

**December 14, 2025**

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## Order of Worship

### **Song Service - 4:50 PM**

Psalter 183:1, 2, 4

Psalter 342:1, 3, 4

### **Morning Worship – 9:30 AM**

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 446

Reading of the Law

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 215:3, 4, 5, 6

Prayer

Psalter\* 401

Sermon

Prayer

Psalter\* 32

Benediction\*

Doxology – Psalter\* 395:1, 4

### **Evening Worship – 5:00 PM**

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 266

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 238

Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Psalter\* 125:1-5

Sermon

Prayer

Psalter\* 220:1, 2, 6

Benediction\*

Doxology – Psalter\* 406:1, 3, 5

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

Sermon:

### **Expectation for the Next Generation**

Scripture: Genesis 49;

Matthew 1:18-25

Text: Genesis 49:18

Sermon:

### **Thou Fairest Among Women**

Scripture: Song of Solomon 6

Text: Song of Solomon 6

## Church Family

### **Homebound:**

Mrs. Rieka Bouwer (Kok)

Mrs. Joyce Kik (Cummings)

Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Betty Kooyers

Mrs. Marilyn Nederveld (Elzinga)

Mrs. Esther Richards (Faasse)

Mrs. Jan Van Grouw (Vander Have)

Mr. Teunis VanderGraaf

### **Remember in Prayer:**

Pastor Lawrence Bilkes

Jonathan Carlson

Mrs. Joyce Kik

Mrs. Judy Kwekel

Mr. William McQuade

Mr. Robert Nordyke

Mr. Jerry Phillips

Bill & Kathy Pols

Mrs. Esther Richards

Miss Cheryl Tiesenga

Dr. David Kranendonk is preaching in Hamilton FRC today.

Please continue to pray for Jonathan Carlson, who has been in Helen DeVos Mental and Behavioral Health Hospital for help relating to his mental illness.

Thank you so much to our church family for all the love and support shown to us with the baby shower and gifts last week! We are incredibly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

James 1:17

*Jordan & Hope Spaans*

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## Consistory Members

Pastor: Pastor Ian Macleod (Chairman – Consistory)

Elders: Ron VanderBoon (Vice-Chair)

Henk Kleyn (Clerk)

Dr. David Kranendonk

Corbin Prince

Larry Roelofs

Dick Spaans

District 1

District 3

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 2

## Calendar

*"The Lord willing" James 4:15*

- December 17** (Wednesday) 6 PM Fellowship Meal at GCA.
- December 18** (Thursday) 7:30 PM Young Adult Prayer Meeting.
- December 20** (Saturday) 2 PM Neighborhood Outreach.
- December 22** (Monday) 7 PM Deacons Meeting.
- December 25** (Thursday) 9:30 AM Christmas Day Service led by Dr. David Kranendonk. The Sunday School Christmas Program will follow the service.
- December 28** (Sunday) 2 PM & 3 PM Jail Services at Kent County Jail.
- December 28** (Sunday) 7 PM Youth Group at the Bilkes home after the evening service.
- December 31** (Wednesday) 7 PM New Year's Eve Service led by Pastor Macleod.
- January 1** (Thursday) 9:30 AM New Year's Day Service led by Pastor Macleod.

## Other News

- Pastor Darryl Dedert, from Grand Rapids HRC, has declined the call from Redeemer FRC.
- **Word & Deed Prayer Update – John Otten:** This month, Word & Deed's prayer update is a different kind of request for prayer. Our very own John Otten, Word & Deed's Director of Projects, has recently been diagnosed with terminal bone cancer. As many of you may remember, John started working for Word & Deed in 2008 after serving the Lord in Cubulco, Guatemala, for over 17 years. We have always been blessed by John's first-hand insight into the work of our partners and his ability to develop meaningful relationships with so many of them. Please join us in praying for John and Connie, as well as their children and grandchildren, that they would experience the peace that passes all understanding in the weeks ahead. We serve a caring and gracious Father. "The Lord is the strength of my life..." Psalm 27:1b.

## Congregational Life

- Today, Candidate Floris Visser will lead our morning worship service, and Pastor Macleod will lead our evening worship service.
- Next week, Dr. David Kranendonk will lead our morning worship service, and Pastor Macleod will lead our evening worship service.
- The Sunday School (Beginners-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be practicing for the Christmas Program during Sunday School this morning. **Please meet upstairs in the wing.** The Christmas Program will take place after our service on Christmas Day.
- The youth group will not be meeting today. We hope to have our next gathering after the evening service on **December 28** at the Bilkes home.
- There will be a *Christmas Day Service*, led by Dr. David Kranendonk, on **Thursday, December 25 at 9:30 AM**, followed by the Sunday School Christmas Program.
- **From the Education Committee:** Dear Parents – This year, the students in our Sunday School program will again receive a gift from the Consistory. The 1<sup>st</sup> Graders will receive a small Psalter, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will receive a Bible. **All other students** will receive a gift card for \$10.00 to use toward books at Reformation Heritage Books. You will find the gift cards in your church mailbox next week. RHB carries a wide variety of edifying and interesting books for children and young people, and we encourage you to put these certificates to use!
- As we enter the winter season, please remember to check our church web site ([www.frcgrandrapids.org](http://www.frcgrandrapids.org)) for information regarding any changes to our church events and services. A congregational e-mail or text will also be sent when there are cancellations.
- There will be a Fellowship Meal on **Wednesday, December 17 at 6 PM** at Grace Christian Academy. If you have not yet RSVP'd to Michelle Roelofs at 616.430.8662 with how many people from your family will be attending, please do so ASAP. Grace Christian Academy has warmly invited anyone interested to tour the new addition at 5:30 before dinner. *If you would like to participate in this tour, please contact Corbin Prince at 616.422.8939 or [caprince13@gmail.com](mailto:caprince13@gmail.com).*



<b>Nursery</b>		
<b>Today</b>	<b>Baby</b>	<b>Toddler</b>
Morning	Jamie Beeke Emma Prince	Bethany Carlson Audrey Bilkes
Evening	Melanie VanderBoon	Kennedy Remijn
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Baby</b>	<b>Toddler</b>
Morning	Julie Timmer Rose Roelofs	Margaret Kleyn Jenna Carlson
Evening	Ang Joseph	Kaylee Roelofs
<i>Christmas Day:</i> Sarah Walkotten, Stephanie Vlietstra, Paula Roelofs		

<b>Ushers</b>		
	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
Today	Shane DeMeester	Matt Bazen
Next Week	Nate Carlson	Jon Roelofs

<b>Offerings</b>		
<b>Today</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Building</b>
Next Week	General	Denominational

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