

# Worship Celebration

January 8, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Preparing our hearts to Worship 🎵 CD

Words of Welcome ~ Pastor Marc de Waard

\* God's greeting to us

\* Our greeting one another

Children, ages 3-5, are dismissed for *Children & Worship*

Family Life and Announcements

Profession of Faith: Dana O'Connor

Congregational Prayer

Tithes, Gifts to the Lord ~ General Fund

[Please sign and pass the *Friendship pads* down the pew]

\* Offertory 🎵 *This I Believe (The Creed)*

Prayer of dedication and Praise

\* Set 🎵 *Ever Be / Great Are You Lord*

God's Word: Matthew 2 (N.T., p. 1)

Sermon: ***Of Stars + Babies, Life + Deaths, Dreams + Me***

Closing Prayer

\* Song of Declaration 🎵 *Sovereign*

\* God's Blessing / Benediction

{Elders move to the back doors to greet you}

\* Dismissal / Postlude 🎵 CD

[\* = please stand as you are able]



Feel free to **take a Bible** and/or any literature from off our back table that you could use yourself, or to hand out to others.

**Questions?** Please chat with an elder, any member, or the pastor after the service.

Want **prayer**? Please come up after the service and some of us would love to pray with, for, and over you.

Submit your heart and life to Christ today!

## Haven's Prayer Page

### We pray for our shut-ins...

- ✠ Mildred Edgerly – Resthaven Maple Woods, Holland
- ✠ Rodney Overbeek – Appledorn Assisted Living, Holland
- ✠ Marcia Rienstra – Grace of Douglas, Douglas
- ✠ Ruth Riggerink – American House of Holland
- ✠ Others homebound: Irma Babinski, Janet Dykstra, Lois Lugten, Kim Schaap, Doug Sprik

### We mourn when others mourn...

...Jen & John Heyerman and Beth & Brad Ruiter and their families grieve the passing of Jen and Beth's 76 yr-old father, Mr. Robert E. Osborne, this past Wednesday following his courageous battle against cancer.

### We unite our hearts in prayer on behalf of our church family and friends...

- ✠ Ruth Arney, continued recovery from recent bout of pneumonia
- ✠ John Baker, treated this week at Holland Hospital for flu symptoms
- ✠ Diane Boeve [sister of Lynn E.] previous colon cancer; undergoing chemo treatments
- ✠ Christel de Waard, serving as a translator alongside of a missions group in Guatemala; returns Jan.16
- ✠ Chris Groenheide [Mary's daughter-in-law] began radiation, chemo resumes later; previous uterine cancer
- ✠ Kim Leslie [Amber Lugten's mom] oral chemo treatment for cancer on spine
- ✠ Judy Lynema, recent hospitalization for multiple kidney stones; impending procedure Jan. 20
- ✠ Marcia Rienstra, under Hospice care, remains a resident at Grace of Douglas
- ✠ Winna Sal, recent dizziness and loss of balance; therapy patient at Resthaven
- ✠ Art Vander Kolk, excessive fluid in lungs; under Hospice care at home
- ✠ Haven's Consistory as they meet tomorrow evening
- ✠ This New Year with many opportunities to share Jesus with the world
- ✠ Middle School youth and leaders heading to Grace Adventures next weekend
- ✠ Safe travels for our 'snow-birds' heading to warmer climates for the winter months
- ✠ Revival, renewal, recommitment in our hearts, communities, churches and world
- ✠ Our country's current and newly elected leaders; those who serve to protect us and our country's freedom
- ✠ Missionaries serving the Lord around the world; those persecuted for their faith in Christ
- ✠ World events and personal items to pray into...

### We consider it our privilege to pray with and for you...

Submit prayer requests to: Lynn@havenchurch.com, or 751.7321, ext. 106

*"The Lord is near to all who call on Him."* Psalm 145:18

# Haven Reformed Church



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**January 8, 2017**

~ 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. ~

***"Of Stars + Babies, Life + Deaths,  
Dreams + Me"***

Pastor Marc de Waard

*"When they saw the star had stopped, they were  
overwhelmed with joy."*

Matthew 2:10 (NRSV)

*"There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that  
what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled,*

*"He will be called a Nazorean."*

Matthew 2:23 (NRSV)



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Fall Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs.  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

# Worship Celebration

January 8, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Prelude: Only Trust Him (arr. J. Stockton) .....Kathy de Waard

Words of welcome..... Pastor Marc

Responsive reading #698.....*Refuge Under His Wings*

God's Greeting

\* Hymn #288 .....*We Three Kings*

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\* Greeting one another

Hymn #540 .....*My Hope is in the Lord*

Unison Reading.....based on Matthew 2:1-12

**The Christ child is born! All you who would find Him, prepare for a journey, as determined by the Magi. All you who would praise Him, come with the faith to follow but a star. All you who would worship Him, come with humility to the child who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.**

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, as Magi approached the child Jesus, we follow a star of hope, we come with awe and wonder, and we bring gifts – ourselves, our time, our money, and our commitment. Please accept our gifts for they come from our hearts, hearts that like the Magi, want to worship and serve You. We love You through Christ our Lord and the working of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Offering: General Fund

[please sign then pass the Friendship Pads down the pews]

Offertory: T'is So Sweet to Trust (arr. J. Mansfield) ..... Kathy

Prayer of Illumination

\* Hymn #688 ..... *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Scriptures: Matthew 2 (N.T., p. 1)

Sermon ..... Pastor Marc

**Of Stars + Babies, Life + Deaths, Dreams + Me**

Prayers for Christ's Church, our country and the world

\* Hymn #696.....*God Leads Us Along*

[Elders move to the doors to greet you]

\* Responsive Closing

PM: Christ is the light of our souls:

**C: We rejoice in this light, great source of truth.**

PM: Christ is the light of our homes:

**C: We rejoice in this light, great source of peace.**

PM: Christ is the light of the world:

**C: We rejoice in this light, great source of hope.**

PM: Go out brothers and sisters – Christ's true lights, dispersing the darkness of evil, for His grace, His power, and His peace go with you.

**C: Amen!**

\* Dismissal (enjoy coffee, fellowship; attend a SS class☺)

\* Prelude: Guide Me (arr. P. Dickens).....Kathy de Waard

[\* = please stand if you are able]

**Welcome! We are glad you're here!** We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

**Movement:** Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words in the hymnal or on the screen!

**Prayer:** We pray a couple of times throughout the service. Also, there is an opportunity at 8:15 am and 10:30 am (before each service) to meet to pray for these services. (We also have prayer during the week on Wed. nights, 7:00 p.m.)

## Information

Please – if you want to know more about our Consistory (church leadership team) or our staff – you can look at the back page of our newsletter – *Haven Highlights* – or just go on line to our website. And just a reminder– for Haven members – our church directory and photos are on the website too. You need an email address and for first time users, register through our office.

[www.havenchurch.com](http://www.havenchurch.com)

**Fall office hours: Mon - Thur: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Voice: (269) 751.7321 \* fax: (269) 751.2591**

## This Week at Haven (Jan. 8 – Jan. 15, 2017)

{Epiphany} Sunday (today):..... January 8

8:30 am Worship Celebration ~ Sanctuary

9:40 am Education/Sunday School hour ~ Haven

9:40 am Coffee/Fellowship Time ~ Fellowship Hall

10:45 am Worship Celebration ~ Sanctuary

4:00 pm KSP Rehearsal ~ Primary Department

Monday:..... January 9

6:30 pm Consistory meeting ~ Heritage Room

7:00 pm Ladies prayer group ~ Fireside Room

Tuesday:..... January 10

9:00 am Mom's in Prayer ~ Heritage Room

9:30 am Ladies Bible study (Flavia) ~ Fireside Room

Wednesday:..... January 11

6:15 pm GEMS/Cadets ~ Haven Campus

6:15 pm Bozos (men's Bible study) Group ~ Portable

6:15 pm MidZONE ~ Youth Room

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (Nancy) ~ Fireside Room

7:00 pm Haven Choir ~ Sanctuary

7:00 pm Haven Prayer Group ~ Heritage Room

Thursday:..... January 12

9:45 am Staff meeting ~ Heritage Room

6:00 pm Love INC ~ Haven's Campus

7:00 pm Praise & Worship ~ Sanctuary

Friday:..... January 13

9:00 am Release Time ~ Hamilton CRC

5:30 pm Grace Adventure Trip/Middle School

Saturday:..... January 14

Next Lord's Day..... January 15

8:30 am Worship Celebration ~ Sanctuary

9:40 am Education/Sunday School hour ~ Haven

9:40 am Coffee/Fellowship Time ~ Fellowship Hall

10:45 am Worship Celebration ~ Sanctuary

4:00 pm KSP Rehearsal ~ Primary Department

6:00 pm Kingdom Ambassadors ~ off campus

## Here to assist you . . .

- ◆ **CD/DVD** reproductions of the services are available (contact the office, [269] 751.7321).
- ◆ **Hearing** assistance devices are available for you to borrow during the course of any of our services.
- ◆ **Large** print bulletins are available for our worship services.
- ◆ **Literature** about Haven, as well as ministry and devotional materials, are on the lobby tables.
- ◆ **Morning services** are simulcast in the Fellowship Hall.



## Haven Announcements

**Haven Highlights:** The January edition of the *Highlights* (our newsletter) is in your mailbox - extras are on the lobby table. You can also find it online at [www.havenchurch.com](http://www.havenchurch.com) under the "Resources" tab.

**Kids Hope mentor needed** for a kindergarten boy at Hamilton El. Please contact Jill Deters if you are able to help.

**Summer Camp Assistance-** Enrollment for Cran Hill and Camp Geneva will open in January. Haven offers scholarships to help with up to 50% of camp fees for some campers. Haven's policy for the last couple years remains the same and is as follows: Haven Reformed Church strongly supports and encourages participation at RCA Camps. Camp Geneva and Cran-Hill Ranch in particular. We support camps that strongly promote a personal commitment to and relationship with Jesus Christ. These RCA camps are totally committed to producing changed lives. We as a church will pray for these children as they attend camps in the summer. We will provide financial assistance for up to one half of costs to attend these camps up to a maximum of \$200 per camper. This is available one time per year per camper. If cost is an issue for any camper, the Deacons would like the option of reviewing the need on an individual basis and may determine that Haven fully fund the camp fees. It should be noted that the family should fully exhaust the financial assistance possibilities within each camp first. Both RCA camps listed above have applications for financial assistance. **All members and adherents must consistently be regular attenders at Haven at the time of application (regular attenders need to attend worship services 50% or more of the time in the current year).** You may request an application from the church office if you meet these requirements. Please allow at least one week to process your request.

**Haven Choir** will begin again this Wednesday, January 11. Please meet in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

**Lead Nursery person needed.** This person would be responsible for the schedule (which is already set) and make changes as needed and keep the nursery filled with supplies. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**Souper Bowl 2017:** On Sunday, February 5 at 12:00 noon, we will have our Annual Souper Bowl Lunch. Lunch includes a variety of soups along with crackers and ham sandwiches. This year we will also have a dessert competition in three categories: Best Cake or Pie, Best Cookie and Best Youth Dessert (16 & under). Please sign up on the lobby table if you are attending

and indicate if you have a dessert to enter. You can bring in multiple desserts and enter for more than one category.

## Youth Announcements:

**MidZone meets Wednesdays @ 6:15-7:45** in the youth basement. MidZONE retreat to **Grace Adventures** is this Friday (January 13<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday (January 15)). We will meet at church at 5:30 so we can depart by 6:00 pm. Remember to eat dinner before you come! This will be a great weekend together. We have 30 people going on this weekend trip, along with several other Hamilton church groups. All together we will have 240 students and leaders from our Hamilton middle school community on this adventure together! Please pray for our time and encourage our kids.

High School **Journey Overnight Retreat** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 21- Sunday January 22.** Flyers on foyer table. You can register with Scott Davis or Kevin Spotts. Cost for this one is ONLY \$10!!! We will begin Saturday, meeting at Haven at 4:00 pm. Things in the hopper are: making and delivering more food baskets from Hungry for Christ... sledging... food... worship with Adam Locker... Sports Quest?... more food... games... Jesus... love... sleep... brunch on Sunday along with Youth Church for all... yeah! Sounds awesome!

**High School:** We are meeting every Sunday morning in the office-wing youth basement **9:45-10:30.** We are **Reading/discussing** through the **Bible book of James.** Please join us! We know it's early in the morning, but it is a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere with even a little food and drink... as well as a perfect time to let God speak to us together through His Word.

## Community Announcements

**Reserve the date of Friday, January 13, 2017** at 7pm for a night of guitar playing by the International Guitar Duo Loren Barrigar and Mark Mazengarb. The concert will take place in **Overisel at The Hall**, 4201 47th Street, Holland, MI 49423. The cost of a ticket is only \$15 prior to the event or \$18 at the door and can be purchased by contacting Dave Jurries at 616-218-2412. Proceeds will be used to help fund the Overisel Reformed Church Roof Repair Project.