

Mission Statement

To the glory of God, the Harvest Community Church is to gather and nurture God's growing family.

Purpose

To **Glorify** God through worship in spirit and in truth
To **Gather** God's family through outreach
To **Grow** in grace and knowledge of Jesus through discipleship
To **Give** back of ourselves what God has given through service
To be **Grafted** to one another through Holy Spirit fellowship

Core Value

If anything good is going to happen, God has to do it.

Therefore, it is important for us to always look to discern what God is doing and join Him in His work.

Such discovery will be

- **Led by scripture**
- **Based on spiritual giftedness**
- **Bathed in prayer**
- **An outgrowth of small group intimacy**

ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS:

J. Flohr/S. Oosterhouse—A-I

B. DeJong/R. Duits—J-O

R. Oosterhouse/B. Green—P-Z

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services

Worship Service—9:30 a.m. (Children's Worship during service)

Sunday School—11:00 a.m. Sept-May

Small Group Ministry—Sunday evenings

(CHEERS in the home 1st and 3rd Sundays,

Bible Study at church 2nd and 4th Sundays.)

Weekday Ministries

Coffee Break/Story Hour/Little Lambs

Wednesdays 9:00—10:45 a.m. Sept.—May

Moms in Prayer

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays—7:00 pm

*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)



**And the Word
became flesh and
dwelt among us ...**

John 1:14, ESV

CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Ryan Oosterhouse—2023

Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Deacons Bob Green—2023

Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025

*Harvest Community
Church*

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

December 18, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Morning Worship

Message: Will God Really Dwell on Earth with Men?

Scripture: II Chronicles 6:12-21

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Children's Worship meets this morning for ages 3-6. Children are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

Please join us for coffee/fellowship time following the service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The title of the message is a question Solomon asked during the dedication of magnificent temple in the capital city of Jerusalem. Although the temple was considered the dwelling place of God (like the tabernacle before it), Solomon is caught amid wonder and awe concerning the bigness and grandeur of God: "The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less the temple I have built!" What Solomon considered an impossibility, we know as the event of Christmas.

Second Offering this morning is for the Guiding Light Mission, a mission in downtown Grand Rapids dedicated to helping the down and out achieve some level of independence and dignity while encouraging them with the love of God in both word and deed.

Congregational Meeting will take place after the worship service this morning for the purpose of voting on the 2023 proposed budget. All communicant members, age 18 and above are invited to vote. Other folks are always welcome to observe the proceedings.

Dust to Glory tonight at 5:00. This evening's study under RC Sproul will focus on the cross of Jesus.

Coffee Break Bible Study will not meet this week or next. We'll meet again in the new year on January 4 and finish up our study of Philippians.

Moms in Prayer and Wednesday night prayer will not meet this week.

Christmas Worship Information

- * Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00. Reminder, the candle lighting part of the service will take place again outside in front of church. Dress accordingly.
- * Christmas morning worship at 9:30.
- * Sunday School for all ages will not meet on December 25th or January 1st.

Ornament Tree. The hand made ornaments on the tree by the coat room are from Egypt and are for sale. All proceeds go to Women at Risk (WAR), an organization in Grand Rapids which is engaged in helping women around the world who are caught in human trafficking. Prices are marked on each ornament, paper work and instructions are on the shelf in the coat room. Questions? Contact Marilyn DeJong.

From the Consistory: FOUR MONTH CHALLENGE! September through December—Be purposeful in getting to know someone of Harvest Church that you don't know well or at all! Invite them over for coffee or a meal; meet somewhere for coffee or a meal. Get out of your comfort zone to meet someone that God has placed in your orbit by virtue of being a part of the same local body of Christ. The goal is at least one such contact per month through December.

Pastor's Class will begin January 15th and run for about 6 weeks. The class will meet after the morning worship service in a place yet to be determined. This class is designed for those who would like to know more about the Christian faith with particular emphasis on the reformed expressions of the faith. There is a sign up sheet on the back table.

Weather Closing Information. In the event of bad weather please tune in to WOOD TV-8 for any information about cancellation of worship services or mid-week meetings.

World Renew. Christmas Possibility - Next week we celebrate the possibility of being made right with God, starting with the birth of Jesus. He showed us the way to give to people in need. You can give a goat, a family water filter, or a tree pruning kit from World Renew's Gift Catalog at worldrenew.net/gifts, or call 800-552-7972. There a couple catalogs on the back table by the mailboxes.

ReFrame Ministries Advent: Love as an Action - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. People usually think of love as a feeling. Did you ever think of love as an action? Well, God's love is active! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Prayer Help. Are you or someone you know in need of extra focused prayer? There are prayer cards on the greeter table. Please fill them in and leave in the offering basket or in the Prayer Room bowl. The needs are prayed for on Wednesday during evening prayer gathering.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Bible Study
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From the Deacons—Offerings received on December 11
General Fund \$ 2,750.00
Sunday School Offering for Voice of the Martyrs \$102.60

ASSIGNMENTS

Thank you to all our volunteers who care for the children, and help with other ministries during the worship service today!

Greeters Today Wayne & Carrie Moak
December 25 Bob and Cindi Green

Children's Worship Today Val Livingston
December 25 No children's Worship
January 1 No Children's Worship

Nursery Today Jenny Reynolds, Jessica Kastanek
December 25 Julie Kastanek, Jeremiah Flohr
January 1 Lisa Nurenberg, Peighton Reser

Coffee Time Today Cindi Green
December 25 Harlene Westendorp
January 1 Steve Werdon

Prayer Ministry
Today Marshann Ludema December 25 Karilynn Ridder

Prayer Family:
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.
This week: Bill and Jenny Reynolds