



November 25, 2018

**WE GATHER IN UNITY**

- \*GATHERING SONG     *Come, You Thankful People*
- WELCOME & GOD’S GREETING
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP
- \*SONGS OF PRAISE             *How Firm a Foundation*  
  *Better is One Day*
- READING            1 Peter 2:4-12                    Eh Khu Paw
- PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

**WE GROW IN GRACE**

- CALL TO CONFESSION
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- ASSURANCE                         *Who You Say I Am*
- GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES
- OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD             Ministry Fund
- OFFERTORY             *How Deep the Father’s Love*
- FAMILY PRAYER

**WE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE**

- \*SONG OF PREPARATION     *Be Still for the Presence*  
  *of the Lord*
- SCRIPTURE            2 Chronicles 7:17-18 (page 374)
- SERMON                **Ezra: Temple Restoration**
- PRAYER

**WE ARE NURTURED TO EXTEND**

- \*SONG OF RESPONSE                 *No Longer Slaves*

**WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE**

- \*GOD’S BLESSING
- \*CLOSING PRAISE     *The Church’s One Foundation*

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Preacher   Rev. Nicholas Hopkins  
Musicians   Barb Banaszak, Nate Jen, Matt Kraker,  
              Phil Van Eck, Alyssa Kraker, Nicole Kreisman,  
              Aaron Polet, Claire Banaszak

**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 will watch as God brings the exiles back to Jerusalem and directs that his temple be rebuilt (Ezra 1:3).

**Next Sunday,** God moves the returned exiles to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:17).

**CONCERNS & PRAISES**

- Dear Shawnee Park Congregation and Staff, On behalf of the Kent County affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) we want to thank you for your gracious hospitality in hosting our Family to Family classes. We have all learned and grown as we shared our experience of having a loved one with mental illness. As a volunteer run, non-profit organization, we truly appreciate your willingness to host our classes. We are especially grateful to those who faithfully set up and tore down the room we used, which allowed us to focus our attention and energy on the class members. Thank you for blessing us in this way - and may you be blessed by your generosity. ~ Mary Mobley & Pam Squire, Co-Leaders
- **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH—Gil and Joyce Suh, Resonate Global Missions in Cambodia:** Pray for safety at the upcoming water festival when the city of Phnom Penh will double in population and there are many risks (previous years there was a stampede in which many died and were injured.) Also, we give thanks that the move to the new house has been good for us—though downsized, still plenty of space and provides a quiet stable environment for us to work and live.
- **COUNCIL NOTE:** At its November 20 meeting, Council received the membership of Josh DeVries from First Cuttleville CRC of Byron Center and also acknowledged the transfer of Jeff and Debbie Overweg and their daughters to the Community Reformed Church of Zeeland. Christmas is coming and all Council members thank you for your continued gifts of support and prayer.

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, November 20, 9:30 AM

Lesson: Heaven, led by Jackie Timmer

Refreshment: Carina Schuurman, Diane Spoelhof

- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT ED:** There will be no classes this morning. Instead, everyone is invited to head down to the Fellowship Room to start filling bags of Christmas greetings with cards for the home-bound, missionary, and service members of our Shawnee family.

- FALL TEAS 2018:** November 29 at the Breton Ridge Private Dining Room; or December 6 at the Raybrook DeVos 2nd Floor Conference Room. Residents of these communities, as well as congregation members, are welcome to attend either of these events from 3 to 4:30 PM. Please RSVP to the church office at 616-452-6971 if you would like to attend.

### SHAWNEE PARK CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Reserve the date for the annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 10:30 AM. Everyone is invited—men & women!

### SENIOR ADVENTURERS – SAVE THE DATE:

All seniors (55+), are invited to a New Year's Eve Party, December 31, 2018 at 7:30 PM (after the New Year's Eve service), at Quail Crest Party House. Watch your mail folders for details.

- INTERESTED IN READING SCRIPTURE** in a worship Service? The reading schedule for 2019 is in the midst of being put together. If you are interested in reading 2-3 times a year, please let Mel Veldman know!

- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** The Safe Church Team who monitors the church before, during and after Sunday service, as well as assists in Valet Parking, is seeking more volunteers. Please contact Char Bulthuis in the church office for more information.

## CALENDAR: 2018 NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

<b>Sun 25</b>	9:30 AM <b>Morning Service</b> Offering: Ministry Fund Nursery Children's Worship 2:00 PM Jail Service Ministry 5:00 PM Young Teens & Youth Group
<b>Tues 27</b>	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Education Committee
<b>Wed 28</b>	5:00 PM Worship Planning 6:00 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale Rehearsal
<b>Thurs 29</b>	3:00 PM Breton Ridge Fall Tea
<i>December</i>	8:40 AM College/Career Breakfast
<b>Sun 2</b>	9:30 AM <b>Morning Service</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Nursery Children's Worship 7:00 PM Fellowship Committee
<b>Tues 4</b>	7:00 PM Outreach Committee
<b>Wed 5</b>	5:15 PM W.O.W. 5:00 PM Worship Planning 6:00 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale Rehearsal
<b>Sat 8</b>	9:00 AM Respite Care

- FAVORITE HYMNS:** Don't forget to let us know your favorite 5-20 hymns by the end of Dec. 2018. Fill it out online, if you're able, otherwise paper copies are available in the lobby.
- VALET SERVICE AVAILABLE:** Let us park your car for you on Sunday mornings! A valet service is offered by the Safe Church Team each Sunday morning.
- BUILDING AND GROUNDS NEEDS: New committee members** sought. Please contact Bruce Sienkowski to learn more.

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