

SERMON NOTES:

**ALLEN AVENUE
CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH**



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PASTOR JEFFERY HOUGH
NOVEMBER 23, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Pastor Jeffery Hough

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

**People: All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.

—from Psalm 86:8-10, NRSV

*Song of Praise *In Christ Alone* LUYH 770

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

We Are Restored and Forgiven

Sung Prayer *Your Mercy Flows* LUYH 700

Children's Blessing

**This is a time for joy:
a time to praise, a time to sing,
a time to thank, a time to love.
Honor Jesus as you worship him.**

Prayers of the People

Susan Vanderlaan

We Listen to God Speak

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

Scripture

Message

Prayer

We Respond to God's Word

*Song *Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

We Go 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 of Praise *To God, Be the Glory* LUYH 956

*Postlude



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

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



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



11/23: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Mary Maat
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge
11/30: Nursery: Becki Fisher & Becky Schout
Children in Worship: Debbie Anderson and Kelly Dauser
Coffee Fellowship: John & Carol Schuitema & Sonia Vazquez & April Maas
12/7: Nursery: Dale Johnson & Kristen Vlasma
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan
12/14: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Sherrie Wolffis
Children's Sunday School Christmas Program
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda



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

- 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, Wilma!
3637 Whispering Woods Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444

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, Pastor Jeffery & Evelyn Hough, and Members!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worshipping our amazing Lord of the Harvest! Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Jeffery for leading us in worship during the Hofmans' moving week! After the service, join us downstairs for a time of fellowship with the family of God here at Allen Avenue!



COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

AACRC's Thanksgiving Service will be Thursday, November 27, at 10:00am.

We have welcomed Angel Church to join us in this service of gratitude to God!

The special Thanksgiving offering envelopes are available by the collection plates in the front and back of church. If you would like to use one, please pick one up. Unspecified gifts will be split between Love INC and the Rescue Mission.

Church envelopes for 2026 offerings are now available in the church basement. Please be sure to pick yours up. If you do not see your name or have any questions, please reach out to Amber Johnson, 231-670-4865. Thank you!

Notes from the November 18 Council Meeting:

1. Ron Vlasma has submitted his resignation from the Council, allowing him to focus on his treatment and recovery from cancer. We are grateful for the many ways that Ron has blessed our church in his role as deacon during the past year.
2. The Council voted to approve a motion from the Technology Committee to hire Foster Electric Company to install two additional dedicated electrical circuits in the loft room above the piano, where the church's data and networking equipment are located. The estimated expense would be \$1200.
3. Last Sunday at our congregational meeting, Bob Botting and Bob Holwerda were chosen as Elders for the coming year. Karen Alphenaar and Dale Johnson were chosen as Deacons. May God richly bless their service to our Lord & church!

Upcoming dates:

- ❖ First Sunday of Advent and Communion Service - November 30
- ❖ Council meal and meeting for all present and new members - Sunday lunch at 12noon, December 14.
- ❖ Christmas Day Service – Thursday, December 25 at 10:00am

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

After the Thanksgiving Day service, you're invited to put together a "Blessing Bag" (or two), which you can put in your car door to hand out to housing-insecure neighbors on the street or at highway exit ramps. The bags will include a pair of socks and/or neck gaiter, a gift card for one fast-food meal, and information about Allen Avenue Church. Join Steve Rop and Pastor Mark in the library after the service to join this effort.

CONNECT Group will break for the holidays and resume in January 2026!

Men's Bible Study will meet Monday, December 1, at 6:15pm at church. Please come prepared by studying Lesson 1 in our study books on Hebrews.

GEMS will meet Wednesday, December 3, from 6:15-8:00pm in the church basement. Please be sure to bring your Bible with you. We will be hearing more about the faithfulness of our God.

Cadets will meet on Wednesday, December 3, for bible study and model building.

"Hearts on Fire" Ladies Bible Study will be having their Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 4, at 1:00 pm at the Love INC Café, 557 W. Western Ave.

GEMS will be going to Maranatha on Saturday, December 6, from 4:30-7:30pm for the "Heart of Christmas" event. Please meet in the church parking lot at 4:30 and dress for being outside.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT IS: WE LIVE TO B.L.E.S.S.

We are called by God to:

Believe – We Believe in One Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We Believe that the Bible is the true and inspired Word of God. Our belief is reinforced by our active, wholehearted worship as the body of Christ.

Love – We Love and care for one another in unity as the body of Christ. As children of God, we show and express that love to those around us.

Evangelize - We Evangelize by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and those we meet. We support and participate in mission efforts locally, nationally, and across the globe.

Support – We Support Christian instruction of both adults and children, in the church, in the home, and in our Christian schools with our gifts, prayers, and time.

Serve - We Serve those around us with the compassion of Christ allowing opportunities to meet their physical and spiritual needs.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Megan Secord, youngest daughter of Jim and Sue, is hospitalized at Corewell in Grand Rapids this week with severe headaches. Many tests and labs are being run. At this time doctors are trying to figure out a plan for pain management and the underlying cause. We love you, Megan, and are praying for you!!!

Jim and Barb Malda are asking for prayers for Jim's brother **Bob Malda**. He has had severe back pain for several weeks and is scheduled for an MRI on November 25. Pray for relief from his pain and that he will still be able to undergo his scheduled brain surgery in January for his Parkinson's Disease.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Ron Bols's sister and her family as they mourn the passing of Ron's brother-in-law **Rog Welscott** on Monday, November 17. Also, pray for continued healing of Ron's leg after a fall last week.

Ron Vlasma: We continue to lift Ron and his family up as he started chemotherapy on November 11 and will go every two weeks indefinitely. Here is the Meal Train link to volunteer to bring them a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/r0oo5l>

Ken and Wilma Doctor ask for prayers for their daughter **Michelle**, who has battled MS for 13+ years, who had surgery for a broken ankle on last Monday. After the ankle heals, she will have to have surgery on her knee for a torn MCL. Pray for her husband and daughter as they care for her.

Thanks for successful cataract surgeries for **Peg Rop** and for her great recovery.

We give thanks that the issues **Elaine Holwerda** was having in her knees and legs seems to be improving.

New Address for Pastor Mark, Stephanie, the Triple AAAs, & Po the dog is: 3894 Norton Hills Rd., Norton Shores, MI 49441. Blessings on your new home! 😊

New address for Devin Snyder & Fiancee Annabell Ogle:

3232 Maffett St. Muskegon Hts., MI 49444. Devin's Cell 231.246.3519
Annabell's Cell 231.215.5259, devinsnyder326@gmail.com, accogle25@gmail.com

November prayer challenge...pray a blessing of thanks over each of our church families mentioned in the church directory and for our new visitors & friends!