

## SERMON NOTES

**Scripture:** I Peter 2:4-10 Pew Bible Page #1728

**Message:** "A Chosen, Special, and Precious Possession"

# Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church



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**Pastor Mark Hofman**

**July 26, 2026**

**Worship 10:00AM**

# Come Now is the Time to Worship!

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## We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: Our Almighty God is building his church.

**People: Jesus Christ himself is the cornerstone.**

Leader: Let us join together in unity of spirit,  
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to Christ.

**People: We come as living stones, called from darkness  
Into God's wonderful light!**

\*Opening Song of Praise      *Cornerstone*

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

## Renewed in God's Grace

Celebration of Professing Baptism      Annabell Ogle

Song      *Who You Say I Am*      *CCLI lyric video*

Children's Message      Stephanie Hofman

Children's Blessing

***Jesus loves the little children of the world.***

***May his blessing be upon you.***

***May his love surround you.***

***May his joy fill you.***

***Worship the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.***

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

## God Speaks To Us

\*Song of Preparation      *People of God*      *(Wayne Watson)*

Scripture Passage      1 Peter 2 :4-10      Pew Bible Page #1728

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

Message      *A Chosen, Precious and Special Possession*

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response      *All are Welcome*      *LUYH 269:1,2*

## We Are Sent Out

Our Offerings

*[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      *All are Welcome*      *LUYH 269:5*

\*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



## NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



7/26: Nursery: Becki Fisher & Serenity Alphenaar  
Children in Worship: Judy Vaandering and Barb Malda  
Coffee Fellowship: Congregational Life Committee  
8/2: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Addie Maat  
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma and Jill Schuitema  
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda  
8/9: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Toni Schuitema  
Children in Worship: Mary Wolff and Amber Johnson  
Coffee Fellowship: Kristen Vlasma  
8/16: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Becki Fisher  
Children in Worship:  
Coffee Fellowship:

## 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) Wilma Doctor                      \*Please call or send a card
- 2) Ro VerHeul                        to Care List Member, **Joel!**
- 3) **Joel Stefanits**                    OPTALIS – 1061 W. Hackley Avenue  
Muskegon, MI 49441

*Heavenly Father, thank you for your great care for our loved ones on the care list. Today, we come to you and ask you to shine Your light into the lives of these dear people. Reveal Yourself as their Protector, Provider, & King. You overcame sin and death on the cross, and we pray that your victory will surround our loved ones and offer them hope and peace and Your love! Amen!*

## *A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors & Members!*



We are so grateful you are here worshiping with us this morning as we celebrate the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!!! Please join us in the lower level for a cake reception in celebration of Annabell Ogle's Professing Baptism after the worship service with the family of God and check out the King's Kids display, Ashly's Shower poster, and to sign up for the church picnic!

## COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

**Annabell Ogle** expressed her desire to be baptized. She professed her faith to the elders on Sunday July 12, and the elders joyfully accepted her request. Her professing baptism will take place this Sunday, July 26. Afterwards please join us downstairs for a cake celebration and officially welcome our new sister in Christ into the family of God at AACRC!

Next Sunday, August 2, **Annabell & Devin Snyder will present their infant daughter Alkinna Marigold Laylani Snyder** to be baptized. We look forward to this precious child of God receiving the sacrament of baptism and all that it means and promises this little one and her parents! To God be the glory great things He has done!

### **Dear Congregation at AACRC,**

On behalf of our entire church family, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to AACRC for the kindness and generosity you have shown to our congregation. We are truly grateful for your willingness to share God's blessings and for your partnership in the work of His kingdom. Your acts of kindness remind us that the Church is one body in Christ, united in love and called to bear one another's burdens. We praise God for faithful congregations like your that demonstrate His compassion through selfless giving and service. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your prayers, generosity, and encouragement. We pray that the Lord will continue to richly bless AACRC, granting you wisdom, strength, and abundant fruit as you faithfully proclaim the gospel and serve your community. Thank you once again for all of your support, thoughts, and love. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

With heartfelt gratitude and love, **Pastor Jeffery Hough and the Angel Family**

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**The Church Picnic on Sunday, August 2, at 12:30pm at Systema's** will be here before you know it! We need to get a head-count for planning purposes, so make sure you **sign up TODAY on the sheets around church that you would love to attend and what side dish you will bring to share!** The committee will provide the main dish, lemonade & water, and table service. Join the fun & remember to wear **red-white-blue!**



**Ahoy, Mates! John and Carol Schuitema** are offering an open invitation for a pontoon ride up the Grand River into Grand Haven and Lake Michigan. Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, from 11:00am-2:00/3:00pm. Please bring your own lunch, snacks, and we will furnish beverages! First ten to call John at 231.557.9829 by August 2, get to take this fun voyage! Make your reservation now.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Summer is often a time when extended families gather for a reunion, giving the opportunity to connect with relatives we don't see regularly. Think about a member of your church family whom you haven't seen in a while, spend time praying for them this week, and reach out with a card, phone call, or text to let them know you're thinking of them and praying for them.

**Attention All Sportsmen:** the Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting the twelfth annual Sporting Clay Shoot to benefit the Cadet Ministry. The event will be held on Saturday, August 15 at Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the corps office at 616-241-5616, or check out the cadet website under the "events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration is available at our website: [www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org). Lunch will be served at 11:30am. Join us for a fun filled day! If you can't make it out for the day but still want to be involved, we are looking for businesses or individuals willing to sponsor stations or pledge for a participating shooter. For more information on these giving opportunities, follow the sponsor link on the online event page or contact Kim at the Corps office at the number listed above.

**Women and girls, come to celebrate** "around the clock" at Ashly Schuitema's bridal shower luncheon at 11:30am on Saturday, August 8. When you arrive, please tag your package with the time of day your gift will be used. You're welcome to search the [zola.com](http://zola.com) registry for suggestions. RSVP on the poster in the fellowship room.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**\*\*\*If you have exciting news to share, have something to praise God for, or would like the congregation to be in prayer for you or your family, please contact Pastor Mark or Secretary Susan Vanderlaan, so it can be added to our weekly bulletin!**

**The special offering on Sunday, 8/2, is for Thrive.** Thrive, which encompasses nine ministries of the CRC, seeks to provide churches with one-stop access to support resources that are fully integrated, and responsive to the changing needs of local congregations.

**It's King's Kids this week!!** We're so excited for our VBS with Angel Church which begins July 27! Please keep praying for this ministry as staff gets ready to share the love of Jesus with our neighborhood kids. Also, please pray for the kids who will be coming. May they be overwhelmed and over-joyed with the things they will hear and learn during King's Kids. Pray for God's kingdom to grow through this ministry.

Laurie and Roger Slorf along with their **daughters Stephanie and Andrea & families** rejoice with all the angels as their mother and grandmother Rosella VerHeul entered in to the presence of the King of Kings on Monday, July 20. Funeral arrangements and a celebration of her life will be published soon. Please keep the whole extended family in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

**Mike Fongers' housemate Bill** is going to have surgery on August 4, to have a cancerous kidney removed. Mike would appreciate prayers for his friend.

Please keep **Nancy Tjapkes, Randy & Becki Fisher's mother** in your prayers as her health continues to decline and hard decisions have to be made in the days ahead as to where she will spend her final days here on earth. Pray for wisdom and direction as they wish to honor and care for her well in all their decisions.

Continued prayers for:

- ♥ **Ron Vlasma**
- ♥ **Jim & Sue Secord**
- ♥ **The Family of Retha Johnson**
- ♥ **Pastor Mark & the Council**
- ♥ **No more murders in Muskegon County**
- ♥ **All the children on summer vacation...grant them safety & fun days**