

September 12, 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 Establish the Work of Our Hands

If You don't build it we labor in vain Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength I know my time is passing away But the works of Your hands are what will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us O Lord establish the work of our hands O Lord establish the work of our hands

#### by Porter's Gate

Teach us to number the length of our days Pour out Your power we'll pour out Your praise Teach us to run to finish the race For only what's done in love will remain

Alleluia alleluia alleluia Alleluia alleluia alleluia

#### Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

## Moment of silent meditation Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to worship Psalm 90:1-2, 12-17 responsively Congregation reads bold type.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

#### ...teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

# Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

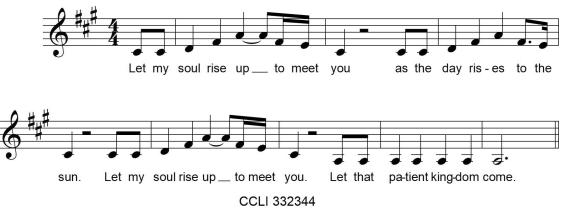
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

## 🕨 Patient Kingdom

by Gareth Davies-Jones, Sandra McCracken, Sarah Masen

Congregation, join in singing the Chorus.



Solo When's the last time you felt steady in the chaos Hear the sound when the seed falls to earth Is it time to give up your destination Slow me down let love do its work

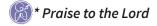
#### Chorus

Solo As the trees and hummingbirds lead the chorus They work so hard in their center so still Is it time for a change in direction Slow me down where I bend to Your will

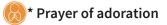
#### Chorus

Solo Slow me down Slow me down let love do its work

## Chorus



Trinity Hymnal 53



## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

## Call to confession Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

## Declaration of forgiveness II Timothy 1:8-10

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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

\* God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Trinity Hymnal 122

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

## \* Scripture reading

I Corinthians 7:17-24

<sup>17</sup> Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. <sup>18</sup> Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. <sup>19</sup> For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. <sup>20</sup> Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. <sup>21</sup> Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) <sup>22</sup> For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. <sup>23</sup> You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. <sup>24</sup> So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!





2. God's Callings for His People

3. To Work in our God-Given place may feel right - or wrong

4. Living Wisely in all our Callings

Dr. Daniel Doriani Covenant Theological Seminary

## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

🕅 \* Take My Life, and Let It Be

Trinity Hymnal 585



**Offertory** Your Labor Is Not in Vain Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (616) 208-2820.

> Your labor is not in vain Though the ground underneath you Is cursed and stained Your planting and reaping are never the same Your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown Though the rocks they cry out And the sea it may groan The place of your toil may not seem like a home But your labor is not unknown

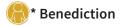
For I am with you I am with you I am with you I am with you For I have called you Called you by name Your labor is not in vain Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, Wendell Kimbrough

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth For all that is old will at last be made new The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labored to build Will finally with laughter and joy be filled The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed And all that is broken be healed

## 🕅 \* 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.



## \* Postlude

Will Mouw, song leader/ violin/ guitar Susan Guerra, piano Mark Lundell, bass John Bratt, drums

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

## ADULT INSTITUTE in the Sanctuary

- September 12th Dr Daniel Doriani on Faith in the Workplace
- September 19th Jon Medlock on Healthy Church Ecosystem
- September 26th a group of new classes will begin



# What questions do you have?

We're here to help! Email the retreat committee (allchurchretreat@christchurchgr.org) with any questions about our upcoming All Church Retreat. Committee members will also be available between services each Sunday and following the second service. Let us know how we can help with cost, accommodations, or anything else so you don't miss the retreat.

Register by September 26 with this QR code.



#### 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 at Cranhill Ranch as together we focus on *Extending & Enabling: God's Growing Kingdom.* God continues to be at work in our community.

#### Where is the Retreat?

CranHill Ranch, near Big Rapids, is a fun Christian camp offering an unforgettable experience for young and old. Lodging will be available in a variety of formats, including camping!

#### What meals are included?

Snacks Friday, 3 group meals Saturday, and breakfast Sunday are all included. List medically relevant food allergies when you register so we can provide alternative food options for you.

#### What will we do?

We'll use the weekend to connect and grow as we look to the future as a church family. We'll gather for meals and three large group sessions led by Pastor Andrew. Saturday afternoon from 1-5pm we'll have fun with group activities as well as free time for hiking, canoeing and kayaking, sports courts, crafts, horses and ponies, rock climbing, zip lining, and more! We'll even have live music by *The Band of Breton* featuring some of our fellow Christ Church members.

#### How do I register?

Register with the QR code above or at the welcome center on ipads or with paper and pay with a check. If you have concerns about cost or have a special need, email the committee at allchurchretreat@christchurchgr.org.

#### Is this event for me?

Absolutely! You are part of our body, and the retreat would not be the same without YOU!

As we continue to monitor Kent County's higher than desirable COVID positivity rate we are still recommending but not requiring masking in our larger corporate gatherings where the greatest risk of spread exists. We recognize that there are many factors to navigating our life together (spiritual, emotional, social, as well as physical) so let us continue to be patient, humble and accommodating to one another as we work out our life together.

The next stated session meeting is Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30pm. Be in prayer for our pastors and elders.

**Elder & Deacon Nominations:** We are grateful for the service of our elders and deacons and seek nominations for the 2022 officer training program. Nomination forms are available in the church office. Nominations are due September 26, 2021.

**C-Groups** are a way to connect, care and challenge one another in community. Learn more about C-Groups and connect with current C-Group facilitators at our Fall Launch on September 19 & 26 or you can find information on our website at http://christchurchgr.org/ connect/c-groups/

**Service of Lament.** September 26 at 6:30 PM. Join for a time to lament to God about the brokenness in our lives, in our community, and in the world. Hear the refreshing good news of Jesus, who gives us hope in the dark places and who is making all things new. Interested in learning more about Christ Church? Currently you can participate in the First Things class online and then either meet with an elder or pastor or wait for the in person offering coming this fall in our Adult Institutes. 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. If you'd like to sign up, contact the office at office@christchurchgr.org.

Senior luncheon (55+) Tuesday, Sept 14th at noon. We will meet at the church under the pines so bring your lawn chairs. In the event of rain, we will meet in the Atrium. Salads (pasta, vegetable or fruit), bread and cookies. Sign up at the welcome center with Nina Gortmaker.

## New in the Library

*Suffering is Never for Nothing* by Elisabeth Elliot

Why I Don't Desire God by John Piper

*The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self* by Carl Trueman

Jesus by Devon Provencher

A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith by Robert Reymond

## 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

## COLLEGE AGE

## **Bible Studies**

- Men Sundays at 2:30pm Tuesdays at 8:00pm
- Women Sundays at 7:00pm

## F.I.S.H.

*Fridays 5:00- 9:30pm* at church Food. Intermingle. **S**tudy. **H**angout. Come & leave whenever! ... did we mention dinner is free?!

## YOUTH

## All Youth (5th-12th)

If you did not receive the ministry year calendar of events and meetings, contact Scott (scottg@christchurchgr.org)

## 56ers

Our first event is coming up on Sep. 24, 6:30-8:00... it's a Porch Party at Scott and Leah's; games, grilling supper, hanging out- it will be a blast!

## Sr High

Our fall retreat at Cran-Hill is this weekend, be sure to check your email for details and then sign up ASAP.

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

## 10-11:30am Tuesday Bible study on the Holy

**Spirit.** Join us from 10-11:30 at church. Contact Anthoinette Bom.

## **Fall Bible Studies**

**Tuesday Morning Study of Acts** begins September 20.

7 Feasts by Erin Davis.

Books are available in the welcome area. **Begins Monday at 6:45pm over Zoom** Contact Nichole (nplammers@sbcglobal. net) or Kay (kmpanaggio@gmail.com) if you'd like to join **Wednesdays at 9:00am in person** contact Cheryl (lafleur1@comcast net)

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**October 14, 7:00-8:30pm,** a meeting co-sponsored by Women's Discipleship and Advocates for the Wounded & Abused (AWA). Last year we discussed Rachel denHollander's book, *What is a Girl Worth*. We will look further into her insights through the lens of Scripture to wrestle with some big questions. More information to come. Fellowship Night: Have you recently started worshipping at Christ Church or have you been attending for awhile but feel like you keep seeing new faces and want an opportunity to get to know and welcome others? Join us at the church Thursday, September 16th from 7:00pm-9:00pm for a night of games & fellowship. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

Fall shower September 21, 7:00pm in the atrium. Join us in sharing the joy of expectant parents Nabiha (& Andy) Adams. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, please Paypal, Venmo @Mandirodenbeck or write a check to Mandi Rodenbeck (labeled for the fall shower group gift)

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

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

## **Financial Report**

		ACTUAL	BUDGET
Bible Studies	Jan - August Receipts Jan - August Expenses	\$697,956 \$658,169	\$ 689,567 \$ 689,779
Mondays at 7:00pm, starts Monday	Jan - August Over (Under)	\$ 39,787	\$ (212)
Jerry Stutzman will lead a study of			
Leviticus. We will meet at church,	Tithes and Offerings		
or participate via Zoom. Contact Greg	September 5	\$ 22,500	
(gregmeibeyer@christchurchgr.org)	September Total Tithes & Offering	s\$ 22,500	\$ 82,125
Wed, 6:30am - Gospel of John			
contact Bob (lafleur1@comcast.net)	EXTENDING COMMUNITY		
or 616-988-9285	ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN		

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## **Fellowship Breakfasts**

Tuesdays, 8:30 am Russ' Restaurant, 2750 28th St **Contact Linn Peterson** (linnap@comcast.net)

Wednesdays, 8:00 am Rainbow Grill, 4158 Chicago Dr Contact Dick Malone (rpmpcer@aol.com)

Trail & Ale Sunday, Sept 26. Meet in the church parking lot at 2:30 to carpool to Luton Park Trail in Rockford. We'll stop at Rockford Brewing Company before ending back at church around 7:30pm.

Total Commitments	\$1,722,987
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,193,050

Today	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Worship Service Sunday School for all ages Worship Service
Monday	6:30 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	We Believe in God Study Women's 7 Feasts Study <i>(over Zoom)</i> Men's Leviticus Bible Study
Tuesday	8:30 AM 12:00 PM 6:30 PM	Men's Breakfast - Russ' - 2750 28th St Senior (55+) Luncheon Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Gospel of John Study - contact Bob 616-915-5477 Men's Breakfast - Rainbow Grill - 4158 Chicago Drive Women's 7 Feasts Study Together in Prayer Adult choir rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM	Women's Fellowship
Friday	4:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:15 PM	GLP Presbytery College-Age F.I.S.H. Friday Sr High Fall Retreat
Saturday	7:30 AM ALL DAY	GLP Presbytery Sr High Fall Retreat



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

PRAYER REQUESTS: please submit by 7:30pm Tuesday to prayer@christchurchgr.org ANNOUNCEMENTS: please submit by 7:30pm Wednesday to announcements@christchurchgr.org

#### STAFF

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Jerry Gortmaker 49418, 49423, 49426, 49428, 49464, 49509, 49519, 49534, 49535, 49548

Ken Morse Gracehill

#### DEACONS

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