



Mission Statement:
God's life-changing, never-giving-up,
all-inclusive love transforms us into a
multicultural community
of hope.

October 18 , 2020

We will be joining each other in worship from our homes.

God's Word: **Pastor Dave Sieplinga** will bring a message, **Generous Kingdom Living** from **Matthew 7:1-14**

Oakdale Park Church will be streaming worship services at **10:00 a.m.** on **Sunday mornings**, until we can meet again, on the OPC YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/opcworship> or OPC website <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/live/>. Through YouTube, you may also watch the service at a later time.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Today we will share together (from home) in the joyful feast of our Lord, remembering the forgiveness of sins that we receive through Jesus Christ.

Offering: Oakdale Ministries

This supports the ongoing monthly expenses of our church.

Responding: Please contact the prayer team, your elder, or a pastor with any prayer requests.

Virtual Coffee Hour: You will have the opportunity to connect with others immediately following worship. Join a coffee hour by clicking on one of the Google Hangout links, posted below the service stream on YouTube or the OPC website.

Today
Communion Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service - virtual (Links above)
 11:15 am Join us for online coffee hour! (Info above)
 11:30 am Meet the Pastor (SPICER-VANDERPLOEG)
 1:00 pm Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.
 3:45-5:00 pm DIVE
 5:00-6:30 pm HSYG WhereUA? Outdoor Worship (Kentwood Community Church)

This Week at Oakdale

Wednesday
 11:30am-1:00 pm Oakdale Women's Bible Study
 7:00 pm Sermon on the Mount Bible Study (weather permitting)

Thursday
 11:00 am CLEAR (small group meeting)

Sunday, October 18: *Online worship*

10:00 am Online Worship
 11:30 am Meet the Pastor (VANDERSTEEN-Z)
 1:00 pm Kinyarwanda Service

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Pastor Dave and his wife Terri are grieving the loss of Terri's brother Bruce, who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 63 last week. Please pray for comfort for Dave and Terri; and especially for **Terri's mom**, who is 83, during this difficult time of loss. *Cards of encouragement and sympathy can be sent to the church with attention to Pastor Dave and Family.*

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Attn: Pastor Dave and Family
961 Temple St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Praises that **Cathy Postma** is doing well after her heart procedure. Continue to pray for healing and recovery after this surgery.

Continue to pray for comfort for the **friends and family of Cindy Grady** with her recent sudden passing as well. Praises that the family could have a celebration of life service for her this past weekend.

Praises that the **LeMahieu/Gela** wedding finally was able to happen after much waiting and a long journey with difficult interruptions. Congratulations to, prayers for and blessings upon **Jenny and Josh** as they begin their life together as a married couple.

Please pray for **Ken Vanweerdhuizen** as he fell off of a ladder and fractured some bones in his pelvis. Pray for healing as he is recovering from this injury.

Please continue to pray for **John Nidefski** as he goes through rehab after his stroke. He is not able to walk on his own now. Pray for healing and strength as well as comfort for **Joan** in this time.

Joanne Ruis has tested negative for COVID-19 but she does have a fever. Please keep her, **Gerry and Karen** and their family in your prayers.

Pastor James' cousin, **Irene Gamble**, continues to be in unbearable pain with her cancer. Please pray for a miracle of relief from this pain and for comfort for her.

Cathie VanderSteen is grieving the loss of a dear neighbor, **Bob**, who battled cancer for a long time. Cathie continues to console Bob's wife, Grace. Please pray for **Grace** during this difficult time of loss. Cathie also had a good friend and a cousin pass away all within a few weeks time. Please pray that she will be encouraged and that God will bless her with peace and comfort as that is a lot of loss in a short period of time.

Ed Vanbeek's mother Jean Hirth passed away this past week after having Dementia for 10 years. Please keep the Vanbeek family in your prayers during this time.

Pray for strength and encouragement for friends: Duke and Marilyn Bazuin, Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, John & Luann Pastoor, Bill (&Lee) VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, Alexis Coger, & Joanne Ruis.

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Oakdale Opportunities

Meet the Pastor! You are invited to meet Pastor Dave Sieplinga, Oakdale's interim pastor, over ice cream bars on a Sunday morning after worship this fall. We'll meet, grouped by last name, at 11:30 a.m. on the plaza outside church. We will have the opportunity to hear from Pastor Dave and ask him questions. Pastor Dave will also be asking us some questions.

You are invited to join one of these events based on your last name. Please wear a mask and maintain an appropriate distance from others. We will have a microphone and speaker outside so that everyone can hear from Pastor Dave.

Sept 13 A-COGER

September 20 COK-FOSTER

September 27 FUENTES-JAGER

October 4 JONES-MOORE

October 11 NAUTA-SMITH

October 18 SPICER-VANDERPLOEG

October 25 VANDERSTEEN-Z

Call the Church Office (616) 452-5764 or email adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org with any questions.

- **Momentum**—Saturday, October 24th, at 11-12:30, a group of institutions are coming together virtually (including Oakdale Park) to launch a Sponsoring Team to bring broad-based community organizing to GR. The families of Grand Rapids, especially those whose voices aren't normally heard, are starting to build power together! Come celebrate this launch by registering now at bit.ly/momentumwmi. You will see who else is involved and what we're aiming for at this inspirational rally. Questions? Call Sue Ellis, Jazmyne Fuentes, or Matt Watrous.

Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount—Pastor Shannon will be leading a bible study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Sunday's text and sermon each week. We started meeting on September 6 and will meet through the end of October (weather permitting) in Yoli VanderPloeg's yard, 1437 Hall St SE 49506. Bring your own bible, lawn chair, and mask. Contact Pastor Shannon if you have any questions.

In October, please pray for Ken & Chris VanWeerdhuizen (JAARS)

Oakdale Opportunities Continued

Oakdale's Women's Bible study is meeting on Wednesdays from 11:30-1pm At Oakdale Park Church. We'll eat lunch together, pray together and study Priscilla Shirer's "Armor of God" bible study based on Ephesians 6:10-18. Plan to social distance and wear a mask. Email Aimee_einfeld@yahoo.com with questions.

Community Announcements

Classis Grand Rapids East offers leadership development grants for individuals seeking to become Commissioned Pastors or other (non-M.Div.) church leaders. Churches may also apply for a grant to help develop such leaders. Grant applications for February – July, 2021 are due by November 1, 2020. (Additional grants will be made later for the new Classis budget year, August 2021-July 2022.) For details and application forms please see <http://classisgreast.org/index.php/ministry-grants/>

From Back to God Ministries International—GROUNDWORK: SIGNS OF CHRIST'S GLORY - The gospel of John recounts a number of events that reveal Jesus Christ's glory. Join Groundwork as we examine some of the stories found in John 2-4 to help us better understand what glory is and where we can expect to encounter the glory of Jesus in our own lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip (crcna.org/FaithFormation):

The Practice of Gratitude: Keep track of God's good gifts using a format that works for you. Some ideas: keep a gratitude journal; express your thankfulness on paper strips placed inside a Gratitude Jar; write or draw things for which you are grateful on a paper tablecloth during mealtimes. Save your lists and drawings and revisit them when you need a reminder of God's provision.