

# MORNING WORSHIP



Welcome & Call to Worship *Song <i>As the Deer</i> Screens *God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting *Song <i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i> Screens Reading of Revelation 2:1-7 Prayer of Confession Reading of 1 John 1:5-7 *Songs <i>Just As I Am</i> Gray 263 <i>In Christ Alone</i> Screens	Prayer Time Offering    1st    Ministries Fund 2nd    Ministry Shares Scripture    John 15:1-17            p 1130 Sermon <i>Abiding in Christ</i> Prayer *Parting Blessing *Closing Song <i>Lord Most High</i> Screens Postlude
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**Worship Focus**

Our passage this morning is one which is hugely important in understanding the Christian life. Like all of the Gospel of John (and also the Epistle of 1 John) this passage is densely packed with layer upon layer of deep spiritual truth. We'll dig into it in a preliminary way this morning, and return to it repeatedly in the next months, as we also dig deeper into the Bible's teaching about the Holy Spirit's work in us.

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**CHILDREN/ NURSERY INFO**  
**Nursery:** children birth-3 years at end of the east hall  
**Sunday School:** available for kindergarten-adults from 11:00 - 12:00 from September - May.

<b>Ministries Fund Deacon Report</b>		
	<u>Feb 10, 2019</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 3,446.88	\$ 20,681.28
Collections received	\$ 2,866.00	\$ 11,599.00
Difference	(\$ 580.88)	(\$ 9,082.28)



*We are called to love God wholeheartedly and to love others by leading them to commitment and maturity in Jesus Christ.*

**February 17, 2019**



**Jesus Is...  
The Vine**

**We Are To Be...  
The Branches**

**John 15:1-17**

**Welcome to Comstock  
Christian Reformed Church**

Our desire is that you find this fellowship a place of true worship and community. *Let us know if we can assist you in any way. It is our joy to serve you!*

**PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES**

-Pray for **Sue Raskin**, her condition has improved to the point where she may be able to make a move from Rose Arbor Hospice Care to an assisted living facility. We thank God for this progress, and ask that the Spirit will lead and guide her in the decisions that she will soon need to make.

-We express our sympathy to **Todd & Karen Triemstra and family** in the passing of Karen's mom, Virginia Houseman, last Sunday.

-Pray for our shut ins: **Anne Barnes, Marge Cramer, MaryLee Gosnell, Evelyn Izenbaard, Rod Linders, Grace Slager, Billie VanderNaald.**

Thank you church family for the wonderful words of comfort as we grieve the loss of Marilyn Poortenga, our wonderful Wife and Mom. Your cards, prayers, support, and encouragement during her dementia illness and passing into Heaven are greatly appreciated. Thank you for making her funeral special and for the wonderful lunch. Jerry Poortenga and family

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today 9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Sunday School  
Tuesday 7:00 PM Council  
8:00 PM Deacons  
Wednesday 6:30 PM GEMS & Cadets  
6:30 PM Daniel Bible study  
Thursday 9:00 AM Power In Prayer  
Sunday 9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Youth Group

**OUR GIVING**

**Morning Offering**

The first offering is for our **Ministries Fund**, which allows us to effectively carry out the ministries of our church. Our second collection this morning is for the **Ministry Shares.**

Next week our second offering will be for **Missions.**

**Comstock Food Pantry**

For February donations will be **Canned Meals - soups, stews, chili, spaghetti, etc.**

Your donations are greatly appreciated & can be placed on the table the entranceway.

Thank you from the Deacons

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Adult Sunday School**

Today we will discuss why we need to do "evangelism" differently today than we have done it (or tried to do it, or thought we should do it) in the past. Our society has changed so drastically in the past 40 years that evangelism methods that may have been effective a generation ago are completely fruitless today, and perhaps even bad in their actual effects on the real people who live around us outside the church. We will consider how the church grew so rapidly in its early years, as we consider its life and methods in the early chapters of Acts. We'll discuss what "transfers" to our situation today and what doesn't. We'll consider what completely new methods we may need to use to reach people today.

**Power in Prayer**

All are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM for prayer time here at our church as we lift up the prayers of our church, our community, and our country. Talk to Tina Slager for more information or any prayer requests you might have.

**Communicator Articles**

If you would like to contribute to the March communicator, please have your articles in the church office by February 26. Thank you.

**HOSPITALITY SERVICES**



**This Week**

**Nursery** Mark & Julie Smit  
**Library** Tami Stewart  
**Welcome Center** Everett & Marie Dykhuis  
**Fellowship Cookies** Kelly McCormick  
**Praise Team** Sammy Gano, Mark Terpstra, Grace Triemstra  
**Accompanist** Mari Micheals  
**Audio/Visual** Jim & Tina Slager

**Next Week**

**Nursery** Todd & Karen Triemstra  
**Library** Tami Stewart  
**Welcome Center** Bob & Meredith Gano  
**Fellowship Cookies** Roger & Chris Selles  
**Praise Team** Jared Jones, Leah Hinds, Lexi Hinds, Lilly Hinds  
**Accompanist** Mari Micheals  
**Audio/Visual** Mark Terpstra