



Worship Service for
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025

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

Prelude “May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

arr. Innes

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also with you.

Philippians 1:2

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

***Call to Worship**

To you we lift up our eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Psalms 123:1-2

***Hymn of Worship** “Ten Thousand Reasons”

LUYH 559

***The Psalm**

Psalm 63

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. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.
But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

***Song of Praise** “Way Maker”

Leeland

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

Call to Confession

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!
Psalm 139:1–2, 24

Song of Confession “Lord I Need You”

Maher

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. You call us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and selfish when we could be useful. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Assurance of Salvation

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy,

by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4–7

***Song of Assurance** “Holy Forever”

Tomlin

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**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24–25

(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

Song of Illumination “I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart”

LUYH 761

The Scripture Reading Philippians 1:12-18

p. 980

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Sermon “The Unstoppable Advance of the Gospel”

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** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LUYH 590 vs 1,2,5,6

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 West Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge

Offertory “O Christians, Haste”

arr. DeCou

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

***Closing Hymn** “He is Lord”

LUYH 227

***Benediction**

Postlude “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

arr. Jordan

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Cathy Schaaf

Piano: Dawn Bouman

Prayers of the People: Rob Wagenmaker

Vocalists: Amy Goorman, Rob Wagenmaker

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: At West Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge, the journey to sobriety includes attention to the spiritual needs of the adults and young adults who seek our help.

Walk Out Worship: 4s-1st: This week our children will learn about Jesus in the Temple. We will wonder together about what made the rabbis amazed at Jesus' words.

2nd-5th: This week our children begin learning about Jesus' ministry as he called Matthew to follow him.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

"It is with grateful thanks to our church family for making my birthday celebration the best I have ever had. Your cards and sentiments continue to bless me as re-read them. Thanking God for you in my life" ~ *Ione Hoekenga*

Please pray for Wes (and Mary) Willink. He is currently in ICU at Trinity Muskegon Hospital.

Please pray for *Ray & Shirley Kuiper*, as Ray is at Holland Hospital due to having pneumonia and COVID.

Cyndie Van Dyke had successful outpatient back surgery on Monday and is recovering at home. Please pray for healing and a full recovery.

Sharon Wolters had successful knee surgery last week and is recovering at home. Thank you for all the prayers before surgery and please continue to pray for complete healing.

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

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-ghmi.churchcenter.com> or take a Printed Sign-Up Form found at the Welcome Desk and fill it out.

Church Announcements:

Congregational Town Hall: Pastor Tim and Jim Warners, Council Chair, will host a Town Hall on Sunday February 9 at 11:30am. They will give an update on the Staff & Council Retreat, Strategic Planning and Staff positions. More information to follow.

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.

Cadets: The Grand Haven Club is asking for the area CRC churches to pray for the Cadets this coming weekend as they are on their annual Cottage Camping Weekend. Please pray that the boys would have a safe and fun weekend and that they would grow closer to Christ as a result.

Handbell Choir: Rehearsals will resume on Sunday Feb. 3 at 11:30 am. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com

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

Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsals will resume on January 30 at 7 pm. New members are always welcome. If you have questions please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com

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 on Saturday February 1 at 7:30am. Future Dates: Feb.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.

Vacation Bible School: Save the Dates of July 14–17, 2025. Calling all kids to join us for "True North: An Alaskan Adventure" where kids will explore Jesus as their unshakable guide in our wild world. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for registration details!

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:

January Series: Come and join us in the North Hall for coffee, cookies, and great speakers for the final week of the January Series from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

The speakers this coming week are:

Monday - Peter Sagal - Front Seat at the Sideshow: What I've Learned after 25 Years of Making Fun of Everything

Tuesday - Alastair Humphreys - Adventures Across the World and Around the Neighborhood

Wednesday - Reshma Saujani - A Conversation on Pay Up: The Future of Women and Work

Thursday - Michaela O'Donnell - Life in Flux

Friday - Hunter Woodhall - They Told Me I Couldn't Walk, So I Decided to Run

Volunteer Schedule

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

February 2, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2) Chris Hordyk Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt

Coffee Hosts: Rick & Darcie Clapp - Calvin Bassett; Bev Assink

Nursery: Kathy Westveld Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Vivian McCarthy

Walk Out 4s-1st: Rob/Joslyn W., Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Ian Clap

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Ryan & Victoria McCarthy

Offering: Cadets- Grand Haven Club

Calendar

Sunday, January 26

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

Monday, January 27

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, January 28

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

Wednesday, January 29

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM – January Series

1:30 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Gathering

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, January 30

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

12:30 PM- January Series

Friday, January 31

12:30 PM January Series

5:30 PM – Council & Staff Retreat

Saturday, February 1

7:30 AM- Tool Time

8:30 AM – 2 PM Council & Staff Retreat

Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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Guest Registration:

