

SERMON NOTES:

Scripture: Proverbs 12:1-4 & 31:10-31 (Pew Bible pg. #918)

Message: "Nobility Crowned."

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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Pastor Mark Hofman
February 8, 2026
Worship--10:00am

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, February 8, 2026
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship
Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the *Lord* our Maker;
**People: for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

*Opening Hymn *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down* LUYH 510
 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LUYH 521

*God's Greeting
*We Greet One Another

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Leader: Loving God,
**People: we confess before you and each other
that our lives are not pure and holy
apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ.**

Leader: Open our eyes,
People: that we may see you in the ones we say we love.
Leader: Open our ears,
People: that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.

Leader: Open our mouths
People: to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.
Leader: Open our hands
People: in generosity and grateful service.
Leader: Open our hearts

**People: to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience
to your will and your way.**
**All: Forgive us Lord, and lead us through your wisdom
to flourish in paths of justice and righteousness
for your name's sake. Amen.**

Sung Assurance of Pardon *Your Labor is Not In Vain*

Children's Message Deb Vlasma
Children's Blessing

**The Lord loves you.
He promises to go with you.
Praise him for being so good.
May he bless you as you worship him.**

Prayers of the People Pastor Mark

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Song of Preparation *Seek Ye First* LUYH 899

Scripture Passage Proverbs 12 :1-4; 31:10-31

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

Message «Nobility Crowned»

Prayer of Application

WE ARE SENT OUT

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

*Song *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology *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



2/8: Nursery: Jasmine Snyder & Karen Alphenaar
Children in Worship: Beth VanRees & Barb Malda
Coffee Fellowship: Congregational Life Hot Chocolate Bar
2/15: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Renee Vlasma
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda
2/22: Nursery: Dale Johnson, Violet & Hope
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma & Kelly Dauser
Coffee Fellowship: John & Sue Sytsema, Katelyn Overkamp
3/1: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Tayla Vlasma
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Carolyn & Justin Wilsoon

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, This season is not wasted. Quiet moments can be powerful times for reflection, creativity, and connection with God and others in new ways. Hope is still alive. Even in stillness, life can surprise you with joy, beauty, and blessings. Remember today & always, you are loved!

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



We are so blessed to have you worshipping with us this Sabbath Sunday! This week we continue our sermon series in the book of Proverbs as we journey on to greater wisdom in our Christian pilgrimage. Today we will be looking at Proverbs 12:1-4 & 31:10-31 "Nobility Crowned." Please join us downstairs after the service for our third annual & delightful Hot Chocolate Bar served by your Congregational Life Committee! 😊

January/February Sermon

Series: "Resolute - A Study in Proverbs"

♥ February 15 – Proverbs 13:24 & 17:1-17
"Household Wisdom"

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Our special offering for Sunday, February 15 is 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.

Parents of our college students: their Valentine bags will be available for pick-up this Sunday the 8th after the worship service in the basement of church. They have been filled with goodies and cards to show our love and support. Our current college students are:

- ♥ **Emma Peklar** is in her 4th year at Michigan State University majoring in Human Development & Family Studies with a minor in Women's Study.
- ♥ **Yeabsira Vlasma** is in his final year at Grand Valley State University and will be graduating this spring with his bachelor's degree in finance.
- ♥ **Emily Snyder** is in her junior year at Grace Christian University studying Human Services.
- ♥ **Danny Maat** is in his sophomore year at Cornerstone University and is pre-seminary in the Ministries Program.
- ♥ **Luke Maat** is in his freshman year at Calvin University & joined ROTC.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

The GEMS want to thank everyone for their help in supplying items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. It was way back in November when we put the shoeboxes together but the report on their travels is complete. This year, all of our boxes went to girls in Zambia and in Malawi. We can only imagine how exciting it was for them to receive these boxes jam packed with fun things! More importantly, though, our prayer is that they heard the gospel story and received Jesus into their hearts. Thank you again for your part in this Kingdom building ministry.

The GEMS also want to thank everyone for supporting our recent fundraiser and buying subs and croissants. We sold over 600 sandwiches and made a profit of \$715.40!! Again, thank you so much for your support for the GEMS ministry. Please keep the GEMS and counselors in your prayers.

The Men's Bible Study will meet at church on Monday, February 16. Please study Lesson 14 to prepare. See you all there at 6:15PM.

"Hearts on Fire" Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 19, from 1:30-3:00pm. Prepare Session Six in our personal Bible study on pg. 141-169.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Muskegon Christian School has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 2:50-4:30pm: February 9, March 2 & 9, April 13, and May 4 & 11.

CONNECT Group will start back up on Sunday, February 15 from 11:30-12:30. Interested in what CONNECT is? Contact Charry Snyder or Denise Koetje!

"Hi, Allen Ave! Emily Snyder here! I'm doing a fundraiser called the "BIG FREEZE" to earn some money to put towards my college tuition. I will be taking a plunge in freezing cold water. Money donated will go directly towards this scholarship opportunity and essentially my tuition. Thank you for your consideration! If you would like to donate, here is my link to donate online:"
<https://my.onecause.com/fundraiser/organizations/0c2e730a-7a8e-49b3-b19b-6eed7ffb9382/fundraisers/fundraiser:16e65094-6b83-4738-a15f-da07abb3f410/personalfundraisers/personalfund:d7dca28f-921e-4900-8314-ba2c97b0bd64>

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

We rejoice with Fernando and Keri Vergara with the birth of Amaya Katherine on Wednesday, January 21. Big sister Adelle is quite excited with her new sister! If you wish to send them a congratulations card, they can be mailed to: Av. Gaston Hamel Nieto 515, Depto. 1403, Vina del Mar, V Region de Valparaiso, Chile, CP 2542573.

"Hi everyone! Jack & I are getting settled into our new home. We are so thankful for all of you, and the well wishes we have received. As the snow melts (eventually!), we will discover our yard and whatever is growing there. We love you, be safe!" --**Love, Jack & Sherrie Wolffis**

Allen Avenue will be hosting the Classis meeting on Thursday, February 26. Many hands are needed for this important event, so if you are feeling called to volunteer, please talk to Sue Sytsema, Kelly Dauser, or Pastor Mark.

Thank you to all of you who have been praying so fiercely for my dad, **Steve Rinks**. It has meant so much to me and our family. My dad was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer a couple weeks ago. He started chemotherapy on Wednesday in hopes that he can be with us a bit longer. His next treatment will be in two weeks. Please continue to pray for him as he starts his chemo treatments - we've been told it will be tough in the beginning, hopefully getting a little easier with each treatment.

- **Melisa Vlasma**

Ron Vlasma-continued prayers for him and Kristin, Joe, and Matthew as they journey through this cancer together. May Ron feel God's continued presence.

Continued prayers for **Jim Doornbos** who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and is presently at the Poppen Hospice. May God hold Jim, Mary, and Ed very close in the days ahead. Cards may be mailed to: 2065 E. Mt. Garfield Rd., Muskegon, MI 49444.

Continued prayers for the **Second family**: **Jim** with his lung issues, **Megan** with her ongoing headaches, and **Sue** as she cares for them both.

Heartfelt sympathy to **Pastor Jeffery & Evelyn Hough** from Angel Church with the recent passing of Evelyn's sister **Edna**. May God hold them very close in the coming days as they say goodbye to a precious Kingdom worker. Cards of sympathy can be sent to:

Pastor Jeffery & Evelyn Hough, 446 Ada Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442.