

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:
Nov. 23 & 30 Cameron & Helen Brown, Sue, Hannah, Jonathon Mejeur
Dec. 7 & 14 Fred & Pam Gould, Norm & Bonnie Langeland

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hcrctrprayer@gmail.com
SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Teri Wagner
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Nov. 30 - Lisa Bosch
Dec. 7 - Dorothy Broekhuizen
Dec. 14 - Chris VandenBerg
Dec. 21 - Paul Booden

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
Thanksgiving - Barb Razenberg
11/30 - Wendy Rose & Michelle Koning
12/7 - Joy Knurr & Barb Razenberg
12/21 - Mary Deters & Cheryl Koning

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

The Lineage of a King: In the opening of his Gospel, Matthew shows us how Jesus truly is the promised Messiah and how God’s grace defines this story. Join us this Advent as each week we look at one of the five women who are named in the genealogy of Jesus, and discover what each of them tells us about the wonders of God’s grace. The series begins Sunday, November 30th. This week’s sermon is based on Genesis 38, “**The Mother of Jesus: Tamar.**”

Thanksgiving Day Worship: Our annual Thanksgiving Day worship service will be Thursday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m. Join us as we give thanks to God for His faithfulness. We will once again be offering an “open mic” time for anyone in the congregation to offer up specific thanks to God for His blessings from this past year. Our offering will be for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes. Along with your financial support, you are invited to bring food items for the Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes pantry.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				27 10 am Thanksgiving Day Service	28 9 am Advent Decorating	29 1 pm Advent Decorating
30 10 am Pastor Simon “The Mother of Jesus: Tamar” Genesis 38:1-30	1 	2 9:30 Coffee Break	3	4 9:30 GROW Group	5	6
7 Communion 10 am Pastor Simon “The Mother of Jesus: Rahab” Joshua 2:1-24	8 7 pm KCHS Choral Concert	9	10	11 9:30 GROW Group	12	13
14 10 am Pastor Simon “The Mother of Jesus: Ruth” Ruth 1:1-22 11:30 am Congregational Meeting	15	16 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	17 6:00 Preschool Christmas Program	18 9:30 GROW Group 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	19	20 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 

Celebrations...

Birthdays...
Della Porter ~ December 3
Evelyn Vroegop ~ December 5
Carol Bonselaar ~ December 6

Church Calendar for November 27-Dec. 6:

Thursday	10:00	Thanksgiving Day Service
Friday	9:00	Advent Decorating
Saturday	1:00	Advent Decorating
Sunday	10:00	Sunday Worship
Tuesday	9:30	Coffee Break
Wednesday	8:00	Men’s Bible Study
Thursday	9:30	GROW Group

Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 14 following the morning Worship Service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2026 was sent out via email. Extra copies are available on the table outside the church office. An update on the preschool renovation project will also be shared. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Razenberg, council president, Jim Bosch, council VP/clerk or Kim Bruinwood, Administrative Deacon.



Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT at least 1 hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3. Go to WWMT website, click on weather, then closings. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



Our church is collecting winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets and more for those in need in our community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over. New or gently used items are needed. After the holidays the items will be delivered to Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. **Look for the “Winter Clothing Donation” box** in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Joyce Truscott, Kathy VanderMeer or Joy Knurr.



Each year the Bible League volunteers send out a special fundraising letter to you. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God’s Kingdom is growing! \$25 will buy five Bibles. Look for this letter in your church mailbox and pray for God’s word to change lives. Thank you, Bonnie Colvin & Barb Nieboer.

Offering Schedule

- Thanksgiving: Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes
Nov. 30 General Fund
Loose Change: Centrica Hospice Care of SW Michigan
Dec. 7 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
Dec. 14 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: World Renew
Dec. 21 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners

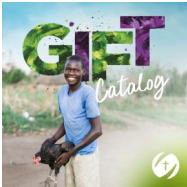
Offerings (deposited for November 23, 2025)

- Building Fund ~ \$255.00
Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$15.00
Faith Promise ~ \$110.00
General Fund ~ \$4,044.00
International Campus Ministry ~ \$200.00
Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes ~ \$110.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$50.00

From the Deacons:

- We have two opportunities coming this holiday season.
1. Cards and Poinsettias for our homebound members. Once again we will be collecting cards for our homebound members. We are requesting cards be at church by Sunday, December 14. The list of homebound members and a basket will be in the narthex. If you are able and willing to deliver cards and poinsettias the week following, please contact Teri Wagner.
 2. Park Village Pines. The deacons will be holding a special collection December 21 to bless the people at Park Village Pines. We will be using the collection to help stock the store to bless those who might be struggling. If you would like to contribute at another date, please make a notation in the memo and we will distribute it accordingly.
- Thank you for partnering with us as we bless the elderly in our community.

“As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, World Renew’s Gift Catalog is a meaningful way to share Christ’s love with those in need! From a goat to disaster recovery supplies, each gift brings hope and makes a lasting difference for families around the world. Explore the catalog at worldrenew.net/gift-catalog.” There is also a copy in your mailbox.



Christmas Time is coming:
ALL NEW IDEAS AND HELP ARE WELCOME
To decorate the sanctuary, many hands make lighter work and more fellowship fun.
Come join in the FUN!
We would love to have your help.
So that we stagger the people and don’t have people feel there is nothing they can do or they are comfortable doing, here is the game plan and schedule of event happenings for Friday, November 28 and Saturday, November 29:

Friday 9 a.m.

- *remove the fall decoration and put them in storage boxes, place on east side of hall.
 - *start emptying out the Christmas decorations and trees from the storage room and move the trees into the sanctuary and starting to set them up. Then get out the big ladders.
- Hopefully by 10 AM we can start putting the lights on. **Oh how we need light stringers to help!**
Next we will be placing the decorations on the trees around 10:30.
Fun Fun(breaking a few bulbs is expected and has made for some good laughs in past years)

Other jobs

- Hanging the garland
- Decorate the window sills
- Arranging poinsettias
- Setting up advent candles and nativity sets
- Hanging and decorating the four wreaths on the walls
- Add ribbons and bows
- Change the banner and table colors
- Add candles and chimneys



Saturday 1 p.m.

- Finishing touches and cleaning up the Angel dust (glitter) off the carpet and make sure we have everything back in order for Sunday service.
- We need to weed out the storage room and pass on some of our excess.

We are blessed to have our sanctuary used by the preschoolers for their Christmas program and Christian High School Choirs Christmas presentation in addition to our own celebration of the Advent Season.

We will also be doing a lot of cleaning out!

Family Faith Formation Tip

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas—such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive’s Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas: crcna.org/advent-tools. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel” at www.kidscorner.net. God promises to be with us in every moment—when we’re sad, happy, or waiting for better days—and that gives us hope. This Advent, we can celebrate the hope of Jesus, who was born to be our Savior and will one day come again. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, bible stories, crafts, and activities.

Groundwork: Waiting for the Light of the World. - Advent is a season of waiting. We’re waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 11:1-3, and Romans 13:11-14 to explore the Bible’s theme of light and gain a fuller understanding of what we’re waiting for as we begin to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus at his birth at Christmas. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.