



January 6, 2019

## WE GATHER IN UNITY

- \*GATHERING SONG *Holy is the Lord*  
WELCOME  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
\*SONGS OF PRAISE *Arise, Shine/This Little Light*  
*By Faith*  
READING Matthew 2:1-12 Jim Nyhoff  
PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

## WE GROW IN GRACE

- CALL TO CONFESSION  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
ASSURANCE OF CONFESSION *In Christ Alone*  
GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES  
OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Christian Education  
OFFERTORY *The Cause of Christ*  
FAMILY PRAYER

## WE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

- \*SONG OF PREPARATION *Be Thou My Vision*  
SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 12:13 (pew Bible, page 547)  
SERMON **Ecclesiastes: Life Purpose**  
PRAYER

## WE ARE NURTURED TO EXTEND

- \*SONG OF RESPONSE *Be Unto Your Name*

## WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE

- \*GOD'S BLESSING  
\*CLOSING PRAISE *Hear Our Praises*

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

- Preacher Rev. Nicholas Hopkins  
Liturgist Aaron Polet  
Musicians Barb Banaszak, Nate Jen, Matt Kraker,  
Phil Van Eck, Joyce Altena, Kendra Malatek,  
Jim Nyhoff, Aaron Polet

**Welcome to Shawnee Park!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us, and we pray God will bless your time here. If you are a guest, please stop by the Connection Center before you leave.

**This morning,** we'll learn as God prompts the Teacher to question the purpose of life (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

**Next Sunday,** Rev. Bill Van Tol will preach as we see that human love is a gift and a key to understanding God's own love for his people (Song of Songs). We will also remember and receive God's grace through the sacrament of Communion as we celebrate the Love Feast.

## CONCERNS & PRAISES

- Thank You Shawnee family for remembering me with all the beautiful Christmas cards and notes. It is greatly appreciated! May you have a blessed New Year. ~Edna Duthler
- Bruce Sienkowski had a pain blocking procedure this past week and begins chemo on Wednesday of this coming week. Remember Bruce, Laurie, and their family as we pray for effectiveness in the treatment and decreases in side-effects and pain.
- Pastor Nick's leave of absence begins on Monday, January 7. He will return to the office during the week of February 18. Please continue praying for Pastor Nick and Megan as well as those in the Shawnee family who need this time to adjust and process.
- **Jamaica Service / Vision Team**  
Please remember our Jamaica Service/Vision team as they leave this Saturday, January 5. Pray for safe travels, good health, the growth of relationships, and God's guidance regarding how we can partner with the ministry there in the future.
- **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH: Rev. Scott Stark, GVSU Campus Ministry**—Pray for students as classes resume this week. CM@GVSU kicks off the new year with a Campus Praise Rally on Monday, January 7, at 9 PM. This is a large worship gathering of 600+ students praising Jesus and praying for the Spirit's work on campus in 2019.

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

- **Sunday school** for children and youth will resume today. Please plan to meet all together in the Lake Ontario Room (Youth) for the first few minutes.
- **There will be NO Adult Education this Sunday.** We will resume next week Sunday, January 13.
- **Women's Bible Study**  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 9:30 AM  
Lesson: Six More Women in the Bible  
Leader: Melanie Veldman  
Refreshment: Janet Borgdorff, Phyllis Roelofs
- **Disaster Response Team:** A World Renew Disaster Response Team is being formed. The team will rebuild homes among the poor in LaBelle, Florida from March 23-30. Plan to meet in the sanctuary immediately after worship on January 20, the deadline for turning in World Renew service applications. Please contact Bill Van Tol at 616-822-2607 with questions.
- **Valet Service Available:** Let us park your car for you on Sunday mornings. A volunteer valet service is offered by the Safe Church Team each Sunday at the curb on the circle drive.
- **Trip Hazard Reduction Work:** The Building & Grounds Committee has explored options to decrease the trip hazards of our aging concrete. We recently had concrete cutting work done to make our cement surfaces ADA Compliant. Complete cutting which is a cost effective, although shorter term solution, to providing a safer environment around our church.
- **Kitchen Usage:** Grand Rapids Christian High School will be using our church kitchen January 8–18, from 12–2:30 PM for a cooking class.
- **Soup Sisters in January**  
Marilyn Kraai and Mary Van Dyke

CALENDAR: 2019 JANUARY	
<b>Sun 6</b>	8:40 AM College/Career Breakfast 9:30 AM <b>Morning Service</b> Preacher: Rev. Bill Van Tol Offering: Christian Education Fund Nursery, Children's Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Education
<b>Tues 8</b>	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Executive Committee 7:00 PM Outreach Committee
<b>Wed 9</b>	5:00 PM Worship Planning 6:00 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale Rehearsal
<b>Sat 12</b>	9:00 AM Respite Care
<b>Sun 13</b>	8:40 AM College/Career Breakfast 9:30 AM <b>Morning Service,</b> <b>Communion</b> Offering: Benevolence Fund Nursery, Children's Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM Fellowship Committee
<b>Mon 14</b>	7:45 PM Worship Committee
<b>Tues 15</b>	7:00 PM Consistory 7:00 PM Deacons 8:15 PM Council
<b>Wed 16</b>	5:00 PM Worship Planning 5:15 PM W.O.W. 6:00 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale Rehearsal
<b>Sat 19</b>	5:30 PM Game Night at church



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