

## SERMON NOTES:

**Sermon:** "Maker –Of All Things Visible and Invisible"

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-5 (Pew Bible Page # 3); John 1:1-5 (Pew Bible Page #1509)

# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN  
OCTOBER 5, 2025  
WORSHIP 10:00AM

# Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Pastor Mark Hofman

## We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the LORD.

**People: Praise the LORD, my soul.**

Leader: I will praise the LORD all my life;

**People: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—

**People: He remains faithful forever.**

Leader: The LORD reigns forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**All: Praise the LORD.**

\*Song of Praise      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      *LUYH 575:1,2,4*  
  
*Be Unto Your Name*

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

## We Confess Our Faith

\*Nicene Creed

\*Song      *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*      *LUYH 579:1,3,4*

Children's Message

Peg Rop

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

Pastor Mark

## We Listen to God Speak

Scripture      Genesis 1:1-5 (Pew Bible pg. 3); John 1:1-5 (Pew Bible Page #1509)

Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Message      "Maker –Of All Things Visible and Invisible"

Prayer

## We Are Nourished at God's Table

\*Song

*Keep the Feast*

*[after the song, the congregation is invited  
to gather in groups to receive the bread and cup]*

## We Are Sent Out to Serve

Offering      General Fund & Western Michigan Christian MS/HS  
*(offerings may be given online or placed  
in the baskets at each entrance)*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Praise      *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*

*LUYH 6:1*

\*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



### NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



10/5: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Beth VanRees

Children in Worship: Laurie DeJonge & Judy Vaandering

Coffee Fellowship: Nate & Becki Schout, Sue Secord

10/12: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Becki Fisher

Sunday School/Catechism

Coffee Fellowship: Dave & Beth VanRees

10/19: Nursery: Dale Johnson & Maelin Vlasma

Children in Worship:

Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher

10/26: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Maelin Vlasma

### 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) <b>Betty TenBrink</b> | 4) Lois Grinwis |
| 2) Joel Stefanits        | 5) Ro VerHeul   |
| 3) Wilma Doctor          | 6) Jim Doornbos |

\*Please call or send a card to Care List Member, Betty!

1350 W. Hackley, Apt. 113 , 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!

**During the month of October, Pastor Mark will be doing a sermon series on The Nicene Creed:**

October 5 – Genesis 1:1-5 & John 1:1-5 "**M**aker - Of All Things Visible and Invisible"

October 12 – John 1:1-14 "**M**ediator - Through Him All Things Were Made"

October 19 – Isaiah 9:6-7 & Rev. 11:15-19 "**M**agistrate - His Kingdom Will Never End"

October 26 – John 16:12-15 "**M**outh – He Spoke Through the Prophets"

Immediately after worship, please join us in the lower level as we gather for a time to meet, greet, & get re-acquainted with our brothers & sisters in Christ!

**John and Carol Schuitema have been married for 65 years!!** They and their family would like you to join in the celebration after church next Sunday, October 12. There will be special cookies from Ryke's (along with other goodies) during the fellowship time. Please join us in thanking God for His many blessings they have enjoyed over the years.

### **COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS**

**The special offering for this Sunday, October 5, is for Western Michigan Christian MS/HS.** WMC exists to educate with excellence, integrate faith with knowledge, equip students to work and serve Christ in their communities.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**Classis Muskegon is pleased to announce the upcoming presentation from Protect Young Eyes scheduled for October 14, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** at Allen Avenue CRC, 695 Allen Avenue, Muskegon 49442. "Mental Health & Tech: Understanding Fabulous and Fragile Brains with Protect Young Eyes" should prove to be very informative, insightful and inspiring for everyone connected to kids. Child care is available for kids from babies to age 11 years old. Note that reservations are required through the following link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyouneyes/1750404>  
Contact: [muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com](mailto:muskegonsafechurch@gmail.com) or Sherrie Wolffis with questions

**CONNECT** group will meet this Sunday at 4:00pm...all are welcome!

**Notice new time: Tuesday 1 pm – 2pm Google Meet Prayer Time.** Please talk to Stan or Peg Rop if you have questions.

**A heartfelt thank you to all of you who took your Prayer Partners** information last week! We need a few more adults so please check out the table in the Fellowship Room so we can complete this important prayer ministry! Many, many thanks!!! Any questions, please see Sue Sytsema.

**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: October 6 & 13, November 3 & 10, December 1 & 8.

**We have several walkers committed to the CROP Walk on October 5.** We hope to collect plenty of donations for this important cause - so many people currently struggling with food insecurity! **Contact Russ and Deb Vlasma if you would like to donate.**

**Men's Bible Study** will resume meeting on Monday, October 13 at 6:30pm here at church. We will continue our study, "God, I Need Some Answers." If you would like more details talk to Brian Schuitema or call him at 231.557.0714.

**Ladies Bible Study** will meet on **Thursday, October 16, at 1:30pm.** Complete Session 2 pages 15-43 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. Contact Marcia Breuker if you still need a book...there is still time to join us! 😊

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**During the last Council meeting, we began a discussion on potentially pursuing air conditioning for our sanctuary.** We are asking for your input regarding the possibility of this major expense. The cost would be around \$85,000. We would likely secure significant pledges from the congregation before beginning a project like this. **We are asking you to share your opinion with us. Please speak with Jack DeJonge ([dejonge.jack@gmail.com](mailto:dejonge.jack@gmail.com)) or any other council member. If we receive significant input in favor of pursuing AC, we will continue with our work on this.** Then, after careful investigation, the Council would vote on whether to approve the project. If approved, a proposal would go before the congregation for the final approval vote.

**Save the Date: District 2** 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

**Praise God for the many new people worshipping us.** May they see Jesus!

**Ron Vlasma**- we lift him and his family in prayers of strength, encouragement and wisdom as they deal with Ron's diagnosis of throat cancer. He is awaiting a PET Scan and has been feeling better due to the nourishment given. They also want to thank the congregation for their continued prayers, support, calls and texts. We are so thankful for the army of support that has been shown thus far. (Kristin V.)

**Anita Ward** fell and broke some ribs last weekend. She is staying with her son until she heals. Let's shower Anita with cards of encouragement and love! Anita Ward, 302 Terrace Point Circle, Muskegon, MI 49440.

**Bob & Elain Holwerda's dear friend Mr. C**, a prominent, well-respected, godly man from Chicago, is suffering from anxiety and insomnia. The Holwerdas are asking for our church to pray for him, and they thank you for caring.

**Rusty and Amanda**-Prayers for **Rusty's Uncle Gordan Palmer** (Aunt Pam) has suffered three strokes due to a large clot in his neck area which seems to be causing the strokes. He is not a candidate for surgery and is in hospice care. We pray for God's will and care for him and the family.

**Our neighbor April**-There is a need for reliable and hard-working outdoor staff at Hoffmaster State Park where I work. Pray for honest ones to apply