

### SERMON NOTES:

**Scripture:** John 1:9-13, 19-34 (Pew Bible pg. 1509)

**Message:** « The One Who Sent Me, Told Me »

# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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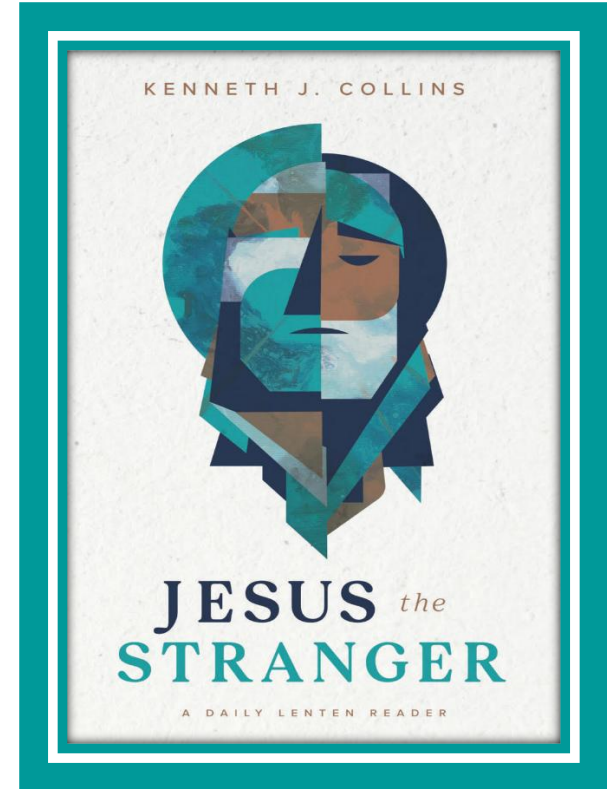
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**Pastor Mark Hofman**  
**February 22, 2026**  
**Worship--10:00am**

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

Sunday, February 22, 2026  
Pastor Mark Hofman

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,  
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted,  
to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,  
to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To carry the cross, to lead the way,  
to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Today, to this place, to us,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

\*Opening Hymns

*Amen, Amen  
You Are My King*

*PsH 365  
LUYH 360*

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

Children's Message

Stephanie Hofman

*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 *Tell John His Prophecy Was True*

*Singing the New  
Testament #67*

Scripture Passage

John 1:9-13, 19-34

Pew Bible Pg. #1509

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

Message

« The One Who Sent Me, Told Me »

Prayer of Application

## WE FEAST AT GOD'S TABLE

\*Song

*Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)*

*LUYH 840*

## WE ARE SENT OUT

Our Offerings

General Fund

*[offerings may be given online at [allenavechurch.org](http://allenavechurch.org)  
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Praise

*Lamb of God*

*(Twila Paris)*

\*Postlude

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

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



### NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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 Wilson  
3/8: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Mary Maat  
Children in Worship: Amber Johnson, Bob & Susan Vanderlaan  
Coffee Fellowship: Dean & Amber Johnson  
3/15: Nursery: Beth VanRees & Aethan Hofman  
Sunday School/Catechism  
Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher

### 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><i>*Betty TenBrink</i></b> | *Please call or send a card |
| 2) Ro VerHeul                    | to Care List Member, Betty! |
| 3) Joel Stefanits                | 1350 W. Hackley, Apt. 113   |
| 4) Wilma Doctor                  | 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 worshiping with us on this first Sunday of Lent! During Lent at Allen Avenue, we'll be reading stories of Jesus in the Gospels where he encounters disciples, family members, fellow Jews and religious leaders who all fail to understand who he really, truly is – the Messiah. Our own ways of being familiar with Jesus will be challenged, so that we might once again meet him as he greets us. We'll be reminded that to follow him takes a willingness to bear our cross; to put the sin in our flesh to death (Romans 8:13). We will be invited to once again be led toward the grace and power of Jesus' death and resurrection. And when we encounter Jesus in his resurrection appearances, we will meet him once again as the God who makes himself known in Jesus' face (2 Cor. 4:6). Some inspiration for our sermon series includes the pictured devotional, *Jesus the Stranger*, by Kenneth J. Collins. Please join us downstairs after the service for a time of reconnecting with the family of God here at AACRC!

## COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

**AACRC's council will meet next Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00pm.** Elders will meet before the meeting at 6:00pm. Pray for the classis meeting that will be held in our church on Thursday, February 26. May Jesus Christ be praised!

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**CONNECT small group** has started up again. We will meet every other week in the lounge off the kitchen from 11:30-12:30. This is a relationship Bible study, so come as you are. We are your first step in connecting with others. Come check things out...our first discussion series is from the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5 – "Changing from the Inside Out." Have questions? Talk with Charry Snyder or Denise Koetje.

**"Hearts on Fire" Women's Bible Study** will meet on Thursday, March 5, from 1:30-3pm. Prepare Session Seven in our personal Bible study on pg. 173-201.

**Looking for AACRC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pamphlet**...was last seen in the library. If you know its whereabouts, please talk to Dave Bishop so he can return it to the rightful owner!

## 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: March 2 & 9, April 13, and May 4 & 11.

**We, as a congregation, are going to once again love on our missionaries** each month. The month of February we are going to begin with **Pastor Jeffery & Evelyn Hough**. Please shower them with cards/letters/emails of encouragement. Send your encouragements to: 1064 Wood St., Muskegon, MI 49442 or by e-mail to [pastorjah@angelcc.org](mailto:pastorjah@angelcc.org). Let's fill their mail box this February!

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

We celebrate with the whole **Snyder Family** as **Devin and Annabella** welcomed little **Alkinna Marigold Laylani Snyder on Valentine's Day!** All are doing well 😊 A Meal Train link was sent out in last week's email if you would like to sign up to bring them a meal. Here is the link: <https://mealtrain.com/3r96m8>

"Thanks to all who so faithfully offered up prayers on my behalf. I'm so blessed to be a part of such a loving church." –**Kelly Dauser**

"**Baby Bobbi May** is continuing to eat, gain weight, and showing signs that her in-utero surgery was a success. Thank you, God. Continue to keep the family upheld in prayers. Thank you." --**Randy & Becki Fisher**

**Lindsey Oliviera**, wife of former Pastor Ben, was diagnosed with breast cancer before Christmas, had surgery, and it was found to not have spread. She does not need treatment at this time and is already back to work. She appreciates our thoughts and prayers.

**Continued prayers for my father Steve Brinks** as he has had some pretty rough days lately...so much pain and further complicated health concerns. We are so appreciative of the prayers being offered. -**Melisa Vlasma**

**Ron Vlasma** had a scan done on Monday, February 16, which showed his cancerous esophageal tumor is shrinking! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Continue to lift the family up in the days ahead and for a complete healing.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

On Tuesday, February 17, the Lord called **Jim Doornbos** home. We as his church family extend our deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Ed, Mary, their children and the whole Doornbos/Hager family. Services are pending at this time.

**Mike Fongers** – Praise that the Botox injections to control his bladder spasms has been successful. Carol's Place appreciates our prayers & support for their building project...so many delays and additional costs. God has faithfully supplied all their needs, and they believe His timing is perfect, too. They're looking at April 1<sup>st</sup> for completion, have started to advertise for three more residents, and know God will supply there, too.

**Pastor Mark's Uncle Jim** recently celebrated for 40 years of marriage with his wife and 35 years of sobriety. Praise that his body has been responding well to his esophageal cancer treatments.

**Ron Bol** wishes to thank the congregation for all the prayers, cards, food, and support while he was laid up with a fractured fibula. He still has to wear the boot for a while and hopes to be back at church next month worshipping again!

Prayers of sympathy for our missionaries: for **Jeffery Hough and Evelyn** as they grieve the loss of their dear sister, Edna Thomas, and for **Paul and Charlotte Mpindi** as they grieve the loss of Paul's mom.

**Jim Malda's brother Bob** had the implanted device activated on February 18 to decrease his Parkinson's symptoms. He is also scheduled for back surgery on February 24. Prayers for him as he goes through both of these health concerns.

**Mary Kortman received a prayer request from Pastor Bruce Ballast** who is preaching for us on March 8. His son Jonathan, (47-years-old from Seattle, WA) has a cancerous tumor in the middle of his brain which was found in November 2025. Surgery is not an option. Radiation has helped and Chemotherapy is planned. Please pray for a miracle for him and for peace for his wife and five children. They appreciate all the prayers.

**Continued prayers for the Secord family.** Megan continues to battle severe headaches & for her neurologist to call back with a treatment plan soon. Continue to pray for Jim as he has not felt good the last couple weeks.