

**SUNDAY, October 17, 2021**

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **Worship Services Online**

Click [here](#) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section and watch for the live video to show shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also watch a recorded version of the service after it is over.

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

This Sunday, **October 17**, we continue a series based on the lectionary readings from the book of Job. Through the book of Job, our Lord can widen our wisdom and deepen our discipleship. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

We will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services use prayers and litanies from *The Book of Common Prayer* and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence, and meditation on scripture. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation.

### **Upcoming Sunday Evening Plans**

On **October 24** at 6:00 PM, Pastor Joel will lead an exploration of congregational healing, based on James 5 and other biblical passages. This will be a way for us to follow up from our September 26 session regarding abuse awareness, and it will point ahead to our **December 17** Blue Christmas gathering. On **October 31**, we will participate in a combined CRC service at Dorcht. Rev. Zach King from Resonate Global Mission will preach.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Picture Directory**

Thanks to so many of you who have had your family picture taken already for our church photo directory! We would love to catch more of you this Sunday after our worship service. If you haven't had your picture taken yet, catch Sara Ploegstra and she will direct you to the photographers! Can't take a picture at church? Send one to the office! ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net))

### **Updating your Contact Information**

Can you take a few minutes to check over your directory contact information on the printout found on the table in the fellowship hall? Make any additions/corrections or mark it "ok" if everything is correct. Thank you!



### **Pastoral Group Dinners**

Today we kick off our fall season of pastoral group dinners beginning with the **Friend/Hibma** pastoral group who will gather for fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **October 24**, the **Van Wyk/Janssen** pastoral group will gather.

### **Joint Reformation Day Choir**

All singers high school and up are invited to sing in the choir for the joint Reformation Day service to be held at 6:00 PM on **October 31** at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Ryan Smit of Dorcht University will direct. If you are interested, please plan to attend rehearsals on **October 24** at 4:15 PM at Covenant CRC and **October 31** at 4:45 at the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

### **Fall Clean-up Day**

Fall Cleanup Day has been set for Saturday, **October 30** at 9:00 AM. (The rain date will be November 6.) There are many projects to be done such as rebuilding the parsonage front porch, removing bushes, trimming trees, raking leaves, painting, and more. Many hands are needed to get these projects finished before winter. Coffee and treats will be served!

### **Join Us for World Hunger Sunday 2021**

This year, COVID-19 has intensified the global hunger crisis. In three weeks, we will be observing World Hunger Sunday and collecting offerings on behalf of World Renew's work with our hungry brothers and sisters worldwide. Peter Fish banks and a devotional booklet on what it means to hunger for good will be distributed next Sunday.

### **Piano Recital**

Internationally acclaimed pianist Andreas Klein will perform a recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dorcht on Friday, **October 22** at 7:30 PM. His program, "Bach, Beethoven, and Beyond," will include works by J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Prokofiev. He will conduct a Masterclass the following day, Saturday, **October 23**, at 11:00 AM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, at which several Dorcht piano students will perform.

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Free Grace Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mark Schwarz.

## At-Home Faith Formation Tip

Practice of Gratitude: Read Luke 7:36-38 and ponder or discuss the following questions. If you can't remember a time when you didn't believe in God, it might be difficult to feel deeply what Jesus has done for you. How might you and other Christians recover a sense of wonder and gratitude for the sacrifice of Jesus' life? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

## Offerings for October

3	General/Building Fund	10	Christian Education Fund	17	Missions Fund
24	Tuition Assistance/Compassion Fund	31	General Fund		

**Last week's offering**      Christian Education Fund      \$1,856.00      General Fund      \$1,213.00

## Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#) to access the online giving page. You can also continue to give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. All checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact your deacon with any questions.

## Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday's bulletin and liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: Read the latest info from Cornerstone Prison Church about their Christmas Sacks [here](#).

## Sunday Servant Scheduling:

*If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.*

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, October 24
<b>Greeters</b>	AM: Bernie DW, Rockne MC, Betty VP	
<b>Ushers</b>	AM: Dan A, Marcia W, Linda V	
<b>Coffee</b>	Alejandro C, Dave S, Sharon V, Jason W	
<b>Subs</b>	Pam DJ, Bob DS, Megan H, Andy L, Gidge M, Beth VB	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Nick B ♦ Jason W	Jeff P ♦ Tom C
<b>Nursery</b> Oct. POM: Janssens	AM: Steve & Pat C, Andy & Rachel L	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Duane & Jan B

## Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

Zoe Hoekstra, Pam DeJong, Pat Crull, Laura Janssen, Esther Eppinga, Erin Eggebeen

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner (Friend/Hibma)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner (Van Wyk/Janssen)
	4:15 PM	Joint Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
7:30 PM	ETM Scavenger Hunt (at Dordt Campus Center)	