November 1, 2026

Order of Worship

Song Service - 4:50 PM
Psalter 278: all
Psalter 49: all

Morning Worship – 9:30 AM	**Evening Worship – 5:00 PM**
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*	Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 252	Psalter* 268
Reading of the Law	Reading of Scripture
Reading of Scripture	Psalter 431:1, 4, 5, 6
Psalter 334:1, 2, 3	Apostles' Creed
Prayer	Prayer
Psalter* 307	Psalter* 188
Sermon	Sermon
Prayer	Prayer
Psalter* 407	Psalter* 73:2, 3, 4, 6
Benediction*	Benediction*
Doxology – Psalter* 3:3 4	Doxology – Psalter* 408:3

**Please stand if you are able.*

Sermon:	Sermon:
The Passage of the Red Sea	**Christ's Welcome for Sinners**
Scripture: Exodus 14	Scripture: John 6:22-40
Text: Exodus 14:30-31; Hebrews 11:29	Text: John 6:37

Church Family

Homebound:

Mrs. Rieka Bouwer (Kok)
Mrs. Joyce Kik (Cummings)
Mr. Paul Kooyers
Mrs. Marilyn Nederveld (Elzinga)
Mrs. Esther Richards (Faasse)
Mrs. Jan Van Grouw (Vander Have)

Remember in Prayer:

Pastor Lawrence Bilkes
Jonathan Carlson
Mrs. Joyce Kik
Mr. Jerry Phillips
Mr. Al VandenToorn

Dr. David Kranendonk is preaching in London FRC today.

Consistory Members

Pastor:	Pastor Ian Macleod (Chairman – Consistory)	
Elders:	Ron VanderBoon (Vice-Chair)	District 1
	Henk Kleyn (Clerk)	District 3
	Jason Beeke	District 5
	Dr. David Kranendonk	District 3
	Corbin Prince	District 4
	Dick Spaans	District 2
Deacons:	Josh Hults (Chairman)	District 2
	Dan Roelofs (Vice-Chair)	District 5
	Josh Scholten (Secretary)	District 4
	Jim VanderGraaf (Asst. Treas.)	District 3
	Kevin Walkotten (Treasurer)	District 1

Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

November 1 (Today) 11 AM Confession of Faith Class.

November 1 (Today) 2 PM & 3 PM Jail Services at Kent County Jail.

November 3 (Tuesday) 7 PM Evening Ladies Bible Study.

November 4 (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Dr. David Kranendonk.

November 5 (Thursday) 7:30 PM Young Adult Prayer Meeting.

November 7 (Saturday) 8 AM Men's Bible Study.

November 8 (Sunday) 11 AM Confession of Faith Class.

November 10 (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Morning Ladies Bible Study.

November 10 (Tuesday) 7 PM Consistory Meeting. We will meet in the boardroom at PRTS.

November 11 (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Pastor Macleod.

November 13 (Friday) Youth Group.

Advanced Notice: November 18 (Wednesday) 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal at GCA.

Other News

- Bornholm FRC has extended a call to Rev. Pieter van der Hoek, from Hull, Iowa HRC, to be their pastor.
- The FRC/HRC Unity Committee has organized regional seminars to expose Sunday School teachers to a new resource called *Equipping Teachers: Techniques and Resources for Teaching in the Church.* Our closest seminar will take place in Grand Rapids HRC on **Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30 PM**, led by Rev. Darryl Dedert. It will also be livestreamed so that you can join remotely. We encourage all those who teach Sunday School classes to attend.

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services.
- Next week, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services.
- The Sunday School & Catechism classes (Beginner – 6th Grade) will meet upstairs this morning for a combined opening. We will have a collection for our sponsor child at this time. The Psalter of the month for November is **Psalter 292:1 & 5**.
- The *Christmas Program* will be distributed to the Sunday School and Catechism teachers today (Beginners – 6th Grade). A packet will be sent home with **the oldest child of each family**, which will include the songs they will be singing, as well as the verses they will be saying.
- Next Sunday morning, the sacrament of *Holy Baptism* will be administered to *Grace Emery,* daughter of Micah & Emily Kruithoff, and *Ethan Travis,* son of Jonathan & Rachel Vergunst.
- ***Adult Sunday School:*** Next week (November 8), Dr. Barrett will lead our Adult Sunday School class again, the Lord willing, and will continue our study of *Christ in the Old Testament.* Please join us in the sanctuary after our morning service next week. On November 15 and 22, Mr. William McQuade will lead a sermon discussion during our Adult Sunday School time.
- ***From the Deacons:*** Our Building Fund collections for November and December (including the collection today) will be specifically for a project to re-upholster the benches in the wing of the sanctuary. We commend these collections to your prayerful consideration.
- ***From the Dorcas Guild:*** We are currently doing our Operation Christmas Child shoe box project for Samaritan's Purse. The boxes are available in the narthex. Please return filled boxes to church by **Sunday, November 15**. Thank you!
- ***From the Family Camp Committee:*** Save the date! Family Camp 2027 is scheduled for August 16-18 at Camp Michawana.
- The Combined Consistories South will meet this coming **Tuesday, November 3** in St. Thomas FRC in Ontario. Our delegates are Pastor Macleod and Elder Prince. Alternates are Elders Beeke and VanderBoon.

Meditation

NEW BIRTH

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
John 3:3

This change of heart is rendered absolutely necessary to salvation by the corrupt condition in which we are all, without exception, born. 'That which is born of the flesh is flesh.' Our nature is thoroughly fallen. The carnal mind is enmity against God (Romans 8:7). We come into the world without faith, or love, or fear towards God. We have no natural inclination to serve Him or obey Him and no natural pleasure in doing His will. Left to Himself, no child of Adam would ever turn to God. The truest description of the change which we all need in order to make us real Christians is the expression, 'new birth.'

This mighty change, it must never be forgotten, we cannot give to ourselves. The very name which our Lord gives to it is a convicting proof of this. He calls it a birth. No man is the author of his own existence, and no man can quicken his own soul. We might as well expect a dead man to give himself life as expect a natural man to make himself spiritual. A power from above must be put in exercise, even the same power which created the world (2 Corinthians 4:6). Man can do many things, but he cannot give life either to himself or to others. To give life is the peculiar prerogative of God. Well may our Lord declare that we need to be 'born again!'

This mighty change, we must above all remember, is a thing without which we cannot go to heaven and could not enjoy heaven if we went there. Our Lord's words on this point are distinct and express: 'Except a man be born again, he can neither see nor enter the kingdom of God.' Heaven may be reached without money, or rank, or learning. But it is clear as daylight, if words have any meaning, that nobody can enter heaven without a 'new birth.'

J.C. Ryle

Sermon Notes

Nursery		
Today	**Baby**	**Toddler**
Morning	Hannah Kaptein Evie Bazen	Maria Van Seters Laynee Roelofs
Evening	Sarah Vlietstra	Hannah Baum
Next Week	**Baby**	**Toddler**
Morning	Michelle Bilkes Natalie Roelofs	Kerri GeBuys Iyla Nagelkerke
Evening	Janita Kranendonk	Emma VanderBoon

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Nate Roelofs	Dan Vlietstra
Next Week	Josh Roelofs	Josh Nagelkerke

Offerings		
Today	General	Building (Re-upholstery project)
Next Week	General	Benevolent

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