

Seeing God

Psalm 29

The book of Psalms is perhaps one of the most beautiful books in all of Scripture. Throughout its 150 chapters, readers are subject to songs and poems of joy, gladness, community, sadness, pain, praise, and so much more. Even when certain chapters don't have anything new to say, the beautiful ways in which those things are said make them worth reading over and over again.

Psalm 29 is one such chapter. In this text, Christians are called to see God and to give God praise. A simple message, but one that needs repeating.

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Dec 30-Jan 12:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 12,493.28
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 728.00
Community Offering:	
Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 197.51
Benevolence	\$ 154.79
Love Your Neighbor	\$ 20.51
DMS	\$ 14.00

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$251,128.76 Year to Date Expenses: \$ 264,303.92
(through 11/30/2024)

Community Offerings

TODAY: Guiding Light

For over 95 years, Guiding Light has served individuals struggling with hopelessness, homelessness, hunger, and addiction. With our main facility located downtown Grand Rapids, we are dedicated to helping men and women WAKE UP to new life as they recover from addiction and the associated chaos of a life consumed by substance abuse.

<https://guidinglightworks.org/>

Guiding Light is a donor-funded Christian non-profit dedicated to helping individuals recover from addiction and the associated chaos of a life consumed by substance abuse.

Guiding Light provides tools, relationships, and support to empower individuals in living a new life of recovery, where they're back to work, reconnected to God, restored to family, safely housed, and active in service.

Through the guiding light of God's Spirit, Guiding Light partners with individuals to fulfill their God-given potential through rescue, recovery and re-engagement in the community.

Jan 26: Guiding Light Feb 2: Mission French Africa Mpindi's
Feb 9: Denominational Ministry Shares

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan 20

Tuesday, Jan 21
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Jan 22

Thursday, Jan 23

Friday, Jan 24

Saturday, Jan 25

Sunday, Jan 26

9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Jan 27 Elders
Deacons

Feb 2 Youth Group

Feb 10 Exec

Jan 16 Youth Group

Feb 19 Blood Drive

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
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Welcome!

We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship:

Nursery for infants & toddlers;

"Busy Bags" with kid's activities;

Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up
(found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS

are available at the sound booth

TODAY: Pastor Ben DeBoer preaching

NEXT WEEK: Sabbath

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

How Great Thou Art
The Praise Is Yours
Goodness of God

Ministry Moment Guiding Light

Prayers of the People

Scripture Psalm 29

Psalm 29

A psalm of David.

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord twists the oaks^[a]
and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

¹¹The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Message "Seeing God"

Better Is One Day
Build My Life

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

Upcoming dates for the proposed 2025 budget:

TODAY, January 19 — congregational vote

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end of worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (LMPHILO@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy Birthday to **Ann Aardema** who will celebrate her birthday on January 24. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day.

Dear Fellowship Family- Dan and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many cards and expressions of sympathy and support with the recent death of my dad. Although it was difficult to say goodbye we will be together again. Dan and Sandy Wynia

PRAYER EMAIL UPDATE As **Pastor Barb Sanders** has retired as of December 31, 2024, plans are being made for the prayer email as she has been the main contact person for prayer email requests. Following is an overview of adjustments in this time of transition regarding the prayer email ministry.

- An item in the elder mandate is to "develop an effective support ministry of prayer." In this transition time, a team of elder prayer email coordinators is being created to encourage the ministry of prayer. The prayer email coordinators are elders **Mary Bouma** and **Mary Wood-Agents**.
- As we continue to encourage the ministry of prayer, one is encouraged to contact a member of your district care team if you have a prayer request you would like communicated to the congregation.
- Care team members will also reach out to you when they learn of a need and ask if you would like a prayer email sent.
- Current plans are to continue to send prayer emails on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- When there is an urgent prayer request, it will be sent as soon as possible.

As with any new process, there will be new learnings along the way. Thank you for your participation in the ministry of prayer. "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18.

In Christ, **The Elders of Fellowship Church**

★ Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl

TODAY

9:30am Worship
After Worship Budget vote
10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible study
4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School
6pm Youth Group-High School

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Gary and Sue Roode**. Gary fell and fractured his back. He is currently at Health Bridge for rehab. He is wearing a back brace and has no pain. He will be having PT, OT and speech therapy. Please pray that he will regain what he has lost through this fall and hospital stay. God is good all the time.
- Pray for **Steve and Linda Westra** who are working with a 26 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Sarasota, Florida, January 2-24. Pray for safety for team members as they work; and that they will stay healthy. Pray also for the people they work with in Florida. Pray that the clients will experience Christ's compassion and care through the presence and work of this team.
- **Linda Philo** had hip replacement surgery a few weeks ago. Give thanks that surgery went well. Continue to pray for patience during therapy and recovery.
- Continue to pray for **Jerry and Diane Ronda** and their family. Jerry had surgery on December 12 for bladder cancer and continues to be in the hospital. Give thanks for healing of the leakage in the small intestine, and that Jerry is making a little progress every day. Pray for continued healing, and that God will bless Jerry and Diane with patience during this long hospital stay.
- Pray for the work of **Guiding Light** as they help individuals who are struggling with addiction and the chaos it brings. Pray for those living in recovery as they seek to live new lives; as well as the workers and volunteers who support them.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, **Randy & Cathy Kraker**, **Rog & Mary Visser**.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering the Backpack Buddies in your prayers and year end giving!!

Thank you also to the youth group for choosing BPB as the recipient of their Christmas collection project.

January/February food items needed for the 30 children in the program include:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Chunky Soups
- Fruit Cups, applesauce cups
- Oatmeal (boxes of individual envelopes)

Thank you for your support of this ministry.
Sandy Campo (616)889-3134