

## Church Calendar

### This Week November 14

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenber  
Sound- Jess Ruit  
Projector- Phil Verrengia  
Coffee Hour- Tom & Linda Dykhous  
Nursery- Dana Miller, Lynn Walker  
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Josh Baron

### Next Week November 21

Door Monitor- Bev Bentley  
Sound- Linda Van Lenten, Marissa Baron  
Projector- Emily Lotz  
Coffee Hour- Craig & Ginny Hoogstra  
Nursery- Kelly Delaney, Jan Kuiken, Jack Delaney  
KidsChurch- Kathy Faasse, Liam Faasse

If you did not receive a goodie bag, please help yourself to one of the bags in the narthex.



*Financial update:*  
*General Fund collections:*  
*\$305,650*  
*General Fund budget:*  
*\$299,509*  
*Collections over budget:*  
*\$6,141*



KC Vande Streek, Pastor  
Rob Flim, Worship Leader

November 14, 2021

*1896-2021: Celebrating 125 Years of God's Faithfulness*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*GOD'S GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*\*OPENING SONGS- "GLORIFY THY NAME"  
"FOR THE MUSIC OF CREATION"*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OFFERING

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*\*STATEMENT OF FAITH- HEIDELBERG CATECHISM LORD'S DAY 46*

*\*SONG OF PREPARATION- "GIVE US CLEAN HANDS"*

*SCRIPTURE JOHN 15: 1-17*

*SERMON - "VINE AND BRANCHES"*

*\*SONG OF RESPONSE - "TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY"*

*\*BENEDICTION*

*\*DOXOLOGY- "WE WILL GLORIFY"*

### POSTLUDE

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

**TODAY**, November 14,

- Is the twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**NEXT SUNDAY**, November 21,

- Is the twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Please follow along with today's responsive readings and songs via a separate document, found on our website under "About" > "Weekly Bulletin" > "November 14 Responsive Readings"

**OFFICE UPDATES:**

- Please note the office hours are **Monday - Thursday: 9 am- 1 pm**

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We are pleased to announce** that Emma Faasse has been hired for a part-time Ministry Coordinator position in which she will be focusing mostly on growing our children's ministry programs.

**Meals are being scheduled** for Paul & Cheryl Cusack following Paul's back surgery. Please visit [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) and use the username "Cusack" and the password "faith" to sign up!

**Estimate of giving cards** will be going out in the next few weeks. Please remember to turn yours in by November 24<sup>th</sup> so we can accurately create our 2022 budget. You can either respond via the card that will be mailed to you or on our website under "Member's Info". If you are prompted to enter a username and password, your username is your last name with your house number (Ex: Delaney149) and everyone's password is "Welcome1". Please contact Kelly if you have any questions.

**Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study is happening!** Let's meet this Wednesday at 9:30 am in the lower level of the church building. You will be able to access the building through the nursery door. If you would like to come, but need transportation, please contact Linda Van Lenten at 973-432-3783.

**Children's Worship has a new name!** It's KidsChurch! We are so happy to be back in session and welcome all kids, age 3 through first grade to join us for Bible stories, singing, activities and fun!

**Our prayer group will continue to meet** Thursday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom. The Zoom email invitation will contain that week's prayer guide. For more information please contact the church office or Carol Dunning.

**KidSpace for children in grades 1-6** will meet upstairs in The Barn immediately after the worship service this morning. We can't wait to see you!

**You are invited** to attend the performance of The Cathedral Choir singing Handel's *Messiah* at 7 pm on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at a new location: Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church, 422 Cedar Hill Ave, Wyckoff. The 60-member Cathedral Choir and 20-piece orchestra are conducted by Robert F. Davis. There is no admission charge, however, the free-will offering will benefit Pillar College, a Christian college located in Newark. It is an amazing way to begin the Christmas season!

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In John 15 Jesus says that he is the vine, we are the branches, and that God the Father is the gardener. As the gardener, God cuts off branches that don't bear fruit. Is that truth alarming to you? Comforting? Why?

Jesus also says that God prunes the branches that bear fruit, which doesn't sound like much fun. But if we think of it from a gardening perspective, we can understand why: pruned plants produce more. How might this have been true in your life? Can you think of a time when God pruned in your life? In the long run, were you better off?

Reflect on the fruit of the spirit, which we read about last week. Can you think of one, i.e. "peace" or "patience" or "self-control", that grew in your life because of God's pruning? What was cut out? Have you seen more fruit because of that?

It might seem hard for some of us to admit that we have been bearing more fruit in certain parts of our life (we would like to remain humble, and also, we know we have a long way to go). However, we read in verse 8 that the fruit that we bear is to God's glory. Knowing this, can you reflect on fruit that you have been bearing lately and give thanks to God for his work in your life? Can you take a moment to ask that the fruit that you bear not be for your glory or attention, but to show the power of God in your life?

**OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY**

Our family would like to thank the congregation for the many prayers, meals and support during Paul's recent surgery. The procedure was a success, now the long recovery process has begun, and prayers and support are still greatly appreciated.  
-Paul, Cheryl and Leah

Thanks be to God! The Everett family rejoices to announce the birth of John's second grandchild to his son Joe and daughter-in-law Sandy. Jonah Mark, born Nov.1, and his mother are doing well. Thanks be to God.

Thank you for the cards and expressions of sympathy in the passing of my brother. It means so much to be part of a kind and caring congregation. We are so grateful for the support of our church family.  
- Dave & Barb Dykhouse

John Van Olden has returned to Christian Health and continues to regain strength.

**SICK & SHUT-INS** -

Don Brandes, Louise Butler, Ron Dapp, Helena Dykstra, Foge Maas, Muriel Tolsma, John Van Olden

11/15 Theo Tolsma

11/15 Amy Brooks

11/17 Sally Ruitenbergh

11/19 Alyssa Morin

11/20 Catherine Belanus