

THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

"REASONS TO PRAY"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT

James 5:13-15 (Pew Bible: Page 1885)

*See any usher if you need a song sheet or hearing device.
Both are available on request.*

Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE

"STEPHEN...LOOKING LIKE AN ANGEL"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT

Acts 6:8-15 (Pew Bible: Page 1700)

MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
KIDS OF LIGHT
HALL MONITORS

Sara DeHaan, Lacy Hulst, Carly Schipper
Shelley Heijerman, Leah Helder
Sarah, Liv & Nolan Broughman, Kylie Sheaffer
TODAY: Brian DeMann, Brian Veltman
NEXT WEEK: Ben Lyon, Don VerHage

We express our sympathy to Patty Schiedel and her family as they grieve the death of Patty's son Paul. Please pray for comfort and peace during this time of sorrow.

Please join us for **Adult Sunday School (post high and up)** in the Sanctuary this Sunday! Here are some questions we will be discussing:

1. Tell about a prayer God hasn't answered or didn't answer.
2. What is one thing you're super thankful for and don't acknowledge enough?
3. What is the best way to show a stranger the love of Christ?

"The Wise & The Beautiful" Care Group will meet today, at 11:45 a.m., in the Friendship Area.

This coming Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans Day. On this day we remember and praise God for all those who have served to restrain evil and protect our freedoms by serving in the armed forces.

Don't forget, the **Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes** need to be returned to the church **no later than next Sunday, November 15**. Thanks!

The Youth Director Kelly Jager and Pastor Mark will be offering a **Profession of Faith Class** next Sunday, November 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you believe in Jesus Christ and sense God calling you to make a stand for Him, please join us.

The **Kids Choir** will sing next Sunday, November 15. Please have your children in the downstairs Fellowship Hall at 9:20 a.m. on the 15th!!! Thank you!

Nursery Volunteers Needed: We are in need of more people to help in the nursery. Adults, senior high youth particularly, all youth volunteers are welcomed.

Need a great Christmas Gift? We have Martin Reformed Cookbooks for sale \$15.00 each. See Jill Wolthuis or email her at office@martinreformed.org if you are interested in purchasing one.

MRC Seniors: Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, December 4, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for our **Holiday Dinner** in the Gym.

Reminder: The **Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. Be sure to watch for your invite and the sign-up sheet!

MRC Seniors is looking for a person(s) to organize and prepare meals for our Senior's group that meets approximately six times a year. If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact Pastor Mark.

Thank you to my MRC Church Family for the many wonderful birthday cards that I received for my 97th birthday. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is very much appreciated!
~Esther Schaafsma

MRC Family,
Words are really inadequate as I think of your loving support in prayers and actions during these recent months. Surely this is the most heart-wrenching experience ever, to lose my soul-mate and yet, God is blessing our lives with His peace and strength.
~Jan Westendorp & family

For our **annual Sunday evening Christmas Event** this year, we are combining the talents of both the Sunday School (will present an abbreviated program) and all the rest of you who would like to participate by singing a song, playing an instrument, or perhaps even reading/sharing a favorite Christmas poem or short story. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center.

The **Faith Mission Offering** for the fourth quarter will benefit **SON-Life Camp**. If you would like to donate to this cause, please mark your offering accordingly.

Martin Resource Center Collections for November include: soups, canned tomatoes, chili beans, crackers (saltine and oyster), spaghetti and sauce, tea and hot cocoa, boxed meals and foods, stuffing and rice mixes. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

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WORSHIP WITH US: 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Life of the Congregation November 8, 2020

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.
10:35 AM Children's Choir – Three's thru Grade 2: Meet in Fellowship Hall.
10:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages until 11:30 a.m.
11:45 AM "The Wise & The Beautiful" Care Group will meet in the Friendship Area.
6:00 PM Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.
6:00 PM Sr. High Youth will meet in the Youth Room – until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY

- 7:00 PM** Women's Volleyball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 PM** MRC Prays in the Narthex Area.
6:00 PM Big d.o.G.s/Defenders (4-years-old thru 5th grade) will meet in the Friendship Area – until 7:30 p.m.
7:15 PM Third Sunday Worship Team: Musicians.
7:30 PM Third Sunday Worship Team: Vocalists.

THURSDAY

- 6:30 PM** The Elders will meet. To request baptism, see Pastor Mark.
7:30 PM The Consistory will meet. Devotions and lunch: John Schipper.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** **Doug Flamm, Wes and Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law**, has skin cancer. Because he is diabetic and had a kidney transplant years ago, treatment is more complicated. Surgery is scheduled for November 17 at U of M. Pray for complete healing.
- *** **Lynsey Jager** will have her annual PET Scan on November 15. Please pray for a clear scan.
- *** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** and **Judy Nieuwenhuis** in their battle against cancer.
- *** **Sherry, Kat Potts niece**, had cancer surgery this past week and is now home. Pray for a good pathology report and strength for Sherry as she starts radiation in the near future.
- *** Pray for comfort for **Patty Schiedel and family** as they grieve the death of Paul, Patty's son.
- *** **Emily Veld** will most likely need surgery at a future date to repair eye muscles that were severely weakened by the tumor that was removed. Pray for patience and healing during the wait.
- *** The **SON-Life Camp Director Hope Wassenaar**, is battling stage four cancer. Pray that God gives complete healing.
- *** Pray for safety in the fields and on the roads during this harvest season.
- *** Pray for the men and women who give of themselves everyday as they serve in our armed forces, as law enforcement officers, EMT personnel, firefighters, and healthcare workers.
- *** Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: **Blaine Anderson** (Jim and Barb Keyzer's nephew); **Shannon Bergsma** (Frank & Margaret Schram and Jan Westendorp's niece); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Tom Damber** (Michelle DeMann's father); **Dennis Helmholdt** (Jerry and Sally Pols's brother-in-law); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Stella Waller**, Linda Benwire's sister; and **John Ybema**, (Morgan's grandfather).

REASONS FOR PRAISE

- *** **We praise God** for all of our veterans.
- *** **Praise God** that the Crops for Christ field was harvested this week.

Sunday Evening - November 8, 2020
Pastor Mark Heijerman

6:00 P. M.:

We Gather As God's People

Prelude – Carol Jager
Welcome

We Praise God in Song

Opening Prayer
Song Service (Rick Katje)

We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation

Time of Prayer
Time of Reflection
Song of Preparation #497: “Near to the Heart of God”

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Acts 6:8-15 (Pew Bible: Page 1700)
Message: “*STEPHEN...LOOKING LIKE AN ANGEL*”
Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #493 (vs. 1-3): “It Is Well with My Soul”
Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #493 (last verse): “It Is Well with My Soul”
Postlude