

*Allen Avenue Christian
Reformed Church*



*Pastor Benjamin Oliveira
February 11, 2018*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements - *Bob Vanderlaan*

Invitation to Quiet

*Call To Worship:

Leader: The Lord is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble!

The People: He is our ever-present help in times of trouble.

Leader: He calls us to worship him this morning.

The People: We are His people and He is our God.

*Gathering Song:

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing PsH #501 vs. 1-5

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise:

Come, Thou Found of Every Blessings PsH # 486 vs. 1-3

Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine PsH # 490 vs. 1-3

Children's Message – *Brian Schuitema*

Offering – General Fund

Congregational Prayer - *Pastor Ben*

Song of Preparation

The Foolish In Their Hearts Deny PsH #14 vs. 1-3

Scripture: Psalm 14

Message: **"From Denying God to Desiring God"**

Song of Response

What Wondrous Love PsH # 379 vs. 1-4

Benediction

Doxology:

Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow PsH # 638

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon Outline: Psalm 14

I. How would you define a “fool?”

II. What is “fool” according to Scripture?

III. Is this Psalm about the world, the believer or both?

A. What in the Psalm shows us this?

IV. In vs. 1-3, we have the doctrine of _____ ?

V. Application: How do we play the fool in church today?

VI. How does Christ change our totally depraved nature?

A. By faith, he gives us his _____.

VII. Additional Thoughts

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 for a cup of coffee or cold drink in the fellowship hall after the service.

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.

Leading us in worship is Pastor Benjamin Oliveira.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please lift up in prayer our missions of the week-Eric and Judith Tuls, Western Asia

Our **shut-in of the week** is Donna Fongers - Room L-3, Christian Care Nursing Home, 2053 Sheridan, Muskegon, MI 49442. Please remember Donna 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

Thursday: 8 a.m. – Ladies meet at Herbie’s Cafe

5 p.m. – Line Dancing in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday: 10-11 a.m. - GEMS sub/croissant pickup at church
6:00 pm - For The Love of Bunco Night

OFFERING INFORMATION

Today’s Offerings – General Fund
Next Week – General Fund & Christian Care
Week Following – General Fund

From the Council: **Last week’s offering for the General Fund was \$5287.61.** Thank you for your faithful financial support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks:

Heartfelt thanks for the *many* acts of kindness shown to our family during the loss of our loved one, Arn Vanderlaan. It is such a blessing to be a part of Allen Avenue and the Family of God. –Sue Sytsema

Administrative Assistant

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

Please remember to pick up your students **Valentine Bag** in the Fellowship Hall.

The Wednesday morning **Fellowship Breakfast** at Mr. B's will not be held during the month of February.

Thank you for all the kindness shown to our family during these last few weeks. For all the Prayers, visits, cards, food and flowers. It has all meant so much to all of us. - Tillie, Cathy, Amanda, Megan & Jared and family

Freezer ministry is rescheduled for Friday Feb 16 from 9-11 am.

Prayer request from The Tuls:

Praise God for His strength, protection and healing. Last week we were all sick with a weird virus but are feeling strong again. Give thanks to God for Abby and Mattias feeling very comfortable and happy in our new city. They've made quite a bit of friends already, both foreign and local. Thanksgiving for the start of our MDT program! We expect God to do something really great in our participants' lives in the coming months. Please, pray for all the things we need to juggle with, especially Eric, who is also needing to write for his studies. Pray for energy, good times of focus, and good planning. Pray we may also take time to rest and time to reflect on what God is teaching us.

Sending our love, Eric, Judith, Abby & Mattias

Christian Care services are February 28th. Please see Pastor Ben if you are able to serve.

IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Nursery Today: Amber Johnson, Breanna Cloud

February 18: Laurie DeJonge, Kayla Johnson

February 25: Jean Botting, Molly Patton

March 4: Nancy Rop, Shelby Schuitema

Children In Worship Today: Rebecca Sytsema, Faith Vlasma

February 18: Rebecca Sytsema, Katelyn Morris

February 25: Renee Vlasma, Taylor Johnson

Greeters Today: Bob & Kellie Cavanaugh

February 18: Gord & Carol Peterman

February 25: Bruce & Debbie Anderson

March 4: June Walcott & Loie VandenBosch

Coffee Today: Dean & Amber Johnson

John & Sue Sytsema

February 18: Loie VandenBosch

Charlie & Deanna Vander Ploeg

February 25: Cam & Melisa Vlasma

Aaron & Laura Ridings

March 4: Gabe & Renee Vlasma

Jack & Sherrie Wolffis

Congregational Prayer Next Sunday: Dan DeKam

Announcements Next Sunday: Deb Vlasma

Sound Next Sunday: Brian Schuitema

Projection Next Sunday: Scott Sytsema

Worship Team Next Sunday: Third Sunday Singers

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