

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: "Mouth – He Spoke Through the Prophets"

Scripture: John 16:12-15 (Pew Bible Pg. #1538)

Introduction: Breath, light & shadows AND prophecy

Inspiration 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is _____ - _____

Illumination Hebrews 1:1-2 In the past, God spoke
through _____

2 Peter:12-21 Prophets spoke from God as they were carried along
by _____

John 16:12-15 – Jesus teaches us about how the Holy Spirit (our paraclete)
is _____ " _____ "

1) He will _____

a. There is more than _____

b. Where does he guide us? _____

2) He will _____ what is yet to come

a. He speaks in " _____ "

b. He speaks what he hears about _____

3) He will _____ to the Father and Son _____ what is theirs

a. He proceeds from the Father and the
Son: _____ (Nicene Creed)

b. The Trinity is glorified " _____ the Father, _____ the
Son, _____ the Holy Spirit"

Conclusion: we hear God's voice in the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:1-16)

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
OCTOBER 26, 2025
Worship 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Pastor Mark Hofman

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (from Psalm 33)

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**People: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

Leader: He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

**People: Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,**

Leder: for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

**People: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love.**

*Songs of Praise	<i>Be Still, for the Presence</i>	<i>LUYH 532</i>
	<i>Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth</i>	<i>LUYH 237</i>

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Renewed in God's Grace

The Nicene Creed (in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He

ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Song *This I Believe (The Creed)*

Children's Blessing

**The Lord is good to all. He made the world. He takes care of it.
He also takes care of you and me. Go and worship him with thankful hearts!**

Prayers of the People Peg Rop

We Listen to God Speak

Song of Preparation *Speak, O Lord* *LUYH 755*

Scripture John 16:12-15 (Pew Bible Pg. #1538)
Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Message **"Mouth – He Spoke Through the Prophets"**

Prayer of Application

*Song *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* *LUYH 747*

We Are Sent Out to Serve

Offering: General Fund
*(offerings may be given online
or placed in the baskets at each entrance)*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *LUYH 964*

*Postlude

We Live to B.L.E.S.S.

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.
Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



10/26: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Tayla Vlasma
Sunday School/Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Russ & Deb Vlasma

11/2: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Asher Hofman

Children in Worship: Barb Malda and Melisa Vlasma

Coffee Fellowship: John & Sue Sytsema

11/9: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Deb Anderson

Sunday School/Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Elaine Holwerda

11/16: Nursery: Charry Snyder & Addie Maat

Children in Worship: Sherrie Wolffis and Dale Johnson

Coffee Fellowship: Ron F. & Sandy V. & Judy Vaandering

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



***Pray for the * Missionary this Week**

**Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization*

Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries

Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church

Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa

Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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| 1) Betty TenBrink | 4) Ro VerHeul |
| 2) Joel Stefanits | 5) Jim Doornbos |
| 3) Wilma Doctor | |

*Please call or send a card to Care List Member, Ro!
1249 Lakeshore Dr., Apt. 339, Muskegon, MI 49441

Dear Care List Members, Every time we think of you, we say a prayer that the day will be a gentle one for you...a day that brings you plenty of comfort, reasons to smile, and lots & lots of reminders how very loved you are!

A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests & Members!

"This is the day that the Lord has made...let us rejoice and be glad in it!" If you are seeking love, joy, friendship, & encouragement in your Christian walk, you have come to the right place here at Allen Avenue! Be Blessed! Today Pastor Mark will be concluding his series on The Nicene Creed from John 16:12-15 --
"Mouth – He Spoke Through the Prophets"

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

AACRC Council meeting notes from October 22:

1. With much discussion and thanks to all who provided feedback, the council decided to table the air-conditioning decision for one year. This will provide time to explore options for increased air flow, such as the installation of ground-level controls so the attic fan can be efficiently used and the possible upgrading of the sanctuary oscillating fans.
2. While we are transitioning to a new messaging system, council members will phone their districts in the event of worship service cancellations. WZZM and WOOD TV will also carry our announcements.

Upcoming Dates from the Council:

November 9, immediately after the worship service: Members of Allen Avenue will vote to select two new elders and two new deacons for the 2026 Council. Elder nominees are Bob Botting, Bob Holwerda, Gord Peterman, Steve Rop, Sue Sytsema, Beth VanRees, and Dave VanRees. Deacon nominees are Karen Alphenaar, Deb Anderson, Kelly Dauser, Becki Fisher, Dale Johnson, Denise Koetje, and Dave Rop.

If you are voting absentee, you must write your choices on a blank sheet of paper, seal it in an envelope, and write your name outside the envelope. Absentee votes must be for no more than four people for each office. Ballots must be received at church prior to the November 9 worship service.

November 9, during coffee hour: A town hall meeting will be held to review the year and provide answers for any questions regarding the proposed 2026 budget.

November 16, immediately after the worship service: Our annual congregational meeting will include voting on the budget and selecting the names of the new elders and deacons who will serve during 2026-2028.

Next Sunday November 2, the special offering will be for World Renew.

World Renew is compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, joining communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The Planning & Visioning Committee would like input from the congregation about Allen Avenue's worship ministry. An electronic survey has been submitted to council by the Worship & Music Committee and was emailed with the bulletin on October 24. The survey will also be available in printed form. Your feedback is important and will be considered carefully as we seek to build a vibrant worshipping community at Allen Avenue CRC.

On Saturday, October 25 at 5:00pm and Sunday, October 26 at 3:00pm, Angel Church will be celebrating 25 years of God's faithfulness. Classis Muskegon is inviting all the local churches to help them celebrate. Special guest speakers will be Bishop Edward D. Rockett, Jr. of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of Lansing and Dr. Timothy Brown of Western Theological Seminary President Emeritus. Mark your calendars and plan on joining in on their 25th anniversary!

Dear Congregation at Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church,
Thank you for stepping into God's mission through your generous support of Resonate! Through your church's giving to Resonate, your congregation has taken a step of faith into a bigger story to which God has called us as members of the global church. You have taken a step to share the gospel—and God is using your church's mission and generosity to bring transformation to lives, families, and communities all over the world! God's story is bigger than we could ever imagine, and we all have a part to play in this story. In a world marred by hunger, sickness, violence, grief, and despair, the gospel is good news. Your congregation is walking alongside Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders as they share the good news of the gospel that brings fullness, healing, peace, and hope! Thank you for joining people all over the world on their faith journeys. Through your partnership with Resonate, your church is not only a donor—you are a member of the global church who is responding to God's call to spread the gospel among peoples and nations!
Serving with you, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

If you didn't get a chance to take a tag, please feel free to take one this Sunday for Operation Christmas Child. Check out the table in the basement of church. Take a tag (or more) and bring the items to church no later than Sunday, November 2. The GEMS will be putting the shoeboxes together at their meeting on November 5. Thank you for all your help in this ministry with Samaritan's Purse. Last year our boxes went to girls in Guyana. I'll let you know where this year's boxes go. Again, thanks for all your support.

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GEMS and Cadets will be meeting in the church basement for a fall party on Wednesday, October 29, from 6:15 - 8:00pm. We will be eating donuts, drinking apple cider, playing games, and carving pumpkins. Hope to see all of you there!

The 13th annual Trunk-or-Treat for the families of the Angell Neighborhood will be held on Halloween night from 6:00- 7:00 pm at Angel Church.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun by sharing treats from the trunk of your car. Just arrive by 5:30pm and bring your own candy or help distribute what's been donated by local churches and businesses. Decorations and costumes are fun but not required. Can't make the event? There are bins inside both of our entry doors for dropping off donated candy. Donation deadline is Sunday, October 26.

Muskegon Christian School has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids in the past during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 2:50-4:30pm: November 3 & 10, December 1 & 8.

The AACRC Cadets are collecting boxed potatoes for the Muskegon Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Food Drive. There will be a blue barrel in the fellowship hall through Sunday, November 2. The goal is to collect 225 boxes to put in the holiday baskets. Thanks for the help in giving our neighbors a meal to celebrate this Thanksgiving!

Attention Men's Bible Study: Our next meeting will be Monday, November 3, at 6:15 at church. Please take note of the date and we'll see you on the 3rd!

"Hearts on Fire" Ladies Bible Study will meet on **Thursday, November 6, from 1:30-3:00pm.** Complete Session 3 pages 47-77 in your "When You Pray" study book. We look forward to growing in the Word together! Ladies of all ages are warmly invited...bring a friend! See Susan Vanderlaan for more info.

Save the Date: District 2 & 4 will be having a potluck all together on Sunday, **November 9**, after coffee time in the fellowship hall. The main course and beverages will be provided...you just need to bring a dish to pass! There is a sign-up sheet downstairs for you to RSVP and what dish you would like to bring.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Continue to pray for **Carol Dirkse's** family, **Patti Steigenga**, **Ron Vlasma**, & more updates from your emailed prayer outline from Tuesday's afternoon prayer time.