

5:30 PM ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Silent Prayer

WE RESPOND IN PRAISE

*Hymn of Adoration: *Holy, Holy, Holy*
*Votum & Salutation

PH 318

GOD DECLARES THE LAW & THE GOSPEL

The Law of God
Song of Response: *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*
Assurance of Pardon

PH 395

WE OFFER HIM OUR PRAYERS & GIFTS

Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer
Offering: *General Fund and Federal Askings*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: *Teach Me O Lord, Thy Way of Truth*

PH 240

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8

Scripture Text: Nehemiah 8

Sermon: REVIVAL THROUGH GOD'S WORD

- 1. The reading of God's Word**
- 2. The effect of God's Word**
- 3. The response to God's Word**

Applicatory Prayer

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Psalm of Response: *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring*

PH 286

*Doxology:

PH 493

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Benediction

**Indicates standing for those able to do so*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Silent Prayer

WE RESPOND IN PRAISE & CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Psalm of Adoration: *Jehovah Reigns in Majesty*

PH 194

*Votum & Salutation

*Apostles Creed (pg.3) & Response

PH 491

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

GOD INSTRUCTS US THROUGH THE PSALMS

Psalm Selection: Psalm 98

Psalm Singing: *Sing a New Song to Jehovah*

PH 190

WE OFFER HIM OUR PRAYERS & GIFTS

Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer
Offering: *RMS Hurricane Relief*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

*Psalm of Preparation: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

PH 448

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Scripture Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon: BEING READY FOR OUR LORD'S RETURN

- 1. An important caution**
- 2. A necessary calling**
- 3. A great comfort**

Applicatory Prayer

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn of Response: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

PH 368

*Doxology:

PH 488

Now blessed be Jehovah God, The God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel; Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel. And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity; the whole earth let His glory fill; Amen: so let it be; the whole earth let His glory fill; Amen: so let it be.

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General Announcements

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries.

Rev. Taylor Kern is a church planter in a Spanish ministry in Ontario, CA.

1) That the Holy Spirit would draw our Spanish-speaking neighbors to Christ and His church through our weekly outreach activities and especially the upcoming conference.

2) That our Triune God, who is on a global mission, would continue to make us of one mind and purpose for Christ and His kingdom.

3) That the Lord would grant the Kern family wisdom, patience, and faith as they await the arrival of their second son. Especially pray for Ariana, who plans to continue working full time throughout the duration of the pregnancy to support the family

CRAFT SHOW: There will be a craft show at Dutton URC on Saturday, October 14, from 10-2pm. Enjoy shopping for unique handmade items and fellowship with friends while supporting local businesses from the Dutton community and friends of Dutton. *If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor, please contact Marleen Flood at wefloods@gmail.com by October 5. Vendor space is limited but available.* Look for more details closer to the date. We'll see you then!

Reformed Heritage Christian School offers classes to homeschoolers in high school! To view the class options for the upcoming school year, please visit the school's website @ Refhcs.org and click on the Curriculum Tab. Call the school at 383-0505 if you have any questions or would like to take advantage of any of the classes listed.

Looking for Volunteers: Are you interested in participating in the disaster relief efforts in Houston Texas? RMS is assembling a team of 10-15 local (W. MI) volunteers to travel to Texas to assist in the reconstruction efforts. Lord willing, we hope to be leaving Hudsonville on the evening of November 10 and return home on the 18th. If these dates will not work for you OR you ARE interested in being a part of this trip, please contact Rob at rob@rms.org. Further details will be coming soon!

Covenant's Calendar for This Week

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| TODAY | 9:30 AM | Morning Worship Service Catechism and Sunday classes |
| | 5:30 PM | Evening Worship Service |
| TUESDAY | | Classis Michigan (See Announcement) |
| SATURDAY | 5:00 PM | Young People Hayride At DeBoer farm (See Announcement) |

| | Today | Next Week |
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| Ushers | Matt Kloosterman Dave Koning Thomas Koning | Matt Kloosterman Dave Koning Thomas Koning |
| Greeters AM | Tom & Caroline Van Dellen | Henry & Clare DeVisser |
| Greeters PM | Glenn & Nel Vlietstra | Harold & Doris Vlietstra |
| Nursery AM | Kim Balkema & Kathy McNinch | Linda Buiskool & Lydia Kloosterman |
| Nursery PM | Grace Bronsink & Grace Northrup | Casandra Klomparens & Linda Klomparens |

Lord's Day Worship | October 8, 2017

A **cordial welcome** to all who worship here today. May the Word of God spoken here find entrance into the hearts of each one of us. We invite those who are visiting to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering basket.

We welcome **Rev. Admiraal** who will lead us in our services today.

Announcements

This morning our offering will be for the General Fund and Federal Askings, the evening offering will be for RMS Hurricane Relief
Next Sunday's morning offering is for the General Fund. The evening offering will be for Fogotten Man Ministries.

The second offering today is for Federation Askings. This is what each United Reformed congregation contributes for the ongoing federation's financial needs, such as the clerk, treasurer, webmaster, Missions Coordinator, and the various synodical committees.

Tonight, after the evening service, the youth group will meet. Alicia Nagel is in charge of food. Michelle Koning is in charge of devotions and games.

Classis Michigan is scheduled to meet this Tuesday. Pray for the Lord's leading as a number of important issues will be considered and two men will be examined for the ministry, one of them Mr. Stoffregen. Our delegates are Elders Leon Bronsink and Myron Rau.

The Deacons acknowledge and give thanks for the following September Offerings:

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| General Fund | \$16,773.26 |
| Ref. Heritage Christian School | 1,324.70 |
| Memorial Fund | 1,260.00 |
| Divine Hope Seminary | 1,055.01 |
| Biblical Counseling (Meengs) | 726.00 |
| Benevolence Fund | 652.46 |
| Christian Education Benevolence | <u>515.75</u> |
| Total | \$22,307.18 |

The youth group will be having a hayride at Bob and Char De Boer's home at 5 pm on Saturday, October 14. Bring friends!

Next Sunday, the **Men's Prayer Meeting** will take place 10 minutes after the evening service.

Church Family

This past week Rev. Art Besteman was taken home to be with the Lord. From 2001, when Rev. Vos accepted a call to Escondido, until 2002, when Rev. Oord came to Covenant to be our pastor, Rev. Besteman served as our interim pastor. He was loved and well respected, a tireless defender of the faith, and a church father in the formation of the United Reformed Churches. The funeral service was held this past Thursday, which his close friend, Rev. Oord, conducted along with Rev. Freswick. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7

Vern Herder requests prayers for his Son-in-Law, Dean Smelker. Dean lost control of his motorcycle Monday evening and sustained some brain damage. He is hospitalized, and in Vern's words, "things are iffy". Dean is the husband of Vern's daughter Joy.

Corrections: Kyle DeBoer's telephone #269-303-4916

Bill Hortons address: [665 Charlie Ct, Apt. 1C, Portage 49002](#)

October LOOKING AHEAD. The Young People's Soup Supper shown to be on October 20, will be held on the evening of the Missions Emphasis. That date has not yet been established and will be announced soon.

The youth group members are selling 2018 calendars so members should expect a phone call from one of the high schoolers. The calendar sale will help raise funds for us to go to next year's RYS convention at Dordt College. You may purchase them for \$10 each or three for \$24. Thank you for supporting us!

Bernie & Bev Bronsink have stepped down as youth leaders after 14 years of faithful, dedicated service. Tim & Kathy Kloosterman will join Ron & Ruth Newhouse in replacing the Bronsinks. A sincere thanks to Bernie & Bev as they have positively affected the spiritual lives of many young people over the years in which they have served in that capacity. May Tim & Kathy now be a blessing as they take up this ministry among us.

Ellen Hagerty has stepped down as the Kitchen/Funeral Luncheon Coordinator. The council has appointed Char DeBoer to take up that responsibility. Char has many years of experience in that kind of work. We thank Ellen for her time of faithful service on our behalf and her willingness to continue in assisting. Thanks also to the many others who so willingly assist in the kitchen as needed.

Dear God's People,

We are so thankful for your prayers and support, especially for the recent gift of reading and writing materials. Your gifts were very helpful to us as we continue to minister to the inmates in the Name of Christ. We thank God for you and pray that He would continue to prosper you, equipping you with everything good for you to continue to do His will. Grace and peace be yours in His Name.

Rev. Joshua Amaezechi, Chaplain, Kalamazoo County Jail

Park Village Pines, a Christian assisted living community in Kalamazoo, will be hosting its annual Fall Gala Banquet on Thursday, October 26 at the Radisson Plaza (with convenient, safe, complimentary parking in the attached ramp) in downtown Kalamazoo. The featured speaker will be Lt. Colonel **Oliver North** (ret.), decorated combat U.S. marine, syndicated columnist, author, conservative political commentator, and deeply committed Christian. For more information or to indicate your desire to attend this no-cost event at which guests will have the opportunity to support the ministry of Christian senior care please call Angie at (269) 372-1928. Valet parking is available for those requiring assistance-small fee applies.