



Worship Service for
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025

**The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Philippians 4:23**

Prelude “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

JS Bach
arr. R. Haan

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

**To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:20**

***Call to Worship**

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

***Hymn of Worship** “God, You Call Us to This Place”

LUYH 531

***The Psalm**

Psalm 87

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

***Song of Praise** "Cornerstone"

Liljero/Morgan/Myrin

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2**

The Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's forgiveness, as we pray together:

Song of Confession "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

LUYH 660

The Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you prayed for your friends that they would be one as you and your Father are one. We confess our resistance to your prayer.

We have failed to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

We have broken the bond of peace.

For the times we have not listened to each other, when we have spoken in anger, haste or fear, we are sorry.

For the times we have not loved each other, when we have competed, or insulted or judged each other, we are sorry.

For the harm that our disunity has done to our witness to the gospel, we are sorry. Have mercy on us, we pray.

Restore us to friendship with you and with one another, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

**Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:27**

The Assurance of Salvation

No powers, no height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Christ offers you the gift of peace, peace that the world cannot give.

Christ calls you back into fellowship with him and with each other. May the peace he breathes on you become your gift for the world he loves.

***Song of Assurance** "I Know that my Redeemer Lives"

LUYH 193 vs 1,4,7

**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.
Philippians 1:6**

The Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for the good news of salvation. Open all our hearts toward the changes you want to make in us. For all who participate in walkout worship, we pray their love may abound more and more, so that they may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Amen

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship.
Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

**Holding fast to the word of life.
Philippians 2:16**

Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading Philippians 1:3-11

p. 980

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Sermon "A Work in Progress"

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
Philippians 2:9-11**

***Song of Response** "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Rodgers/Wyse

Prayers of the People

**And my God will supply every need of yours according to
his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19**

The Offering Faith Promise – Love in Action’s Auto Ministry

Offertory "I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. R. Haan

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7**

***Closing Hymn** “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

LUYH 256 vs 1,4

***Benediction**

Postlude “Take the Name of Jesus With You”

W. Doane/arr. L. Kel

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano & Prayers of the People: Jennifer Fortosis

Vocalists: Julie Hordyk

We display all music on the screen and LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Special Offering: Faith Promise - *Love in Action’s Auto Ministry*, which is entirely supported by Second CRC. In 2024 the ministry served 14 unique clients and had 29 car repair requests. Love is thankful for the provision of dependable transportation to people in our community.

Walk Out Worship: 4s-1st grade: Our final Epiphany story will teach the story of Simeon and Anna recognizing Jesus as the Messiah!

2nd-5th graders: Our final Epiphany story will cover Jesus' "getting ready" years while he was a boy in the Temple, baptized, and tempted.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Wes (and Mary) Willink. He is currently in ICU at Trinity Muskegon Hospital after suffering a medical emergency on Monday morning.

Sharon Wolters had knee surgery on Thursday. Please pray for full recovery.

Ken Westveld passed away last Thursday January 9. Please keep his wife Kathy and his family in your prayers. A service of Witness was held on Wednesday January 15. If you would like to bring Kathy a meal, please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/gdd1no>

Mary North passed away on January 11. A private burial and committal service took place in Spring Lake on Thursday afternoon. The family of *Mary & Corky North* will invite the congregation to a celebration of life service at a later date.

Please pray for *Ron & Carol Brouwer*. Carol has been suffering from Achalasia for years and her esophagus needs to be removed. This is a life-changing surgery, so prayers for success, wisdom and peace would be greatly appreciated. The procedure date is yet to be determined.

Please pray for *Ray & Shirley Kuiper*, their disabled grandson Zeke, son of Tim and Chris, is at DeVos Children's Hospital and they covet prayers for him.

Please continue to keep Jan Veenstra, and Glen Wierenga in your prayers.

Church Announcements:

Book Club: We will meet on Monday, Feb. 17 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Book discussion will be "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis.

Coffee Schedules: They've been placed in church mailboxes. Parents, please notice that Prayer Partners have been scheduled to serve this year.

Giving Envelopes: 2025 envelopes are now in your church mailbox, located in the west hallway behind the sanctuary. If you have any questions about giving, please contact Amy Wolffis or Dave VanderHeide, treasurer.

Midweek Gathering: Our Winter Midweek Gathering will begin on January 29, 2025.

Join Pastor Tim for “*Read, Mark, Learn*” a five week study to equip you with the tools to deepen your understanding and experience of God’s Word through daily Bible reading.

Join Jeff Munroe’s session on the book *Telling Stories in the Dark*, copies are still available in the office with a suggested donation of \$20.

Join a Small Group, led by Hank Byma, copies of the book “Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools” are available in the office with a suggested donation of \$10.

Register online at <https://secondcrc-qhmi.churchcenter.com> or take a Printed Sign-Up Form found at the Welcome Desk and fill it out.

Ping Pong Group: We will meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

SWAN’s: February is a time for fun and fellowship, so let’s get together for Bunco and snacks, on February 18 at 1pm in the North Hall at church. Hope to see everyone there!

Tool Time Men’s Bible Study: We will continue Saturdays from 8-9am at church. Future Dates: Feb. 1 & 15, Mar. 1, 15, 29, Apr. 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Razzini at razzini@att.net.

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator* to begin in April or May. If you know someone with musical talents and experience in leading worship, please have them contact [Amy Wolffis](#) for the job description.

[Community News:](#)

Grand Haven Christian: The annual Early Childhood Open House will be Tuesday, January 21 beginning at 6:00pm. The Open House includes information about Preschool, Young Fives, and Kindergarten. To learn more, visit their website at grandhavenchristian.org

January Series: Join your fellow church members and community members for a time of learning and fellowship as the January Series begins on Monday, from 12:30 to 1:30pm. The speakers this coming week are:

Monday - Jonathan Eig - In Celebration of MLK Day

Tuesday - Todd Komarnicki - Bravery: A Story of Elf, Sully, and Bonhoeffer

Wednesday - John Inazu - A Conversation on Learning to Disagree

Thursday - Heather Templeton Dill - A Philanthropic Approach to Inspiring Awe & Wonder

Friday - Kristjan Prikk - The Future Europe - Should it Still Matter to America?

Volunteer Schedule

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Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Dirk Weesies

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: John Rycenga (Team 11), Jon Mulder, Jim Sacks, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Brian & Kerry Bierma; Stan & Gilda Boekins

Nursery: Darcie Clapp, Kari DeLange

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Jenn Steigenga

Walk Out 4s-1st: Barb Fritz, Lucia Folkert

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Dan Braak, Les & Bern Lewis

Offering: Faith Promise--Love in Action's Auto Ministry

January 26, 2025

Projection: Renee Mulder

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1), Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Mike Buitendorp

Coffee Hosts: Joan & Lou Baker; Jay & Cindy Brace

Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Laura Knochenhauer

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Claire Clapp

Walk Out 4s-1st: Carla Byma, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Lori Buitendorp, Cheryl Diephouse

Greeters: Rick Clapp, Paul & Carisa Marotti

Offering: Teen Challenge West Michigan

Calendar

Sunday, January 19

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

Monday, January 20

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, January 21

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

7 PM – Full Council

Wednesday, January 22

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

1:30 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, January 23

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM- January Series

Friday, January 24

12:30 PM January Series

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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