://www.christchurchgr.org)

## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

*If you have a child in the nursery, please pick him or her up at this time to join us for the remainder of the service.*

### \* **Take My Life and Let It Be**

Trinity Hymnal 585



### **Prayers of the People**



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

### **Offertory**      *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

Not all the blood of beasts  
on Jewish altars slain,  
could give the guilty conscience peace,  
or wash away the stain:

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
takes all our sins away,  
a sacrifice of nobler name  
and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand  
on that dear head of thine,  
while like a penitent I stand,  
and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see  
the burdens thou didst bear,  
when hanging on the cursed tree,  
and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice  
to see the curse remove;  
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,  
and sing his bleeding love.



### \* **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**

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#### WORSHIP MUSICIANS

##### Onsite

Carly Besch, song leader  
Rebekah LaPlaca, marimba  
Rob LaPlaca, guitar

Susan Guerra, piano  
Tucker Besch, cajon

##### Online additional musicians

Guerra family (*He Will Hold Me Fast & Wonderful, Merciful*)  
Scofield family (*Doxology*)



# *Where* is the All Church Retreat?

Our All Church Retreat on October 1-3 will take place at CranHill Ranch, located near Big Rapids, about one hour and fifteen minutes north of church via 131. CranHill is a fun Christian camp offering an unforgettable experience for young and old. Lodging will be available in a variety of formats, including camping!

***Registration opens early August.***

## ***What*** is the All Church Retreat?

A weekend of fellowship, rest, worship, and equipping for the continuance of God's story in our community. The All Church Retreat is for everyone. **Plan to join your church family October 1-3 at Cranhill Ranch** as together we focus on *Extending & Enabling: God's Growing Kingdom*. God continues to be at work in our community.

## Life of the church

### Opportunities to Serve!

Did you know it takes upwards of 70 volunteers each week to meet our Sunday morning commitments? As we welcome people to worship, extend hospitality, live into our membership vows to care for one another, teach our covenant children, and other ministry activities this fall, we will have numerous opportunities to serve. Please pray about how you might get involved and sign-up at: [christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/serve](http://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/serve)

**There will be a deacon fund collection next Sunday.** Consider giving beyond your regular tithe to serve those in need. Include “deacon fund” in the memo line or give to the fund online ([christchurchgr.breezechms.com/give/online](http://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/give/online))

**In Depth Theological Study:** Are you interested in diving deeper into God’s word and growing in your understanding of it? Are you interested in committing yourself to intense study with a group of fellow believers? Pastor Andrew and Shinji Yasugi are exploring putting together such a group to start this fall using curriculum from Third Millennium and running for 16 weeks. sign up at: [christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/study](http://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/study)

### Together in Prayer.

All ages are invited to pray, listen, be prayed over, or to share praises, laments and requests. It’s a safe group and there is a place for you. Any questions contact Susan Guerra.

### Summer schedule: Wednesdays, 7-8pm

July 28, August, 4, 11 - pray via Zoom.

*Get link by clicking on praying hands slide on website.*

August 18 - pray in person at Christ Church

August 25, September 1 - pray via Zoom

## FAITHFULLY WORKING

**Lunch: *Workplace 2.0*, Friday, August 27th** from 11:30-1:00pm - COVID transformed many of our working lives, presenting us with new challenges and opportunities. Dan Churchwell and a panel of workers representing several industries will talk about this new era of work, the value of human connection, and how we can pursue the flourishing of our peers. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center.

**We are hosting Daniel Doriani, MDiv, PhD, on Saturday, Sept 11**, for a presentation and discussion of his newly published book, *Work That Makes A Difference*. The Faithfully Working team is hosting group discussions of the book on August 19 and 26 (7pm) or August 22 and 29 (noon / after second service). Purchase a book (\$5 for congregants) and sign up at: [christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/fwbook](http://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/fwbook)

Check out our **Faithfully Working podcast**. We release bi-weekly episodes designed to bridge the gap between faith and work by providing opportunities for God’s people to learn about God’s vision for work and apply it to your vocations. You can find it on podcasting platforms including Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify and more. You can also find us on our church website under the resources tab.

## YOUTH

### **Sr High RYM participants**

Be sure to read over the details about the conference that were sent via e-mail. We pack the vans this Thursday night, 8:00, at church; we then leave Friday morning at 5:00.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Families with children**, please take a few minutes to fill out our Sunday Morning Children and Youth Ministries Registration page. This will help us plan for nurseries as well as Sunday School which starts with our toddlers and goes up through high school. <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/e2e121>

**Parents**, if you are joining us for worship onsite, your infants (6 mos and older) and toddlers up to age 3 are welcome each week in our nursery during the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Please continue to RSVP by Friday each week. Contact Debbie with questions about current protocols. [debbiebuko@christchurchgr.org](mailto:debbiebuko@christchurchgr.org)

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### **Bible Studies**

Mon, August 9 at 7pm - Hebrews Study  
Jerry Stutzman will lead the discussion.

Wed, 6:30am - Gospel of John  
contact Bob at [lafleur1@comcast.net](mailto:lafleur1@comcast.net)  
or 616-988-9285

### **Fellowship Breakfasts**

Tuesdays, 8:30 am  
Russ' Restaurant, 2750 28th St  
Contact Linn Peterson

Wednesdays, 8:00 am  
Rainbow Grill, 4158 Chicago Dr  
Contact Dick Malone

**Join the Golf League!** 5pm Thursdays at Indian Trails. Contact John at 919-451-8123 or [brattjh@live.com](mailto:brattjh@live.com).

**We are incredibly thankful** to Christ Church for the love and support we received this past year during Lindsey’s cancer treatments. You have blessed us in so many wonderful and thoughtful ways. Your prayers, meals, gifts and encouraging words have lifted us up. All praise and glory to God for the things he has done!  
~ *In Christ, Randy and Lindsey Bosma*

**WOMEN’S DISCIPLESHIP**

**Tuesday morning Bible study group will be discussing the Holy Spirit this summer.** Join us from 10-11:30 at church. For a tentative outline, contact Anthoinette Bom.

**Lake Night Wednesday, August 18th from 6-9pm** at the Den Duls. Bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share if you’re able but come either way! Also plan to have athletic clothes as well as swimwear.

**Book Club Tuesday, August 24 at 7pm** at church. Come discuss *War and Turpentine* by Stefan Hertmans.

**Financial Report**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
January - June Receipts	\$513,909	\$ 520,925
January - June Expenses	\$482,879	\$ 513,708
January - June Over (Under)	\$ 31,030	\$ 7,217
Tithes and Offerings		
July 4	\$ 13,718	
July 11	\$ 30,471	
July 18	\$ 18,716	
July Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 62,905	\$ 82,125
EXTENDING COMMUNITY		
ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN		
Total Commitments	\$1,721,062	
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,164,507	



# 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 JULY 13

The elders opened their **time praying for the congregation** as well as the worship and ministry of Christ Church.

**Approved the membership transfer** of Jennifer McGee to Trinity PCA in Texas where she and Pastor Bryant have been attending.

**Welcomed teaching elder, Paul Cha**, to our Session meetings, as Paul serves in a pastoral partnership engaging in discipleship and outreach ministry.

**Identified potential candidates** for recently approved fold facilitator and deacon assistant roles to enhance fold care and diaconal ministries.

**Received a report on a part-time children's ministry coordinator at Gracehill Church** as well as the need to hire a **part-time administrative assistant for Christ Church**.

**Discussed reports and actions from the PCA's recent General Assembly (GA)**. A report from the ad interim committee on human sexuality was approved; see the report at [pcaga.org/aicreport/](http://pcaga.org/aicreport/). A summary of GA's actions from the PCA's stated clerk is pending, and will be shared when available.



## CHRIST CHURCH

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Worship Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

Summer office hours: Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00-3:00pm

**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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**David deJong & Jerry Stutzman**  
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