

# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | May 5, 2024

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Music for Meditation | Sarah Steenwyk

## THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship | Psalm 146:3-8

The Lord's Greeting | 2 Peter 1:1b-2

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

Trinity Psalter Hymnal 146 | Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him! (1,2,4)

Opening Prayer

Trinity Psalter Hymnal 446 | Be Thou My Vision

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES | Exodus 20:1-17 (Responsive Reading)

## RESPONSE IN FAITH, PRAYER AND GRATITUDE

Song | Good Shepherd of My Soul

Assurance of Pardon | Galatians 3:1-9

Prayer for Missions and Evangelism

TITHES AND OFFERINGS followed by Prayer of Dedication | General Fund

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Sermon Text | Revelation 13 (p.972 in church Bible)

Sermon | "The Two Beasts" | Pastor Michael J. Schout

## PRAYER OF APPLICATION

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Song | Ancient of Days

## THE LORD'S BLESSING

Benediction

Silent Prayer and Meditation

# **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE** | May 5 2024

## **PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*Music for Meditation* | Heidi Smith

**THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** | Psalm 68:18-20

**TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL 68B** | O Lord, Thou Hast Ascended

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL 485** | Like a River Glorious

**WE CONFESS** | Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 53, Heidelberg Q/A 46,49

**TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL 371** | Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL 448** | Union with Thee

**TITHES & OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION** | General Fund

**SCRIPTURE** | Ephesians 2:4-7 (*p.917 in church Bible*)

**SERMON** | "In the Heavenly Places" | Pastor Michael J. Schout

## **PRAYER OF APPLICATION**

**SONG** | Behold the Lamb (Communion Song)

## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL 431** | And Can It Be (1,3,5) | Benevolent Offering

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

# SERMON NOTES | Revelation 13

## “The Two Beasts”

### 1. Beast #1

### 2. Beast #2

Discussion Questions for Home:

1. What was most helpful to you about this message, and why?
2. Did anything surprise you about this message? If so, what?
3. What did this passage reveal about Jesus?
4. How did God speak to you in this sermon? What is He calling you to do as a result?

# SERMON NOTES | Ephesians 2:4-7

## “In the Heavenly Places”

### 1. What God Does For Sinners

### 2. Why God Does it

Discussion Questions for Home:

1. What was the most helpful truth from this passage and message?
2. Did anything surprise you? If so, what?
3. What is the good news of this passage?
4. How did God speak to you in this sermon? What is He calling you to do as a result?

# THE LORD'S TABLE

## SHOULD I TAKE COMMUNION HERE?

If you're visiting with us you may wonder whether or not you should receive the sacrament of Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper). We don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable in partaking. We also don't want anyone to partake merely as a form or ritual or just to be sociable! In fact, the Bible says it's dangerous to do so. This isn't our table. It's not the table of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. It's the Lord's table. Therefore, we try to follow His instructions as nearly as we can. In light of His instructions, we invite you to commune if each of the following is true:

- *You have been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit, have repented of your sin, and are trusting Jesus Christ - plus nothing - for right standing with God.*
- *You have been baptized (either as an infant or as an adult). [Baptism (the sign of union) must always precede the Lord's Supper (the sign of communion). If you wish, you can make arrangements for baptism with our pastor.]*
- *You are not living secretly and unrepentantly in sin but are striving by the help of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with your entire life.*
- *You have joined or have been confirmed as a communing member of a church that proclaims the gospel. [If you have not, then we invite you to consider becoming a member here. If you would like more information, please see our pastor.]*
- *You have not been excommunicated or asked by your church to refrain from taking communion. [We respect the discipline of other churches, and we do not want to encourage the practice of lowering the standards of Christian living or evading accountability by allowing unrepentant people to do what their own congregations do not allow them to do.]*

If you can sincerely say "Yes" to each of these things, then we welcome you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe He wants you to renew your covenant bond with Him and us in this way.

If you can not say "Yes" to each of these things - or if you are not sure - then we ask that you please refrain from partaking at this time, and we invite and encourage you in Christ's name to talk with the pastor about how to take steps to enable you to openly enjoy communion with Christ and his people.

**Please note that we serve gluten-free bread.**

**Also, wine is on the inside rings of the tray and grape juice is on the outside ring.**



# WELCOME | We are so glad to have you here with us!

## **Guest Information**



If this is your first time worshipping with us, please stop by our Welcome Center in the foyer and fill out a connection card or scan the QR code. We would like to help you learn more about ways you and your family can connect here at Grace Fellowship.

## **Worship**

We meet for worship at 10:30AM and 5:30PM. All of our hymns are projected at the front of the church. If you would like a printed copy of the music, please speak to an usher or pick up a copy at the Resource Center.

## **Coffee**

Please join us for fellowship following the morning service and enjoy a beverage.

## **Adults**

We offer adult Sunday School classes at 9:30AM. *Sunday school will not meet during the month of May.*

## **Children & Youth**

Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

- Ages 0–3 years: During the worship services, a nursery is provided for infants and toddlers on the north side of the building and is staffed by adult volunteers from our congregation. The service is broadcast in the pastor's study for nursing moms. The service is also broadcast in the conference room (across from the restrooms) during the service if parents need a quiet space to sit or talk with their children.
- Ages 2 years old–12th Grade: Sunday school classes are offered for all grade levels at 9:30AM, January through April and September through November.
- Grades 6-12: Middle School Youth Group meets the 1st Sunday of the month 7-8:30PM and High School Youth Group meets the 3rd Sunday of the month, 7-9PM at Upward Bound Ministries, 541 E Washington, Zeeland, October through April. A meal is provided.

## **Communion**

The first Sunday of the month is Communion Sunday alternating morning and evening service each month.

## **Hospitality Lunch**

Hospitality lunches are frequently offered and are hosted by Church members and regular attenders. Members and visitors who are looking for a place to go for food and fellowship should ask for location information at the Welcome Center.

# GRACE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAMS

## **WELCOME MINISTRY | our mission is to facilitate warm, gospel driven hospitality**

If you have any interest serving in any of the following welcome ministries, please email: [welcome@gracefellowshipopc.com](mailto:welcome@gracefellowshipopc.com).

Welcome Center | Greeters | Ushers | Nursery  
Refreshments | Hospitality Hosts

## **WORSHIP MINISTRY | our mission is to promote vibrant, Christ-exalting worship**

If you play a musical instrument, sing, or are interested in learning more about our worship ministry, please email: [worship@gracefellowshipopc.com](mailto:worship@gracefellowshipopc.com).

## **WALK MINISTRY | our mission is to mobilize multigenerational, every member growth**

If you are interested in getting plugged into the following ministry areas, please email: [walk@gracefellowshipopc.com](mailto:walk@gracefellowshipopc.com).

Sunday School | Women's Ministry | Men's Ministry | Youth Ministry  
Young Adult Ministry | Congregational Care Ministry | Visitation Ministry

## **WITNESS MINISTRY | our mission is to encourage a culture of evangelism**

If you want to learn more about our witness ministries, please email:

[witness@gracefellowshipopc.com](mailto:witness@gracefellowshipopc.com).

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Audio/Visual | *Cade Schumaker*

Building & Grounds | *Nick VanderZwaag*

Décor | *Erica VanRee*

Fellowship | *Mary Van Ree & Leah Folkert*

Greeters | *Mark & Jan Smith*

Nursery | *Lisa VanStrien & Heidi Pronk*

Refreshments | *Shannon VanderZwaag*

Ushers | *James Meekhof*

Welcome Center | *Dustin & Nadine Boven*

Women's Ministry | *Christy McGeehan*

Worship Ministry | *Ted Himebook*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lord's Supper** | We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the evening service. Wine is placed in the center & middle of the tray and grape juice on the outside ring. All elements are gluten free. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information.

**Attention all High school & Middle school students** | Please take a moment and help us show our sincere gratitude for the generosity of Upward Bound allowing us to use their facility for youth group! There are two cards located on the Resource Center table, please sign them and help show our thanks! Parents are welcome to sign too. Thank you! From the Youth Group Leaders

**RYS Hanging Basket Fundraiser** | The RYS Convention youth will be hosting a Hanging Flower Basket sale in the parking lot of our church on Saturday, May 11 beginning at 9:00. If you pre-ordered baskets, please pick them up from 9:00-4:00. Sun loving, shade loving, and indoor flower baskets will also be available for purchase if you didn't pre-order. This is the final fundraiser for our youth before they attend Convention in July. You can also support their pop can drive through May 12.

**RYS High School Faith and Fellowship Pizza and Game Night** | The Want to learn a new game and enjoy fellowship with friends? On May 16, 6-10PM, RYS will host a High School Faith and Fellowship Pizza and Game Night at Cornerstone URC in Hudsonville, MI! We will bring top games such as: Concept, Splendor, Dominion, Code Names, Anomia, Say Anything, Cascadia, Wingspan, Bang, Azul, and Settlers of Catan (and many more). Expect pizza, snacks, candy, and instructions on how to play each game. Cost will be \$5. Please sign up at the Resource Center. Questions? Contact Bre Kleinheksel [breannaholmlund@icloud.com](mailto:breannaholmlund@icloud.com).

**Knitted Together** | Women/girls of all ages are invited to gather on May 18, 10am-12pm at church for feminine fellowship! Bring whatever project you are working on: knitting, crocheting etc. and a treat to share. Don't have a current project or would like to learn a new skill? Come and learn how to make granny squares! Questions? Contact Katrina Schumaker or Terry Vandervelde.



# GRACE FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

## TODAY

**AM Worship | 10:30AM**

Pastor Mike Schout

*Overflow Room: Pronk/Tanis Shepherding Group*

**PM Worship | 5:30PM**

Pastor Mike Schout

## NEXT SUNDAY

**AM Worship | Pastor Mike Schout**

*Overflow Room: VanStrien/VanRee Shepherding Group*

General Fund

**PM Worship | TBD**

General Fund

## EVENTS @ GRACE FELLOWSHIP

### THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 7PM Women's Bible Study**

**Saturday 9AM RYS Plant Sale**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 18 Knitted Together**

# VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## NURSERY

### This Week

**AM** Lori Dykstra | Pam Himebook

**Infant** Kristen VanderMeyden | Annalee VanStrien

**PM** Cassidy Bordewyk **Infant** Christina Kapenga  
Mya Dykstra

### Next Week

**AM** Lisa VanStrien | Hannah DeVries

**Infant** Lisa VanDyken | Natalie Kapenga

**PM** Shawna Ulberg **Infant** Dawn Harsevoort  
Emily VanDyken

## USHERS

### This Week

Gary Handel & Jordan Dykstra

### Next Week

Ed Heerema & Nick Schipper

## GREETERS

### This Week

Mary Remick & Shannon VanderZwaag

### Next Week

Andrew & Kelli Kapenga

## COFFEE SERVERS

### This Week

Melisa Engelsma

### Next Week

Renita Kuiper

## WELCOME CENTER

### This Week

Pam Himebook & Ted Jr.

### Next Week

Jim & Mary Zuidema.

## UNLOCK/LOCK

### This Week

Ted Himebook, Jr.

### Next Week

Dave MacMaster.

## JANITORS

### May 11

Nick VanderZwaag, Jon Kraker, John Katona

### May 18

Dave & Jessica MacMaster

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 | Rosie Clason  
2 | Emma Batts  
2 | Tom Stout  
4 | Bill Kamp  
9 | Carly Verstrate  
9 | Kristen VanderMeyden  
9 | Deb Kooienga  
10 | Caden Engelsma  
11 | Nate Bordewyk  
13 | Eleanor Drew  
14 | Connor Kalsbeek  
16 | Lori Dykstra  
18 | Sophia Marcusse  
18 | Kelli Kapenga  
19 | Olivia Haveman  
19 | Mindy Weiss  
20 | Liam Kamp  
22 | Dawn Harsevoort  
23 | Stacy Widner  
25 | Mitchell Steenwyk  
26 | Stephen Schout  
26 | Bryan Blank  
28 | Sheryl Alkema

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 | Logan & Sami Lubbers  
1 | Jonathan & Maryann VanDyke  
6 | Jim & Lori Dykstra  
14 | Dan & Deb Kooienga  
16 | Martin & Kara Clason  
19 | Nick & Liz Schipper  
21 | James & Teri Meekhof  
25 | Doug & Joyce Roossien  
28 | Gary & Jane Handel  
29 | Jay & Mara Baum  
29 | Ed & Ruth Heerema  
30 | Brad & Michelle Helder  
30 | Kees & Kenna Kiledjian

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