

The Faith of  
Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:25-38



**FROM THE DEACONS**

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Mar 11-24:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 36,247.22
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 155.55
Community Offering: DMS	\$ 1475.82
Guiding Light	\$ 116.35
FCRC Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Desert Streams (Lont)	\$ 55.51

For January and Feb of 2024: We have collected \$5637 less than what we have spent.

**Community Offerings**

**TODAY: Guiding Light**

Donations to Guiding Light help Grand Rapids men who are lost, homeless, or recovering from addiction and substance abuse get off the street and on a payroll – renewing faith and providing them with community and the resources they need to become productive and independent again. They do not charge money for their services or receive government funding.

<https://guidinglightworks.org/>

**Apr 7:** Resonate Global Mission (Rodriguez)

**Apr 14:** Denominational Ministry Shares

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, Apr 1**

**Tuesday, Apr 2**

**Wednesday, Apr 3**

7pm Worship Rehearsal

**Thursday, Apr 4**

**Friday, Apr 5**

**Saturday, Apr 6**

**Sunday, Apr 7**

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

**COMING UP**

**Apr 8** Exec

**Apr 21** Combined Worship Service  
Youth Group

**Apr 22** Elders  
Deacons

**May 1** Blood Drive

**May 5** Peace of Mind Seminar

**STAFF**

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

**TODAY:** Even from the time of Christ’s birth, there are those who anticipate resurrection; we can be people today who also live as those anticipating resurrection.

EASTER WEEK: Shalom — Journey with the prophets

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**March 31, 2024**

*Easter Sunday*



**Welcome!**

**We are glad you are here!**

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME** in our service

Also available during worship:

Nursery for infants & toddlers;

“Busy Bags” with kid’s activities;

Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up

(found by weekly bulletins)

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS**

are available at the sound booth

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*  
*Crown Him With Many Crowns*  
*Low In The Grave He Lay*  
*What A Beautiful Name*

**Ministry in Music** Katie Markus, *King of Kings*

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Luke 2:25-38*

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

**Message** "The Faith of Simeon and Anna"

*In Christ Alone*

**God's Parting Blessing**

## CHURCH LIFE

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR COMBINED SERVICE** Three congregations...all children of God! Join us on Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 AM in the Calvin Christian Gym for a combined worship service celebrating the unity we have in Christ. The worship service will include worship led by a combined praise team, a message from Rev. Neal Plantinga, music by Calvin Christian band and choir, and communion. Childcare will be provided for children ages 3 and below. Those with no mobility issues are encouraged to park in the Ivanrest Church parking lot to leave adequate parking space for those with mobility issues at Calvin Christian. We look forward to worshiping together as one body of believers!

**\*Please note that there will be NO church school or Adult Bible Study on this day.**

Hey Fellowship Church! We will again be responsible for our share of cookies for the combined worship service. I am looking for people to help me with that!

1. The cookies will need to be **NUT FREE**
2. I will need **5 people** to bring **2 dozen cookies each**
3. They will need to be delivered to **Pam Kortman's HOUSE on Saturday, April 20**  
3700 Yellowstone Dr SW, Grandville, MI 49418
4. I will need **2 helpers** to set up and to serve the day of  
at **9:15 am at the High School** (service starts at 10am)
5. Please email, call or text me if you are willing to help!  
Thank you in advance!  
**Pam Kortman - [pam.kortman@gmail.com](mailto:pam.kortman@gmail.com). phone - 616.437.0005**

### PEACE OF MIND SEMINAR TEACHES THE VALUE OF PREPARATION

Losing a loved one is a difficult experience for anyone to go through, but the weight of the loss can be lightened knowing we provided them with their final wishes exactly as desired. We invite you to a special presentation on the importance of arranging your final wishes, so your loved ones feel confident that you were given what you wanted. This Peace of Mind Seminar will be on Sunday, May 5, at 11:00am at Fellowship CRC. We will outline the steps in the planning process and answer any questions you may have. This presentation is brought to you by MKD Funeral Home. We hope to see you there!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** There is NO class today due to Easter. The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** ([LMPHILO@aol.com](mailto:LMPHILO@aol.com)) or **Dave Cook** ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto:dcook0104@gmail.com)).

★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at [www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl).

### TODAY

9:30am Worship

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Tom and Barb Smalligan**. A back surgery in 2006 resulted in severe nerve damage to Tom's right foot. Because the subsequent surgeries and interventions proved ineffective and the atrophy is significant, he is scheduled for a below knee amputation on Monday, April 1. Pray for successful surgery and a good recovery.
- We rejoice with **Matt and Kellie VanderKlok and Ryker**; and with grandparents **Ron and Julie Oosterink**. Julie writes, "Matt and Kellie had a precious baby girl on March 25. Emery Mae was 7 lbs. 12 oz. Kellie and Emery are both doing well!! We are all so thankful and blessed! Ryker is very excited about his new little sister."
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo's** sister), **Jean Cisler**, **Lois Oom**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- For **Guiding Light** as they provide community and resources to men facing homelessness and addiction; allowing them to become productive and independent again.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

## MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**FOOD PANTRY** We are once again in need of a few items!

### Our Needs Are:

crackers	pancake mix	pancake syrup	hearty soups
peanut butter	juice (orange, apple)		gravy
jam	ketchup	salad dressing	honey
tea	diced tomatoes	SPAM	beef stew
pop tarts	canned meats (tuna, chicken)		tuna helper
kid's cereal	paper towels	facial tissue	toilet paper
hand soap	body wash	dishwashing liquid	
laundry detergent			

\*monetary donations can be made through the deacons.

**Thank you** to everyone who has donated to the pantry!

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** We are currently collecting for April.

### Our current needs:

snacks: granola bars, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.  
fruit: applesauce, small boxes of raisins (bags of 12 little boxes are great)  
canned chunky soups  
canned chicken  
Nutrigrain bars

\*Cash donations can be made through the deacons.

\*Food donations can be placed in the wooden box in the narthex.

We couldn't do this ministry without you. Your donations are very appreciated!

**Sandy Campo**