

# Worship Celebration

February 12, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Prep for Praise 🎵 CD

Words of Welcome ~ Pastor Marc

God's greeting to us

\* Our greeting one another

🎵 KidSing Praise! 🎵

*God's Gotta Lotta Love* 🎵 *Kids of the Kingdom*

Children's Group Gathering and Prayer

Tithes, Gifts to the Lord ~ General Fund

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

\* Offertory: Christel de Waard ~ *Blessed*

\* Song set 🎵

Prayer of Praise and for Illumination

God's Word: Revelation 2 (N.T., p. 218)

Sermon: **"Encouraging the Faithful"** ~ PM

\* Song of Declaration 🎵 *It is Well* (Bethel)

\* Responsive reading (from end of 8:30 a.m. service)

\* God's Blessing / Benediction ~ PM

{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...

- ✝ Irma Babinski, Mildred Ederly – Resthaven Maple Woods, Holland
- ✝ Marcia Rienstra – Grace of Douglas, Douglas
- ✝ Ruth Rigterink – American House of Holland
- ✝ Winna Sal – Royal Park, Zeeland
- ✝ Homebound: Janet Dykstra, Lois Lugten, Kim Schaap, Minnie Sloothaak, Doug Sprik

### We mourn when others mourn...

...our hearts grieve with Sandy Vander Kolk and family, as her husband and our brother in Christ, Art Vander Kolk, was called to glory this past Thursday, February 9.

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

- ✝ Pastor Marc & Kathy, their faithfulness in serving the Lord at Haven these past 11.5 years!
- ✝ Diane Boeve [sister of Lynn E.] previous colon cancer; impending final chemo treatment
- ✝ Annetta Cross, recovery following surgical removal of large gallstone
- ✝ Kathy Den Uyl, healing of fractured hip and vertebrae following a serious car accident
- ✝ Christel de Waard, Cinthia Sibaja [YWAM] preparation for ministry/mission in Taiwan
- ✝ Jodi Elhart, continued healing of right hand and knee; undergoing therapy
- ✝ Jeff Etheridge, right knee pain; impending knee replacement surgery
- ✝ Chris Groenheide [Mary's daughter-in-law] completed radiation; impending chemo treatments
- ✝ Shannon Hukill, suffered a kidney stone episode; impending procedure
- ✝ Kim Leslie [Amber Lugten's mom] oral chemo treatment; cancer on spine
- ✝ Peggy Meeuwzen, pancreatic cancer; will begin chemo this week
- ✝ Katie (Etheridge) Pougá, critically low iron levels; repeat iron infusion Tuesday; Crohn's Disease
- ✝ Marcia Rienstra, under Hospice care, remains a resident at Grace of Douglas
- ✝ James Williams [father of Jim] Stage IV colon cancer; recovery following abdominal surgery
- ✝ Seeking God's wisdom and guidance for His mission and ministry through Haven's people
- ✝ Revival, renewal, recommitment in our hearts, communities, churches and world
- ✝ Those in leadership positions for our nation and those serving to protect our country
- ✝ 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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**February 12, 2017**

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

**"Encouraging the Faithful!"**

Rev. D. Marc de Waard

*And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: "These are the words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze: I know your works – your love, faith, service, and patient endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first. But ...."*

Revelation 2:18-19 [NRSV]



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Winter office hours: Mon. – Thurs.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

# Worship Celebration

February 12, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Prelude..... Paul Connelly  
 Adult Choir..... *You Are*  
 Words of welcome..... Pastor Marc  
 God's greeting  
 Responsive Call to Worship #113 ..... *The King of Glory*  
 \* Hymn #112 ..... *Give to our God Immortal Praise*  
 \* Greeting one another  
 Adult Choir..... *Bow the Knee*  
 Prayer of Confession; Words of Assurance  
 Guidelines for Living  
 \* Hymn #766 ..... *At the Name of Jesus*  
 Prayer of Dedication  
 Offering ~ General Fund

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

Offertory: Christel de Waard..... *Blessed*

Unison prayer of Illumination ..... Based on a prayer by Origen

**Our Father in heaven, we thank You over and over again for Your Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit and written for our benefit. Spirit of God, give us real knowledge of what we read and show us not only how to understand Your Word but also how to put it into practice. We ask You for spiritual grace, enlightened by the law of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose power and glory will endure throughout the ages. Amen!**

Scriptures: Rev. 2 (N.T., p. 219)

Sermon: *Encouraging the Faithful*..... Pastor Marc

Prayers for God's Church, our community, country + world

KidSing Praise! ..... *God's Gotta Lotta Love / Kids of the Kingdom*

Children's Gathering

[Elders move to the doors to greet you]

Responsive closing words:

PM: Scripture tells us that there are times for beginnings and times for endings. Today sees both for all of us. In whatever respective

places each of us may find themselves, may we all go forth, doing God's will all for the sake of the gospel of Christ. As you have been a blessing to we three de Waards, so also may you be a blessing to those who follow.

C: **As God's faithful people, let us each serve as we are called and gifted to do. Let us strive for righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance and gentleness, giving and receiving comfort as we serve within Haven and our surrounding community.**

PM: May God make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, all through the King and head of the church, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be honor and glory forever and ever.

C: **Amen!! And to you, Christel – as you transition to Taiwan -- and to you Kathy and PM, may God's blessing go with you three to guide and equip you in your next chapters. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be yours.**

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

\* Postlude..... Paul Connelly

[\* = 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.

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## This Week at Haven (Feb. 12–Feb. 19, 2017)

**Sunday (today): .....February 12**

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

**Monday: .....February 13**

1:30 pm Staff meeting ~ Heritage Room  
 6:30 am Consistory meeting ~ Heritage Room

**Tuesday: .....February 14**

9:00 am Mom's in Prayer ~ Heritage Room  
 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study (Flavia) ~ Fireside Room

**Wednesday: .....February 15**

6:15 pm GEMS/Cadets ~ Haven Campus  
 6:15 pm MidZONE ~ Youth Room  
 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (Nancy) ~ Fireside Room  
 7:00 pm Haven Prayer Group ~ Heritage Room

**Thursday: .....February 16**

**Friday: .....February 17**

**Saturday: .....February 18**

**Next Lord's Day.....February 19**

9:30 am Worship Celebration ~ Sanctuary  
 10:40 am Education/Sunday School hour ~ Haven  
 10:40 am Coffee/Fellowship Time ~ Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 pm Kingdom Ambassadors ~ Gun Lake

## Here to assist you . . .

- ◆ **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 on a TV in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **CD** and/or **DVD** reproductions of the services are available (contact the office, {269} 751.7321).

## Sermon Notes

### *Encouraging the Faithful* ~ Revelation 2

1. "Praise (and thanksgiving) now is one of the great duties of the redeemed. It will be their employment forever!" A. Barnes
2. "The pastor's greatest joy is not that people love him but that they people love his Savior!"

1. Introduction: pictures of places in Turkey; background info
2. Seven letters to seven churches [but they are for the church worldwide and through all times/ages]. Note their form, similarities
3. Rev. 2 – and the letter to Thyatira
  - a. Jesus: description (2:18, 28; 1:13-16) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Thyatira: \_\_\_\_\_ [Scripture says that Ahab, king of Israel, "did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him... urged on by Jezebel his wife" (1 Kings 16:30, 21:25). Their sins were many but most grievous involved replacing worship of God with worship of Baal....]
  - c. The pros and the cons
  - d. Repentance and forgiveness
  - e. Jesus honors what? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Jesus desires what? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Applications
  - a. Christ's church: from outward opposition to the inward divisions – it seems as if \_\_\_\_\_ but remember \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Pray that Haven will fall in love with the Word of God and with Christ all over again; that she will live by the Word and defend it.
  - c. Meditate on this: "Our worship should hold on to what Christ has given us, not our seeking to supplement it with other sources of supposed security."
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name), *has your life been a constant ever-deepening experience of My amazing love for you?* Jesus.
  - e. Haven: **Accomplishment** (God has done); **Alert**, **Affirm**, **Anticipate**
  - f. Holy Spirit -- as I listen to God and His Word – You are laying this godly conviction and/or action plan before me:

## Welcome to Haven Reformed Church!

We invite any to join us every Sunday at our morning worship celebrations at 8:30 & 10:45 am. Feel free to take a Bible and/or any literature from our lobby table that you could use yourself, or to hand out to others. Questions? Want prayer? Please chat with an elder, any member, or the pastor after the service.

### Ministry Participants for Feb. 12 – Feb. 19

#### Allegan Medical Care Center Volunteers:

**February 15:** Amber Lohman and Sheryl Veldhoff

**February 22:** Mary Groenheide and Sheryl Veldhoff

#### Children & Worship:

**February 12 - 8:30 am:** Not available;

**10:45 am:** Not available

**February 19 - 9:30 am:** Amber, Cameron and Madison Lugten

#### Coffee Servers:

**February 12:** Paul & Sheryl Veldhoff

**February 19:** Servers needed – sign-up sheet in the kitchen

#### Greeters:

**February 12 – 8:30 am:** Don & Mary Sal, Bryan & Kristi Sale

**10:45 am:** Rod & Shellie Scholten, Tim & Carie Sneller

**February 19 – 9:30 am:** Kevin & Sue Spotts, Gregg & Brenda Stoel

#### Haven Hospitality Crew:

**February 16:** NO MEETING

**February 23:** Kirk Van Order

#### Nursery (for infant through 2 years old):

**February 12 – 8:30 am:** Robin Jennings, Breanna Eding

**10:45 am:** Kristi, Grant and Jonathan Washburn

**February 19– 9:30 am:** Becky Van Huis, Emily Haverdink

#### Ushers:

**February 12 – 8:30 am:** Wayne & Joyce Blauwkamp, Chad Blauwkamp;

**10:45 am:** Bob & Linnay Moore, Cal Oldebekking

**February 19 – 9:30 am:** Tom & Marilyn Dykstra, Todd Haverdink

## Haven Announcements

**Haven Highlights:** The February 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. Information for the March Highlights will be due February 26. Email [jill@havenchurch.com](mailto:jill@havenchurch.com), bring to the office or put in box 183.

**Children & Worship** –will not be offered next TODAY so that the leaders can be in worship for Pastor Marc's final sermon.

**Coffee Servers needed** – Please sign up by the coffee window to serve coffee. If you have never served coffee before, it's very easy and someone in the office would be happy to show you! Thanks for helping in this fellowship ministry at Haven!

## Youth Announcements:

**MidZone meets Wednesdays @ 6:15-7:45** p.m. in the youth basement.

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

**The JOURNEY** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): we are looking at the weekend of March 3-5 for our next Journey Retreat date, so please put it on your calendar.

## Community Announcements

**Sunday, February 26 at 7:30 PM** in the Holland High School Performing Arts Center (600 Van Raalte Ave.)– In their first collaboration with Grand Valley State University, the **Holland Chorale** joins the University Arts Chorale, the GVSU Symphony Orchestra, and the Chancel Choir of Park Church, Grand Rapids for a concert of kingly proportions! Start with Haydn's **LORD NELSON MASS**, paired with Borodin's magnificent **PRINCE IGOR OVERTURE and POLOVETSIAN DANCES**. What a treat to hear each group featured, but mostly it's a musical feast of noble collaboration. You'll feel like royalty!

**Hamilton High School Women's Chorale** will be part of the service at Hamilton CRC on Sunday, February 19 at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to join for this time of singing.

**The Hamilton Christian Reformed Church** is extending an offer to attend a weekend series March 17-19 by Ray VanderLaan. This series will explore the week of Jesus life from Palm Sunday to Easter in the context of the city of Jerusalem. There will be no cost to attend, but you do need to obtain tickets. There is an option to just attend Friday and/or Saturday only. Please visit the website below for more information and registration. <http://hamiltoncrc.com/ray-vanderlaan-seminar-2017/>

**Has God placed a burden on your heart to serve people** in your community? Love INC is offering their Basic Training on February 28 and March 7 at the Hamilton office. This training covers; What is Love In the Name of Christ, culture of poverty training, understanding and working with a diverse population, problem solving skills and more. These trainings will equip you to volunteer in Allegan, Hamilton, or Pullman office or mentor at one of our Life Skills. Love INC's mission is to mobilize the church to transform lives and our community in the Name of Christ. Participants wishing to attend the training and use these new skills within their church or community are welcomed to join us. Please contact Jean at [loveincje@frontier.com](mailto:loveincje@frontier.com) or 269-751-2533 ext. 107.

**Families in the L.I.F.E.** (Learning in Faith and Everyday) Skills Program sponsored by Love INC **need mentors** to walk alongside them and volunteers willing to invest in their children so parents can focus on learning new skills. All locations; Pullman on Tuesday morning, Allegan on Tuesday evening, and Hamilton on Thursday evening need volunteers in the Children's Ministry. You set the frequency of volunteering per your schedule (once a month, weekly for four weeks, once every six weeks, etc.). Please contact Eloise at [loveinceg@frontier.com](mailto:loveinceg@frontier.com) or 269-751-2533 ext. 112 if you can help as either a Children's Ministry volunteer or as a mentor.

**Spring Community Cantata.** You are invited to join Hamilton Reformed Church in singing a cantata on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Practice will begin on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at Hamilton Ref. Spread the word to all who enjoy singing. If you need more information, please contact Randy or Tami Poll (616-437-0289).

**The Crazy Horse Restaurant in Holland is going to have a fundraiser for Love INC on Monday, Feb 27th.** They are donating 20% of their profits that evening to Love INC. JCI of Holland is matching whatever that final figure is! This will all take place again on Tuesday, April 11th. Tell all your friends to eat there! Give the "cook" in your house the night off and support Love INC!