

SERMON NOTES:

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1-19 -- Pew Bible Pg. #1075

Message: "Set Apart Prophet"



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ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2025 --10:00AM



Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Pastor Mark Hofman

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Advent Prayer and Candle-lighting

Travis and Jasmine Snyder

Call To Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: I will say it again: Rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: The Lord is near.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

People: Let us worship God!

—based on Philippians 4:4-5, NIV

Advent Carols

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LUYH 56

Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

LUYH 60:1,4

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Children's Message

Kelly Dauser

Song

Away in a Manger

LUYH 86

Children's Blessing (in unison):

May the story of God's love

when he gave the baby Jesus

bring joy to each one of you.

Worship the Christ child with all your heart.

Go with his blessing.

Prayers of the People

Bob Vanderlaan

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

*Song

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LUYH 70:1-3

Scripture Passage:

Jeremiah 1:1-19

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

Message

"Prophetic Preparation"

Prayer of Application

GATHERED AROUND GOD'S TABLE

*The congregation is invited forward in groups
for the celebration of the Lord's Supper*

SENT OUT

Offering

General Fund

*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or placed in the baskets at each entrance]*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise

Blessed Be the God of Israel

LUYH 67:1,2

*Postlude

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

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



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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
12/21: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & August Hofman
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma & Laurie DeJonge
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema



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
- 2) Joel Stefanits
- 3) Wilma Doctor
- 4) **Ro VerHeul**
- 5) Jim Doornbos

*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 during Advent time and always!*



A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, and Members!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us on this first Sunday of Advent. For Advent at Allen Avenue this year, we will be hearing God's promises through the prophet Jeremiah. The hope, peace, joy, and love that we long for and experience comes from the LORD, who is faithful to his people through their sins and sorrows. He is the one who uproots and plants, who rescues and redeems - he is **Prophecy Fulfilled!** Jesus was born into a world with danger and distress, and he knows that we long for his coming as well. Jeremiah gives us words to cling to this Advent as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus and his faithfulness to us. After the service, join us downstairs for a time of fellowship with the family of God here at Allen Avenue!

Advent Nov. 30 – Dec 21. – Series in Jeremiah titled "Do Not Weep For Me"
November 30 – Jeremiah 1:1-19 "Set Apart Prophet"
December 7 – Jeremiah 14:17-22 "We Hoped for Peace"
December 14 – Jeremiah 23:1-8 "The Days Are Coming"
December 21 – Jeremiah 30:18-22 & 33:14-16 "I Will Fulfill the Good Promise"

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Advanced Notice: Council meal and meeting for all present and new members - Sunday lunch at 12noon, December 14.

As we enter the Christmas season, World Renew's Gift Catalog is a meaningful way to give gifts and share Christ's love with those in need. From seeds to clean water, to a goat to disaster recovery supplies (and much more), each gift brings hope and makes a lasting difference for families around the world. Explore the catalog at worldrenew.net/gift-catalog. Or pick up a printed catalog in the church lobby. As children of the Heavenly Father, please give gifts from the catalog to family, friends, and each other for God's children in need. THANKS!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Calling all Christmas Carolers! On **Thursday, December 18 at 12:00pm**, you are invited to help lead a Christmas Carol sing-along at Optavis Health (formerly SKLD Muskegon, 1061 W. Hackley Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441) With Joel Stefanits, one of our care list members. We will join residents and staff at their holiday lunch for a short session of songs and celebration. It will be an informal gathering, with Santa hats appreciated - come join and sing along!

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.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas—such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive's Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas: crcna.org/advent-tools.

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel" at www.kidscorner.net. God promises to be with us in every moment—when we're sad, happy, or waiting for better days—and that gives us hope. This Advent, we can celebrate the hope of Jesus, who was born to be our Savior and will one day come again. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, bible stories, crafts, and activities.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

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!

Pray for relief for **Jim Malda's** brother **Bob's** back pain, so he will still be able to undergo his scheduled brain surgery in January for his Parkinson's Disease.

Ron Vlasma: We continue to lift Ron and his family up as he undergoes chemotherapy treatments. Here is the Meal Train link to volunteer to bring them a meal on some open dates in December: <https://mealtrain.com/r0oo5l> Please check your email for a link to sign-up for daily prayer for him, too. "Thanks for all the prayers and gifts of meals!" --Ron & Kristen Vlasma

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. 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.

Rusty Palmer's mom, Jo Palmer, who lives in Alabama, has been diagnosed with Stage 2 cancer. Doctors are looking a surgical treatment. Please pray for an effective treatment and quick recovery for her.

Pastor Mark's Uncle Jim Hofman was hospitalized recently for a embolism, and he continues chemo for his esophageal cancer and is in need of prayer.

Megan Secord—Jim and Sue's daughter is home after being in the hospital for severe headaches with no relief. Continue to pray for the cause to be found.

Thanks for the ministry for **Jeff and Evelyn Hough** and for their evangelistic gift that lifted us all up in praise to God on Sunday!

"Oh! I have huge PRAISES TO GOD!! Baby Grace came home about a week ago! The family is overjoyed! She still needs medical support, but it can be done in the home. What a miracle!!!" --Sherrie Wolffis

Cadets--for the wonderful pancake breakfast and for their meeting this week and model making.

GEMS--for their meeting this week and for their upcoming Christmas trip to Maranatha for the "Heart of Christmas" Event.