

*Allen Avenue Christian
Reformed Church*



*Pastor Benjamin Oliveira
February 4, 2018*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - *Deanna Vander Ploeg*

THE APPROACH TO WORSHIP

Invitation to Quiet

* Gathering Song: Psalm 24:1

Creation Sings, Each Plant Each Tree *SNC p.36* vs. 1-3

* Call to Worship:

Pastor: Let us lift our hearts to the Lord, Our Maker.

The People: For He is good and His love endures forever.

Pastor: For He is the King of glory! He invites us to worship Him.

The People: In you Lord, my God, we put our trust.

* Songs of Praise:

For the Beauty of the Earth *LUYH #19* vs. 1-3, 5

How Majestic is Your Name *SNC p.24*

RENEWING GOD'S COVENANT IN CHRIST

Preparation for the Lord's Supper - *Pastor Ben*

Children's Message - *Steve Morris*

Prayers of the People - *Melisa Vlasma*

Offering - General

THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 8

Sermon: *Image Bearers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn of Response

We Sing the Mighty Power of God *PsH #430* vs. 1-2

OUR DEPARTURE IN THE BLESSING OF GOD

* God's Parting Blessing

* Doxology

We Sing the Mighty Power of God *PsH #430* vs. 3

* Postlude

* Please stand, if you are able.

Sermon Outline: Psalm 8

I. When have you been awestruck by Creation?

II. What does it mean to be “image-bearers?”

A. What part of us human beings are image-bearers of God?

III. How does the Fall effect our image-bearing?

IV. What is the connection between Creation and us being image-bearers of God?

V. But when Christ came, he took on our human nature for what reasons?

VII. Christ renews and _____ and _____ back to the full image bearers we were meant to be.

VIII. Additional Thoughts/Comments:

WELCOME TO ALLEN AVENUE

Welcome to all members and visitors who are worshipping with us today! We encourage any visitors and those who may be seeking a new church home to join us regularly for worship. Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service - enjoy a cup of coffee, juice and cookies.

Visitors – Please fill out one of the “Welcome” cards you will find in the cardholders on the back of the pews. After filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please lift up in prayer our missions of the week-Rev. Jerry An, Back To God Ministries

Our **shut-in of the week** is Wilma Doctor-PH: 231.773.6877- 3637 Whispering Woods Drive, Muskegon, MI 49445. Please remember Wilma with prayers, cards, and phone calls.

CALENDAR

Today: 11:20 a.m. – Sunday School and Catechism grades K-12

Wednesday: 5:15 p.m. – Prayer Group
6:15 pm – GEMS

Thursday: 9:30 am – Hearts to Hands
2:00pm – Mary Martha
5:00pm – Line Dancing

Friday: 9:00am – Freezer Ministry

Today's Offerings – General Fund

Next Week – General Fund

Week Following – General Fund & Christian Care

From the Council: **Last week's offering for the General Fund was \$7063.30. The offering for the Calvinist Cadets Corps was \$449.55.**

Thank you for your faithful financial support.

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Special Thanks:

Bob and Kathy Niemeyer: We would like to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to us for the last several months. All the prayers, cards, food from the freezer ministry and others, the bag of Christmas goodies and plant. It was all so appreciated. It all meant so much to us.

Ron Friday wanted to thank you all for the cards and the prayers. He is feeling much better and appreciates the love.

Freezer Ministry: Freezer ministry will meet on Friday Feb 9 from 9-11. We need volunteers to help prepare meals and deliver the baskets. If you cannot come but would like to donate a valentine dessert, salad or bread, please contact Kellie Cavanaugh at [231-638-3506](tel:231-638-3506).

GEMS: Wed., Feb. 7 6:15 - 8:00 GEMS meet in the Education Center. Please be sure you bring along your SUB AND CROISSANT ORDERS and any money you've collected. Also, don't forget to bring your Shine magazine with you. See you Wednesday!!

Don't forget to order your SUBS and CROISSANTS from the GEMS!! They are selling these delicious sandwiches for only \$2.50 each! All the money they make goes towards the cost of GEMS camp for every girl from our club who goes to camp. So, please order your 3 meat/2 cheese subs, your ham and cheese croissants, and/or your turkey and cheese croissants TODAY!! See any GEM or Jill Schuitema to place your order. Thanks for your support.

BUNCO Night!!! Congregational Life will be hosting an evening of Valentine Fun on Saturday Feb 17 at 6:00 at church. Please sign up downstairs for **The Love of Bunco Night**. Join in on the games and food. Sign up for an appetizer, a dessert or a card table, if you have one we could use.

Administrative Assistant

The Administration Team is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. The applicant must be able to use

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computers and perform normal administrative duties for the church. If you have questions about this position or know of anyone who is willing, please contact us.

Valentine Bags: Continue to fill up those goodie bags for our college students. They are as follows:

- 1) Trent Alphenaar
- 2) Justin Baker
- 3) Dan Botting
- 4) Nathaniel Bytwerk
- 5) Carolyn DeKam
- 6) Henry DeKam
- 7) Chris Fisher
- 8) Karissa Green
- 9) Molly Patton
- 10) Tiffany Schelske
- 11) Ashly Schuitema
- 12) Matthew Vander Ploeg

Committees/Teams: Please finalize and send your 2018 goals to the Clerk of Council by February 7th. Thank you! Otherwise, no Bunco night for you!!

Please remember Tom Walcott in your prayers. Pray for safety as he is transitioning from Baharain back to the United States.

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Children in Worship – Amber Johnson: 231.670.4865

Nursery – Sue Sytsema: 231.750.7331

Coffee & Cookies– Deanna VanderPloeg

Greeters – Carmen Huttenga

GEMS – Jill Schuitema: 231.733.1430

Cadets – Dale Johnson: 231.286.3404

Freezer Ministry – Kellie Cavanaugh: 231.638.3506

Hearts to Hands Ministry – Vicky Fisher: 231.740.6323

Pastor Ben's Office Hours:

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

Wednesday – 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

If you are coming to church, please call ahead as he may be out visiting. 616.540.8525, benoliveira@juno.com

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IN SERVICE AT ALLEN AVENUE

Nursery Today: Charry Snyder, Adie Oliveira

February 11: Amber Johnson, Breanna Cloud

February 18: Laurie DeJonge, Kayla Johnson

February 25: Jean Botting, Molly Patton

Children In Worship Today: Dale Johnson, Deb Vlasma

February 11: Rebecca Sytsema, Faith Vlasma

February 18: Rebecca Sytsema, Katelyn Morris

February 25: Renee Vlasma, Taylor Johnson

Greeters Today: Scott & Rebecca Sytsema Family

February 11: Bob & Kellie Cavanaugh

February 18: Gord & Carol Peterman

February 25: Bruce & Debbie Anderson

Coffee Today: Randi & Becky Fisher

Case & Judy Vaandering

February 11: Dean & Amber Johnson

John & Sue Sytsema

February 18: Loie VandenBosch

Charlie & Deanna Vander Ploeg

February 25: Cam & Melisa Vlasma

Aaron & Laura Ridings

Congregational Prayer Next Sunday: Pastor Ben

Announcements Next Sunday: Bob Vanderlaan

Sound Next Sunday: Aaron Ridings

Projection Next Sunday: Steve Rop

Worship Team Next Sunday: Ellie DeKam, Zoe Sytsema, Sydney Sytsema, Molly Patton, Naomi Huttenga, Pastor Ben- Guitar

Ushers for February: Dave Johnson, Dale Johnson, Dave Rop