

*Sunday, January 22, 2023*

*~We welcome all who worship with us today~*

Prayers:

- May we receive a rich blessing on the preaching of the Word today.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind & spirit, the lonely, elderly, widower & widows in our midst.
- A spiritual and enduring transformation of our families, church, nation and our leaders, bringing us back to the Lord and living according to His word.
- For the persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- As we commemorate Sanctity of Life Sunday today pray for an end to all abortions. May we work and pray to honor all lives as made in God's image.
- Dick Bleyenbergh, thanksgiving for good oxygen levels, pray for further healing with back issues. Also, for ClaraAnn for relief from pain due to shingles.
- Hannah Spaans, pray for no seizures, and stability in all her health concerns.
- Annette Maggert, thanksgiving that her heart surgery went well. She is home recuperating, pray for a full recovery.
- Pastor and Clarice as they move to Kalamazoo this week. Pray for God's rich blessing on the ministry in the KRC to which Pastor Elshout has been called, that God's kingdom will grow and His people be built up in faith.

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Today: Pastor Elshout serves at 9:30am and 5:00pm. The evening service will be Pastor Elshout's farewell message.

Fellowship and coffee following the morning service. Sunday School at 11:20am

Supper following the evening worship service in the Fellowship Room

1st Offering: General Fund      2nd Offering: Construction Fund

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Vander Zwaag serves at 9:30am and 6:00pm

Fellowship & coffee following the morning service. Catechism Class and Sunday School at 11:20am

2nd Offering: General Fund

Pastor and Clarice's new address:

5363 Penrose Lane

Kalamazoo, MI 49009

(their phone numbers remain the same)

Requesting a volunteer to put together a picture album of our families so that Pastor van der Hoek and Hanneke can have a simple reference for their future flock. This would include a family picture & a brief description, including names, occupation, hobbies, etc. If you're interested, please contact Doug Post, 712-441-0363 or [doug.post@interstates.com](mailto:doug.post@interstates.com). (We have a sample book of what KRC did for Pastor E.)

Youth Camp: On July 11-14, 2023 the HRC Youth Camp will be held in Michigan, D.V.

As in the past, the church is planning to pay for camp fees and transportation. This year Amber Zomer and Mindy Vander Waal plan to drive our young people to and from the camp. Please let Amber or Mindy know, no later than March 15, if your child(ren) is planning to go so that any needed rental vehicles can be reserved.

January:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Pastor Elshout farewell sermon, 5pm (note time)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Farewell reception (see note)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Vander Zwaag serves

February:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>: *Congregational Activity Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>: Student Reuel Xavier serves

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>: *Youth Group* will meet following the evening service

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>: Student Daniel Xue serves

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>: Consistory meeting, at church 7:00pm

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>: Student Reuel Xavier serves

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Adriaan Neele serves

Remember those who are unable to gather with us:

Henrietta Van Beek      Wilma Van Beek      DeeAnn Villalobos

Birthdays:

January 20: Mindy Vander Waal (belated)

January 22: Abby Van Der Brink

January 24: Jaivyn Van Grootheest

Greeters:

January 22: Lee and Kerri Rozeboom

January 29: Gib and Marlene Van Hill

Lunch:

January 22: Amber Z. and Linda VB

January 29: Julie P. and Barb G.

Nursery:

January 22:

AM: Kyla VW and Haley VV

PM: Makailyn VW

January 29:

AM: Heather VG and Vanessa G.

PM: Alexa Z.

Construction Fund Update:

\$300,000 in matching donations available

Progress-to-date: \$293,989.48

Remaining eligible: \$6,010.52

The congregation is gratefully acknowledged for the following December collections:

General \$15,735.43      Construction \$18,491.00

Benevolent \$1,066.00      Emeritus \$5,000.00

Student Support \$2,500.00      PRTS \$ 2,149.00

*~All the Lord willing~*

## *Live Honestly*

"Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly." [Hebrews 13:18](#)

It ought to go without saying that a Christian should live honestly in all things. Apparently it does need saying, however, because the Scriptures contain many such references. For example: "Provide things honest in the sight of all men" [Romans 12:17](#). For the sake of one's Christian testimony before other men, it is vital that utter honesty must characterize his life. Even if men cannot see our little acts of dishonesty, God can, and so even our secret actions must be "providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men" [2 Corinthians 8:21](#). "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest . . . think on these things" [Philippians 4:8](#).

We live in a corrupt and cynical society where genuine honesty is rare. Petty pilfering at the office, cheating on taxes, plagiarizing, loafing at the job, padding expense accounts, cheating on tests, cutting corners on obligations, breaking promises, exaggerating—the list of petty dishonesties is endless, not even to mention the crime and major corruption so prevalent today almost everywhere. In such an environment dominated and conditioned by a humanistic educational system, unsaved persons easily adapt to such questionable practices, for "unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled" [Titus 1:15](#).

But when Christians do such things (and, unfortunately, they do!), those same people find it scandalous and blaspheme the gospel because of it. How vital it is for Christians to become scrupulously sensitive about even the smallest matters. This should, in fact, be a major item of daily prayer, as in our text for the day.  
~Dr. H. Morris

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*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1*



*Worship Services: 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM*

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