

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | April 21, 2024

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Music for Meditation | Rachel DeBoer

THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship | Isaiah 26:3-4

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

RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

Trinity Psalter Hymnal 265 | In Christ Alone

Opening Prayer

Song | The Lord's My Shepherd

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES | John 13:34-35

RESPONSE IN FAITH, PRAYER AND GRATITUDE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 2:1-2

Congregational Prayer

TITHES AND OFFERINGS followed by **Prayer of Dedication** | General Fund

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Song | Show Us Christ

Sermon Text | Revelation 12:1-12a (*p.971 in church Bible*)

Sermon | "When the Accuser Lost His Case" | Pastor Michael J. Schout

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Trinity Psalter Hymnal 277 | Before the Throne of God Above

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Benediction

Silent Prayer and Meditation

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | April 21, 2024

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Music for Meditation | Sarah Steenwyk

THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP | Psalm 135:13-21

TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL 135 | O Praise the LORD! His Praise Proclaim! (1,2,4,5)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG | He Will Hold Me Fast

READING THROUGH THE PSALMS | Psalm 94

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

TITHES & OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION | Presbytery Spring Offering

TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL 159 | Abide With Me

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 18:20-40 (*p.279 in church Bible*)

SERMON | “The Contest on Mount Carmel” | Pastor Michael J. Schout

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

SONG | Only a Holy God

BENEDICTION

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

SERMON NOTES | Revelation 12:1-12a

“When the Accuser Lost His Case”

1. The Characters in this War

2. The Details of this War

3. The Outcome of this War

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 | 1 Kings 18:20-40

“The Contest on Mount Carmel”

1. The Lead Up to this Story

2. The Telling of this Story

3. The Impact of this Story

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?



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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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GRACE FELLOWSHIP SERVICE TEAMS

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

New Members | The session gives thanks to the Lord that Jordan & Rachel Dykstra, along with their baptized children Luke, Callie, Ava and Liam; Bill & Elisa Machiele along with their baptized children Alex, Carson and Dustin; and Stephen & Ruth Ann Majauskas along with their baptized children Daniel, Jemima, Caleb, Abigail and Elijah will be received as members of Grace Fellowship OPC in the coming weeks.

Special Offering | The Special Offering tonight will be received for the OPC Presbytery Spring Offering. The Presbytery of Michigan/Ontario has approved Community OPC (Kalamazoo, MI) as the recipient of the annual Spring Offering. Community has set a total goal of raising \$270K by the end of 2024 to aid in renovations costs and accelerated repayment of the loan on their new building. The Presbytery is hopeful of raising \$80,000 through the Spring Offering to aid them in this endeavor. Give today during the special collection, or online at opcchurchplanting.org/spring-offering. See the bulletin insert for more details.

High School at Upward Bound | Tonight High School Youth Group will meet at Upward Bound, 541 E Washington Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464, 7-9PM. All high schoolers are invited! Contact Nick at nickk2745@gmail.com or (231) 747-0559

Herrera Send-Off Next Sunday | In celebration and appreciation for the completion of Merari's internship, please plan to join us on the deck (weather permitting) for cupcakes and beverages immediately following the evening service next Sunday! We hope this is a prolonged time of fellowship as we entrust the Herreras and their future ministry in Denver, Colorado to the Lord.

Friday Night Fellowship | Please join us on Friday, April 26 at 6:00 pm for a pig roast potluck meal at The Old Wooden Barn at 5178 New Holland St., Hudsonville. We'll enjoy locally grown roasted pork along with side dishes and desserts. Families with last names A-M bring a side dish (your choice hot or cold), and N-Z bring a dessert. Pulled pork, rolls, beverages, and table service will be provided. Tim Vander Zwaag, Farmhouse Restaurant co-owner and farm accident survivor, will be sharing his powerful story of God's faithfulness. Please bring outdoor yard games if you have them and sign up at the Resource Center.

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.

Spring Cleaning | Church Spring Cleaning is May 4, 9AM-12PM. Please sign up at the Resource Center by April 28. If you have any questions please see Nick VanderZwaag. If you can bring an extra vacuum, extra buckets, rags, or empty spray bottles, please note that when you sign up.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

TODAY

Sunday School | 9:30AM

AM Worship | 10:30AM

Pastor Mike Schout

Overflow Room: Karel/Folkert Shepherding Group

Hospitality Lunch | Huyck Small Group

PM Worship | 5:30PM

Pastor Mike Schout

High School Youth Group | 7PM

NEXT SUNDAY

AM Worship | Pastor Mike Schout

Overflow Room: McGeehan/Veldink Shepherding Group

General Fund

PM Worship | Intern Merari Herrera

Building Fund

EVENTS @ GRACE FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

Friday 6PM Friday Night Fellowship

Friday—Saturday Middle School Retreat

Saturday 7AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday Presbytery Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 Spring Cleaning

May 18 Knitted Together

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

NURSERY

This Week

AM Lisa Brink | Leah Folkert

Infant Holland Huyck | Eliana VanderMeyden

PM Cindy Hoeve **Infant** Elise Hulst

Rachelle Marcusse

Next Week

AM Bre Kleinheksel | Elizabeth Kuiper

Infant Michelle Berry | Raelynn VanStrien

PM Melisa Engelsma **Infant** Elsa Kraker

Addie VanDyke

USHERS

This Week

Chris Benczkowski & Nate Bordewyk

Next Week

Ross Brown & Cal Folkert

GREETERS

This Week

Dan & Deb Kooienga

Next Week

Matt & Dawn Harsevoort

COFFEE SERVERS

This Week

Mary Ann VanDyke

Next Week

Megan Veldink

WELCOME CENTER

This Week

Pastor Mike & Naomi Schout

Next Week

Dustin & Nadine Boven

UNLOCK/LOCK

This Week

Nick VanderZwaag

Next Week

Doug Roossien

JANITORS

April 27

Paul & Kim Fields

May 4

Spring Cleaning Day

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 | Andrew VanDyke
2 | Nate Koops
3 | Dylan Engelsma
3 | Carol Smith
4 | Louisa Marcusse
4 | Isaac Kapenga
4 | Jonathan Johnson
5 | Todd Entingh
6 | Alysha Tjapkes
6 | Jane Jennings
7 | Elizabeth Kuiper
8 | Simeon VanderMeyden
9 | James Wedekind
10 | Gabriella Tanis
10 | Holland Huyck
10 | Tracey Huyck
10 | Barb Powell
11 | Jarod Harsevoort
11 | Michelle Berry
11 | Haley Brown
13 | Jennifer Coleman

13 | Nick VanLoo
13 | Rick Brander
14 | Ted Himebook, Jr.
16 | Liam Dykstra
16 | Gerrit Gritters
17 | Grady Veldink
17 | Anneke Wind
19 | Caleb Boven
19 | Pete VanStrien, Sr
19 | Aaron Batts
20 | Jayden Dykstra
21 | Natalie Lummen
21 | Dan Kooienga
22 | Trey Decker
22 | Michelle VanDyke
22 | Mary Remick
23 | Elijah VanStrien
23 | Kelly Schuiteman
27 | Gezina Baum
29 | Benjamin Berry
29 | Emma Yonker
29 | Selah Steenwyk

29 | Ebellien Brouwer
30 | Teri Meekhof

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2 | Kevin & Julie Everts
2 | Ron & Joan Kootstra
4 | Matt & Dawn Harsevoort
17 | Austin & Erica VanRee

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