

December 7, 2025

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Elshout

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 241:1–3*

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1–24

Psalter 342:2, 4

Scripture: Genesis 3:1–20

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 3: All*

Sermon Text: Genesis 3:15

Sermon Theme: The First Promise Regarding Christ

- 1. The timing of this promise**
- 2. The Giver of this promise**
- 3. The contents of this promise**
- 4. The recipients of this promise**

Prayer

Psalter 261: All*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 373:1, 2*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Genesis 3:15 (AM Service)

- 1*. How does the conduct of Adam and Eve reveal that they that something was seriously amiss by eating of the forbidden fruit?
2. In vv. 9–13, God asks Adam & Eve four questions. What was His intent in doing so?
3. How do Adam and Eve reveal their fallenness by the manner in which they respond to these questions?
4. How does Genesis 3:15 display the character of God and His initiative in saving sinners?
5. What is God's purpose in declaring that He will put enmity between Satan & the woman?
6. How can we know with certainty that "her seed" is a prophecy regarding the coming Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ?
7. What is the significant difference between the bruising of the head and the bruising of the heel?
- 8*. What evidence do we have that Adam and Eve believed this first gospel promise?

Question for Self-reflection

Are we still inclined to cover our spiritual nakedness with "fig leaves"?

* Questions for younger children

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Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

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Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 86: All*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2

Confession: Canons of Dordt, Head 1, Art. 11–13 (p. 99)

Psalter 132:1, 5

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 394: All*

Sermon text: 1 Cor. 2:10–12 (Belg. Conf., Art 11)

Sermon Theme: The Godhead of the Holy Spirit

1. His divine personality

2. His divine work

3. His divine glory

Prayer

Psalter 287: All*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 374:4, 5

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Belg. Conf., Art. 11 (PM Service)

1. What is unique about the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Trinity?
2. Why can only the Holy Spirit teach us the deep things of God?
3. What is the important connection between the double procession of the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 4*. Where is the first mention of the Holy Spirit in the Bible?
5. Why is it specifically the Holy Spirit who has inspired the writing of the Holy Scriptures?
- 6*. How was the Holy Spirit involved in the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ?
7. What is the ultimate goal of the Holy Spirit's saving work in the hearts of sinners?
8. Why must we also love and worship the Holy Spirit?

Question for Self-reflection

Are we experientially acquainted with the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

* Questions for younger children

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We welcome the congregation and all visitors, to hear the Word of God.

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

- A spiritual awakening in our nation.
- Our persecuted brothers and sisters.
- For such struggling with disappointments and afflictions.
- PRTS, PCS, GCA and our Home-Schooling students.
- Expecting mothers and those desiring children.

We welcome into our church family, with thanksgiving, *Konnie Jo*, newborn daughter of Jeff and Lynette Timmer.

Please save the date for the *Kalamazoo Chorus* spring concert on Friday, March 27th, 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo. For audition information, please email kalamazoochorus@gmail.com. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, January 6th, D.V.

Comstock Community Center: They have expressed appreciation for the fresh apple pies that were donated for their senior Thanksgiving baskets last week from the KRC. If you are looking for ways to contribute, they need a couple volunteers to deliver Christmas pantry items and gifts to seniors in the community on Dec. 17 and 18. In addition, **we are collecting** hygiene/ household items (i.e. laundry pods, soap, toothpaste, dryer sheets, etc.) or gently used books for their library in the labeled box on the coat room table. Please hand them in by Dec. 14. Any questions, please text Arielle at 269.224.7842.

Dates & Events D.V.

- **Dec 10** Young Men's Group at J VanSetters at **7:00 p.m.**
- **Dec 18** Providence Christmas Program at **7:00 p.m.** at the Covenant URC on Lovers Lane.

- **Dec 21** After the morning service, there will be a Christmas Hymn sing at 11:20 a.m. Light refreshments will be served first. **There will be no catechism classes that Sunday.**
- **Dec 25** Christmas service at **9:30 a.m.**
- **Dec 28** Dr. Brian DeVries will serve us in both services
- **Dec 28** **There will be no catechism classes**
- **Dec 31** New Year's Eve service at **7:00 PM**
- **Jan 1** New Year Day service at **10:00 a.m.**

If we are the genuine children of God, we have peace of conscience, a sense of God's favor, and freedom of access to his throne. We endure afflictions with patience: instead of making us distrustful of our heavenly Father, they afford us new proofs of his love and strengthen our hope of his mercy. And we shall have, also, more or less of the assurance of God's love, by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

None of the fruits of reconciliation with God can be obtained until the spirit of self-righteousness and self-dependence is removed. They are secured through faith, and by Jesus Christ, and not by our own works or merit.

If God spared not his own son, to affect our salvation, what sacrifice on our part can be considered great, as a return for such love, or as a means of securing the salvation of others? All we have or hope for, we owe to Jesus Christ—peace, communion with God, joy, hope, and eternal life.

~ Charles Hodge

Nursery

Dec 7 a.m. Infants: Liz DeVries(VG)
Toddlers: Heather F, **Naomi Vergunst**
Dec 7 p.m. Infants: Jenessa Kleyn
Toddlers: Sarah Blok, **Natalie Dingemans**
Dec 14 a.m. Infants: Brianna Dingemans
Toddlers: Cali VanDyke, **Maele Timmermans**
Nov 14 p.m. Infants: Jamie VanSeters
Toddlers: Maria DeVries, **Vivian Kleppe**

Greeters

Morning

Evening

Dec 7	Jake G	Tom V
Dec 14	Bill T	John K
Dec 21	Jared S	Bryan K

Collections

The Education Fund will be collected each Lord's Day.

Dec 7: Discretionary	Dec 14 General
Dec 21: Building	

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Advent

*O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain: O Jerusalem that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah, **Behold your God!***

~ Isaiah 40:9