SERMON NOTES

Scripture: Philemon 1 Pew Bible Page #1702

Message: "Refreshing Reconciliation"

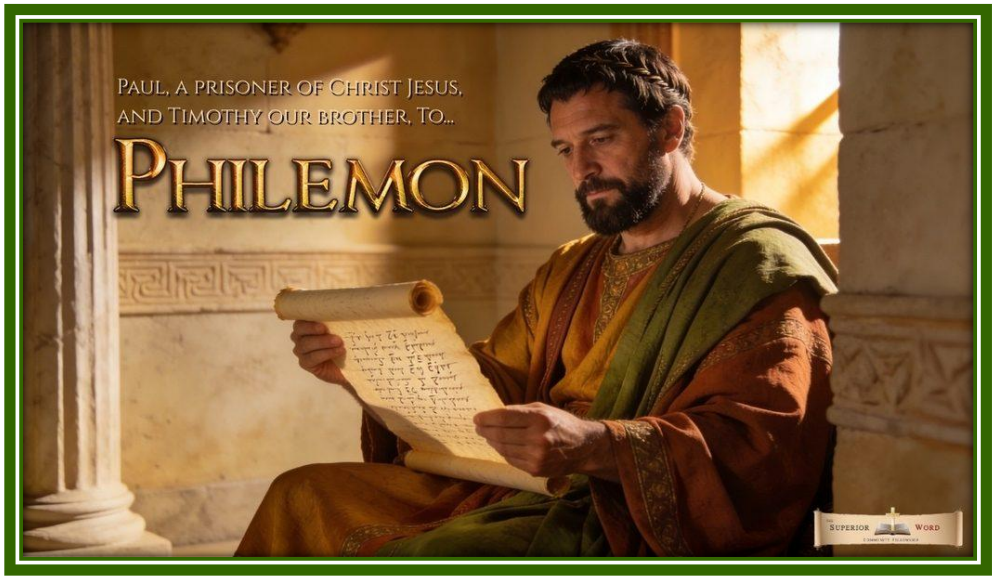
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November 15, 2026

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: As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection.
People: We come as children of the Father, reconciled by grace through the Son, and filled with God's love through the Spirit.

*Songs of Praise	*All Creatures of Our God and King*	*LUYH 551:1,4,5*
	And Can it Be	*LUYH 695:1,3,4*

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:1,11,14-16)
Leader: So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.
People: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
Leader: So, you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."
People: For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.

Song	*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*	*(stanzas 1-3,5)*

Children's Blessing

**As you worship the Lord, may he go with you,
may his Spirit live in you, and may his love fill you.
Praise him with thanksgiving. Go in peace.**

Prayers of the People	Peg Rop

We Listen to God Speak

Song of Preparation	*Jesus, All For Jesus*	*LUYH 738*
Scripture	Philemon 1	Pew Bible Page #1702

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

Message	"Refreshing Reconciliation"

Prayer of Application

Sent Out to Serve

Offering — General Fund of AACRC
(offerings may be given online or placed in the baskets at each entrance)

*Song	*Beneath the Cross*	*LUYH 825*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise	*All Creatures of Our God and King*	*LUYH 551:6*

*Postlude

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

***B**elieve. **L**ove. **E**vangelize.*

***S**upport Christian Instruction. **S**erve.*

NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

11/15: Nursery: Charry Snyder & Addie Maat
Sunday School/Catechism: Dale Johnson & Stephanie Hofman
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema
11/22: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Mary Maat
Sunday School: Kristen Vlasma & Emma Peklar
Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher
11/29: Nursery: Becki Fisher & Annabell Snyder
Sunday School: Carol Peterman & Amber Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Dean & Amber Johnson
12/6: Nursery: Sue Secord & Kristen Vlasma
Sunday School/Catechism: Dale Johnson & Stephanie Hofman
Coffee Fellowship: Nate & Becky Schout

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES

***Pray for the * Missionary this Week**

***Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization**

New Era Hispanic Church Plant
Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church
Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa
Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan

ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

1) Wilma Doctor
2) **Joel Stefanits**

*Please call or send a card to Care List Member, **Joel!**
OPTALIS—1061 W. Hackley
Muskegon, MI 49441

As the seasons change, we're reminded of the meaningful moments we've shared together throughout the years… you're in our thoughts and prayers always. Wishing you peace and the comfort knowing you are loved by your church family today and always!



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

We are so glad you have joined us in worship today as we praise the Lord of the Harvest as His sowers & reapers! Pastor Mark is continuing a new sermon series for the month of November on short books of the Bible! Today we will study Philemon 1 –"Refreshing Reconciliation." Join us in the lower level after the worship service for a great time of fellowship with God's family!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

From the Council:

- Our annual Town Hall meeting takes place this Sunday, November 15, during coffee hour. Come for a review of the year with discussion of the 2027 budget proposal and air conditioning proposal.
- At our congregational meeting immediately after worship on November 22, Council members will be selected. There will also be a voice vote on the budget and a ballot vote on this proposal:
- The Council recommends to the congregation the installation of air conditioning in the sanctuary and balcony at a cost not to exceed $75,000 (quotes received for $67,363), pending congregational approval with a simple majority vote. Funds to come from congregational pledges specifically for this project, with the balance to come from the General Fund.
- Only members may vote. Absentee ballots will be accepted for the A/C vote. Simply write "A/C yes" or "A/C no" on a piece of paper. Seal it in an envelope and sign your name outside the envelope. Materials for this will be available outside the secretary's office. Ballots must be received prior to the vote.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Come eat some pancakes! The Allen Ave Cadets are hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser, **Saturday, November 21 from 8-10AM.** Invite your friends and neighbors. Donations support the Cadet Program and also financially aid Cadets or counselors who attend Camporees.

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Mark your calendars! Mike Fongers' Muskegon Waves team fundraiser, **Monday, November 30 from 5:00 to 8:00pm, Culver's in North Muskegon**. (Come in or go through drive thru.) My events in May at MSU are: Bocce Ball, Precision Toss, 60-Meter Weave, Discus Throw, Bowling, and Obstacle Course.

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 3:00-4:30: December 7 & 14, January 4 & 11. Please reach out to Nate Schout at: nschout@mchristianschool.com

Men's Bible Study will meet on Monday, November 16, at 6:15pm, to study Lesson 24 in our Hebrews books pages 45-56, "The Performance of Faith." All men are always welcome to join, so see Brian Schuitema if you need a book.
It's Allen Avenue's turn to assist the residents of Christian Care with their worship and Lord's Supper on Wednesday, November 18, at 1:00pm. If you are able to serve with Pastor Mark, please talk to him today.

GEMS will meet in the church basement on Wednesday, November 18, from 6:15 - 8:00pm . We will continue our lessons on our theme Wayfinder. Please remember to bring your Bible with you. See you Wednesday!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped with Operation Christmas Child. The GEMS were able to fill 24 shoeboxes because of your generosity. Thank you to those who donated items and to those who donated money that was used to buy items for the boxes and for the shipping costs. The girls had fun putting the boxes together,& we were able to pray for the girls who will receive the boxes. We prayed that they would have fun with the gifts and that they would learn about Jesus and His great love for them. It was a great night so thank you again for blessing the GEMS so they could be a blessing too.

"Hearts on Fire" Women's Bible Study will conclude our book study on the Holy Spirit on Thursday, November 19, from 1:30-3:00pm in the library. Study our final lesson Session 5 "Our Gift-Giver of Life" on pages 85-104.

Connect group has decided to take a pause for now and will re-evaluate the need after the Holidays. In the meantime, we strongly encourage all looking for enrichment or a small group to attend the Sunday group that meets every other Sunday in the Library. Thank you! Denise Koetje & Charry Snyder

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

*****If you have exciting news to share, something to praise God for, or want the congregation to be in prayer for you or your family, please contact Pastor Mark or Susan Vanderlaan to include it in the bulletin!**

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Trunk-or-Treat at Angel Church. We were blessed with many volunteers and enough treats to share with 245 people.

Please keep in your daily prayers:

- ♥ Sue Secord & Family/John and Marty Kortman & Family in their grief
- ♥ Ron Vlasma & Family
- ♥ Randy and Becki Fisher's mom Nancy Tjapkes
- ♥ Pastor Mark, Stephanie, Asher, August & Aethan
- ♥ WMC, MCS, Charter schools, Home-schoolers, and Teachers/Staff/Principals/Boards/Parents/Grandparents
- ♥ AACRC Council & all our precious members of our districts who we love and care for so much
- ♥ For Charlie VanRees' continued path towards healing
- ♥ Judy Vaandering's shoulder surgery & her recovery in the weeks ahead
- ♥ Peg Rop's sister Joy's recovery who had a medical situation in Florida
- ♥ For good results for Peg Rop's pain shot on Tuesday for her sciatica
- ♥ Healing & success for Randy & Becki Fisher's great niece Baby Bobbi's hydrocephalus surgery
- ♥ For neighbor Doug, from the ramp ministry, as he gets moved to skilled nursing rehab facility this week
- ♥ Our GEMS & Cadets and their leaders as they grow in Christ and lead these precious children in their faith journey
- ♥ Sunday School & Catechism leaders that week after week give of themselves and their worship time to teach and mentor Jesus' children
- ♥ Bill & Sally Mokma's husband as they continue to deal with Bill's pulmonary issues and health
- ♥ For Marie from DIBS! and the tragic deaths her family has experienced
- ♥ Mary (Witt) Workman and the sudden loss of her recluse brother Rick
- ♥ Lifting up our Worship & Music & Education Committees as they plan for our Thanksgiving and Advent season worship services
- ♥ Dale & Eva Johnson with her cancer treatments
- ♥ Betty TenBrink's recovery after back surgery & adjustments to her new home at Seminole Shores
- ♥ Bob & Susan Vanderlaans' mom Marian is still quite ill at Trinity Hospital