

North Street Christian Reformed Church  
November 30, 2025  
Pastor Dirk Koetje

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(Services available on website northstreetcrc.org)

Morning Worship Service  
9:30 AM

Message by Rev. Dirk Koetje  
“The Word”  
John 1:1-4

Evening Worship Service  
5:30 PM

Message by Rev. Karis Mpindi  
“King Jesus’ Great Expectations Of  
The Parable Of The Sower”  
Mark 4:1-20

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - November 30, 2025			
<i>Accompanists:</i>	AM	Sue Lucas	Prelude: Kristi Boerman, Cora Boerman (Flute)
	PM	Sue Lucas, Janet Dekkinga	Prelude: Janet Dekkinga
<i>Advent Readers:</i>	AM	Ruth Meekhof, Caleb Lucas	
<i>Praise Team:</i>	AM	Grace Hilbelink, Miles Hilbelink, Curt Lucas, Jamie Lucas; Cajon: Nick Unema	
<i>Rover/Radio:</i>	AM	Josh VandenBosch	Curt Lucas Scott Hoek
	PM	Tim Schutt	Allyn Arendsen Brent Leegwater
<i>Ushers:</i>	AM & PM	Jim Staat Jr. (East), Terry Boerman (Center), Thijs DuBois (West)	
<i>Nursery:</i>	AM	Krista Hoek, Jennifer Fortosis, Auggie Schutt, Carson Koetje	
	PM	Amy Schutt, Erin Koetje, Cora Boerman, Mazy Sterk	
<i>Sound/Projection/Camera Operators:</i>	AM	James Viel, Ron Oskam, Jackson Busscher	
	PM	Jerry Redder, Ron Oskam, Jackson Busscher	
<i>Children’s Worship:</i>	PM	Sara Boerman, Lydia Busscher, Felicity Venema	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 7, 2025			
<i>Accompanists:</i>	AM	Sue Arendsen, Val Leegwater	
	PM	Sue Lucas	
<i>Rover/Radio:</i>	AM	Steven VanAst	Dan Sterk Josh VandenBosch
	PM	Nick Unema	Zach VandenHeuvel Mark DuBois
<i>Ushers:</i>	AM & PM	Luke Mast (East), Brian Mast (Center), Tyler Mast (West)	
<i>Nursery:</i>	AM	Kathy Ebels, Emily Rottschafer, Abby Venema, Evelyn Busscher	
	PM	Jan Klompmaker, Barb Harmsen, Sadie DuBois, Thijs DuBois	
<i>Sound/Projection/Camera Operators:</i>	AM	Matt VanderPloeg, Larry Redder, Mitch Boerman	
	PM	James Viel, Larry Redder, Mitch Boerman	
<i>Children’s Worship:</i>	PM	NO Children’s Worship - S.S. Christmas Program	

Bulletin Announcements should be submitted by noon on Thursdays.  
You may submit announcements by e-mail (bulletin@northstreetcrc.org), by calling Carol (616.772.1557),  
or write them out and place them in the Bulletin Editor’s mailbox in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK

**Sunday - November 30**  
***First Sunday of Advent - "HOPE"***  
9:30 AM Morning Worship Service  
Baptism - Cort Nickolas Unema  
Cake served in *'The Grove'* following the service  
10:50 AM Sunday School/Catechism meets  
(3yrs - 12th grades) 'til 11:45 AM  
Program practice in Sanctuary (3yrs-8ths grade)  
11:00 AM Women's Bible Study - Council Room  
4:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - 'The Grove'  
5:30 PM Evening Worship Service  
Rev. Karis Mpindi  
Children's Worship meets - Rm.#1  
Story: *'Jesus and The Storm'*  
7:00 PM High School Youth Group meets  
Meal provided by Dan & Heather Raak family

**Tuesday - December 2**  
6:30 AM Elder Prayer Time  
3:45 PM Worship Planning Meeting

**Wednesday - December 3**  
10:00 AM N.S. Seniors 'Koffie Kletz'  
For Seniors & Retirees  
@ North Street - *'The Grove'*  
6:30 PM Jr.Cadets/Cadets/Sr.Cadets  
(Boys - 2nd - 8th grades)  
6:30 PM GEMS meet  
(Girls - 2nd - 8th grades)  
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - *'The Grove'*


**Thursday - December 4**  
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - *'Fireside Room'*  
9:00 AM Hand2Hand Workday - *'The Grove'*

**Saturday - December 6**  
Sunday School Program Practice  
9:30-12 noon 6th-8th graders  
10:00-12 noon 3's-5th graders

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7 Second Sunday of Advent  
Communion - AM Service  
Dec. 7 Church Christmas Potluck Dinner  
Dec. 7 Sunday School Christmas Program-PM  
Dec. 7 High School Youth Group meets  
Meal provided by Adam & Janna Buttimer family

PRAYER CORNER



The 24 Hour Prayer Line Numbers:  
Local: 879.0057 &Toll Free: 1.800.401.6640

Continue to pray for those under Palliative or Hospice care: *Carolyn (Carrie) Redder*

Council Member of Focus:  
*Deacon Joel Poortvliet*

CHURCH FAMILY

Correction on Grant & Amy Weaver's email address:  
E-mail: *Grant* [gandaweaver@gmail.com](mailto:gandaweaver@gmail.com)  
*Amy* [gandaweaver@gmail.com](mailto:gandaweaver@gmail.com)


We extend our sympathy to Noah & Kelsey Taylor following the passing of Noah's younger brother, *Dmitry*, on Monday, November 24. A funeral service was held yesterday at Community Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo. We pray that God will provide the entire Taylor family with comfort and peace in this time of loss.

AT HOME MEMBERS

Geneva Nagelkirk lives at Royal Park Place in Zeeland.  
(500 Parkside Dr. #263, Zeeland, MI 49464)

Carolyn (Carrie) Redder lives at Resthaven Care Center in Holland.  
(280 W. 40th Street, Room #305, Holland, MI 49423)

Happy Birthday



Ida Kamphuis  
85 on December 3



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Shoeboxes:** A big ‘Thank You’ to those that participated in *Operation Christmas Child* this year! North Street was able to fill **52 shoeboxes for boys and girls around the world!** We appreciate you showing the love of Christ to children in need through this ministry!

*The December Reflections* is available in your Church mailbox. For our regular attendees, a copy of this monthly Newsletter is available at the ‘Info Center’ in the Narthex (north stairwell by the elevator). Pick up a copy and stay informed about church happenings!

**Adult Choir** will start up again on TODAY, Nov. 30, at 4:30 PM in ‘*The Grove*’. We will rehearse to sing on Christmas morning. Any questions, contact **Danielle Hilbelink**.

**Something New!** **North Street Seniors & Retirees** are invited to a **Koffie Kletz** (a casual coffee gathering) at Church in ‘*The Grove*’, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, beginning around 10:00 AM. Come and go as you please. You can take your own coffee cup if you wish. We’ll have coffee, juice, and donuts that morning. No sign-up needed. Hope to see you there!

**A Church Christmas Potluck** will be held on Sunday, December 7, at 12 noon. Families of 3 or more are asked to bring a Hot AND Cold dish. Families of 2 or less are asked to take a Hot OR Cold dish. Your cold dish may be a dessert. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

**Crossroads Prison Ministries** connects people in prisons with mentors from churches to develop Christ-centered relationships as they study God’s Word together. Some of our church members are involved with this ministry. More information is available at [www.cpnministries.org](http://www.cpnministries.org).

**Rev. Don Slager**, a consultant for Bible translation projects in Liberia for United Bible Society, is in Liberia until Dec. 11. Continue to pray that he and the teams he works with can complete all the necessary checks and corrections of the Maan Bible so it can be sent for typesetting and publications.

COUNCIL NEWS

Offering Schedule:

November 30: AM Positive Options  
PM Reformed Youth Services

December 7: AM N.S. Guatemala Trip  
PM Gateway Mission

**We welcome Rev. Karis Mpindi** to lead our Evening Worship Service. Rev. Mpindi is the Associate Executive Director of Mission French Africa Ministries. He is the Director of Missions and Outreach at First Byron CRC, and is pursuing a PhD in Historical Theology at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. He and his wife Rebecca have four wonderful children. Welcome to North Street! We pray that God would bless our time of worship.

**The 2026 Proposed Budget** is in your church mailbox. **A Congregational Meeting** will be held on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 PM in ‘*The Grove*’ to discuss and vote on the proposed budget. If you have any questions or concerns beforehand, feel free to contact our **Treasurer Nick Fortosis**. Any member who would like to request an **absentee ballot**, should reach out to **Clerk Martin Bostrom**. Filled out absentee ballots can be placed in the ‘*Ballot Box*’ near the elevator in the Narthex.

## LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Bridge Youth Ministries Center in Zeeland** is seeing more kids each week than we have in past years! It is AMAZING to see God working through The Bridge and we are so thankful. Now we NEED more volunteers! If you or someone you know would be willing to spend time with our kids each week, check the flyer at the *'Info Center'* in the Narthex or contact Jill at the Bridge Youth Center (616.772.3843 or [jill.mulder@bymczeeland.org](mailto:jill.mulder@bymczeeland.org)).

**Attention Young Adults:** Reformed Youth Services' (RYS) LOGOS Winter Retreat, intended for singles and married couples ages 18-30, will be held January 1-3 at Lake Placid Conference Center in Hartford City, IN. Speaker is Rev. Karis Mpindi from First Byron CRC who will lead us on the theme 'No Other Gods'. The cost is \$230.00 for singles and \$200.00 per person for married couples for the program, housing, and 5 delicious meals. Visit the website [reformedyouthservices.org/logos](http://reformedyouthservices.org/logos) to register by midnight on Dec. 3.