

October 7th, 2018

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/Open Our Eyes

arr. Callaway

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:17-27

***Hymn of Praise**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 32

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. REFRAIN

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

REFRAIN:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Congregation on bold print

Psalm 121

(Hymnal page 831)

I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life;

the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, for we have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy

and steadfast love, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

—based on Daniel 9:4-19

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 53:4-5

⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

No. 247

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
look on me with Thy favor, vouch-safe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
for this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

New City Catechism Question # 4

How and why did God create us?

God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

arr. Hamilton

*Choruses of Preparation

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has num - bered
Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
Who has felt the nails up - on His hand, bear - ing all the
ev' - ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
an - y of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave.

All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our
Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!

God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our
King. Noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him.

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Sermon Outline:

1. The Darkness
2. Light to Darkness
3. Darkness to Light

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements so that we may all partake together.

The bread set apart is gluten free.

We use wine in the Lord's Supper, however, for those who prefer, grape juice is provided in the outer ring of the tray.

***Hymn of Response**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

No. 528

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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.

***Postlude**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

arr. Berry

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Piano

Scripture Reading & Intercessory Prayer:

Denise O’Neal
Nelson Schoon, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 10/07	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
		High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service & The Lord’s Supper
TUES 10/09	1:00 PM	Greene Care Group
WED 10/03	9:30 AM	Ladies’ Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies’ Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Schoon Care Group
SAT 10/13	8:00 AM	GSPC Men’s Study
SUN 10/14	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
		High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Prayer Service led by Missions Committee

Announcements

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper will be celebrated today. An offering for the Deacon's Fund will be received at the back of the sanctuary.

☞ **No Children's Bible Time Today:** There will be no Children's Bible Time on the Sundays when The Lord's Supper is scheduled.

☞ **\$5,000 Matching Gifts:** There are two families who have said they will match offerings above and beyond your tithe. The match will be a 2:1 gift resulting in a total of \$15,000 toward the General Fund when we receive \$5,000 in additional giving. If you desire to give above your normal monthly gift, please write "Matching Gift" in the memo of your check going toward this, or include a note with your cash gifts. If you have questions, please speak to one of the deacons.

☞ ***Gospel Shaped Living:*** This week the focus is *A Truthful Church in a Confused World*. The last two weeks will focus on *A Joyful Church in a Suffering World* and then *How to be the Church in the World*.

☞ **Divine Hope Seminary's Annual Shooting Sports Fundraiser:** This annual fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 13 at 9 am Easter Time at the Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, MI. Cost is \$125 per person for shells, 14 stations, and lunch. For more details visit: divinehope.net.

☞ **Fall Lectures:** Dr. Robert Letham will be presenting the Fall Lectures at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer this year. The lectures will be held on November 7 and 8 on Mid-America's campus. Dr. Letham will be speaking on controversies at the Synod of Dordt and the Westminster Assembly. Dr. Letham is the Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at the Union School of Theology. The cost is free and further information, as well as registration details, can be found online at midamerica.edu.

☞ **Bonfire:** Save the date of Saturday, October 27. The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee is planning an all-church bonfire.

Serving the Lord

	<i>10/07</i>	<i>10/14</i>	<i>10/21</i>
S.S. Nursery	L. Marshall	S. Lauer	L. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	Brianna M., Mallory V.	J. Rogers, Sara M.	D. O'Neal, Cordie A.
Greeters	Hrivnak	Lanenga	Lindborg
Bring Treats	Jessica and Brianna Marshall	Lauer	LE Greene
Server & Clean-Up	Hrivnak	Lauer	LE Greene
Children's Bible Time	No CBT	S. Schoon, Elyssa O.	L. Hrivnak, Sophia S.
	No CBT	U.2, S.5 The Lost Sheep	U.2, S.6 The Lost Coin
Audio	Becky S. w/ J. Martin	L. Marshall	Jackson G.
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Hrivnak	Schoon
Deacon of the Week	Vanderstar	DeGroot	DeGroot

Offering

Last 4 weeks 09/09/18 – 09/30/18	Year to Date 01/01/18 – 09/30/18	
	Offering	Budget
\$17,165	\$119,782	\$130,463 (\$10,680)

Building Fund

Last 4 Weeks 09/09/18 – 09/30/18	Since Campaign Began 10/20/2013 – 09/30/18
\$0	\$535,500