

GOSPEL *partnership*



CHRIST
CHURCH

September 19, 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 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* organ arr. J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

Introit *Blessed Is the Man* choir text, Jeremiah 17:7, 8, 10 music, L. Stanley Glarum

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes
for its leaves remain green.

I, the Lord, search the mind, and try the heart,
to give every man according to his need.

Silent Meditation John 4:34

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP



Call to worship Psalm 63:1-4 Elder Jerry Stutzman

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

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



* *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Trinity Hymnal 167



* **Prayer of adoration** concluding with The Lord's Prayer, spoken together

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession I Thessalonians 3:12

...may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another....



Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken



For you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait. For you, O Lord, our
souls in still-ness wait. Tru-ly our hope is in you, tru-ly our hope is in you,
1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, your ra - diance shines on all who
2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in you we find more than e -
look to you in the dark. Em-man - u - el come, come light our hearts.
nough, we come as we are, O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.
2014 Drink Your Tea



Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of forgiveness

Ephesians 2:17-22

...he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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



G O D ' S W O R D G I V E N T O U S



*** Scripture reading**

Philippians 1:1-11

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!



*** Prayer**



Sermon

Paradoxically Perfect Partnership

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Gospel Formation

Gospel Evocation

Gospel Transformation

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

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD



* *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Trinity Hymnal 535



Prayers of the People



Offertory *O God Beyond All Praising* piano

Gustav T. Holst

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

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we will triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Interlude

And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we will triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still,
and rise to bless you still.



* *Doxology* Trinity Hymnal 731



* **Benediction** Philippians 4:19–20

God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

* **Postlude** *And the Glory of the Lord* organ

G.F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

Worship musicians

Adult Choir

Sarah Griffioen, song leader (8:30)

Emma Bukovietski, song leader (11:15)

Nicky DeBoer, trumpet
Jane Jelgerhuis, organ & piano
Susan Guerra, piano

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 in the Sanctuary

Today *Healthy Church Ecosystem* with Jon Medlock & Donald Guthrie

Starting September 26th

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

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*

Old Testament Survey

A study of various chapters of the book of Hebrews. We know about the big names in scripture, but we want to start with the lesser known names, and continue on throughout the years into our own times. Ordinary people were used by God in extraordinary ways. This class shares God’s stories that connect to our stories.

Arni Rich



Who: *You! – Are invited.*

What: *The All Church Retreat*

\$95 per adult; \$55 for kids ages 5-17; free for ages 0-4; gifts available (email the committee below re any needs); registration includes two nights of lodging/camping, group & kids activities, meals (three Saturday, one Sunday), access to special activities Saturday; limited childcare for group sessions

When: 6pm Friday to 1pm Sunday, October 1-3, 2021

(with a Saturday-only option [\$30 for ages 5 & up])

Where: CranHill Ranch, 14444 17 Mile Rd, Rodney, MI 49342

(just 75 minutes from Church, up 131 on the way to Reed City)

Why: To enjoy fellowship, activities, teaching, and learning from one another in a setting away from the usual noise

How: Registration closes September 26. Register today to secure your spot, including to have the best shot at your first choice of sleeping arrangements (camping or lodging, including first preferences on limited remaining lodging spaces). Register via the QR code, or in-person at the registration tables between services Sunday.

Q's?: Email the committee (allchurchretreat@christchurchgr.org).

Thank you!



Life of the church

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.

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 due by Sept 26 and are available in the church office or <http://christchurchgr.org/connect/nominations/>

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.

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. Study. Hangout.

Come & leave whenever!

... did we mention dinner is free?!

YOUTH

Jr and Sr High

It's back! Our annual Summer Rewound and Chili Cook-off takes place Oct. 10. We'll be sharing stories from the past summer and putting on the cook-off. Plan to be around from 4:30-8:30 to help set up, run and clean up the event.

Youth group meetings will start on the 17th: Jr High from 4:30-6:00 and Sr High from 6:30-8:00, with dinner in between for both groups.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Fall Bible Studies

Tuesday, 10:00am Bible Study *begins this week!* We will be picking up the study of Acts 11-12 and will begin lesson 10. Our only text book is the Bible. Please pick up a lesson at the welcome center and get started on it if possible. Come join us for a cup of coffee and a great time of lively discussion and prayer.

7 Feasts by Erin Davis.

Books are available in the welcome area.

Mondays 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) to join the study.

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.

Fall shower, September 21, 7:00pm

Celebrating Nabiha Adams (wife of Andy Adams) as she anticipates the birth of their baby! All women are invited to celebrate together in the atrium!

Saturday, October 16th Come for a **morning hike** in the beautiful woods surrounding Pickerel Lake (6001 Ramsdell Dr NE, Rockford). We will gather and meet in the parking lot of the park at 9:00am Contact Leah (slgritter@sbcglobal.net)

MEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Studies

Mondays at 7:00pm, starts Monday

Jerry Stutzman will lead a study of Leviticus. We will meet at church, or participate via Zoom. Contact Greg (gregmeibeyer@christchurchgr.org)

Wed, 6:30am - Gospel of John

contact Bob (lafleur1@comcast.net) or 616-988-9285

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 (rmpmcer@aol.com)

Trail & Ale Sunday, Sept 26 at 1:30pm. Meet in the church parking lot to carpool to Luton Park Trail in Rockford. We'll stop at Rockford Brewing Company before ending back in time for the Lament Service at 6:30pm.

Financial Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Jan - August Receipts	\$697,956	\$ 689,567
Jan - August Expenses	\$658,169	\$ 689,779
Jan - August Over (Under)	\$ 39,787	\$ (212)
Tithes and Offerings		
September 5	\$ 22,500	
September 12	\$ 16,083	
September Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 38,584	\$ 82,125
EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN		
Total Commitments	\$1,723,257	
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,196,367	

This Week's Events

Today	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 AM	Worship Service
	12:45 PM	Sr High Youth return from fall retreat
	2:30 PM	College-Age Men's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	College-Age Women's Bible Study
Monday	6:45 PM	Women's 7 Feasts Study (<i>over Zoom</i>)
	7:00 PM	Men's Leviticus Bible Study
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>Russ' - 2750 28th St</i>
	7:00 PM	Women's Discipleship Fall Shower
	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 - 4158 Chicago Drive</i>
	9:00 AM	Women's 7 Feasts Study
	6:00 PM	Together in Prayer - <i>in lounge or via Zoom (click on praying hands slide on website)</i>
	7:00 PM	Adult choir rehearsal
Thursday	6:30 PM	Chamberlain C-Group
Friday	5:00 PM	College-Age F.I.S.H. Friday



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Worship Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:15 am in the sanctuary.

office hours: Tuesdays - Fridays 9:00-2:00pm

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

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

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