THE GREAT DIVIDE (1924)

In 1924, a major theological dispute swept through the Christian Reformed Church that fundamentally altered the denominational landscape. The controversy centered on "Common Grace"—the question of whether God demonstrates a general favor or non-saving grace toward humanity and creation at large, in addition to the special, saving grace granted to the elect.

At the Synod of 1924, the denomination officially adopted the "Three Points of Common Grace." A prominent and uncompromising Grand Rapids pastor, Herman Hoeksema, vehemently opposed the synodical decisions, refusing to align his pulpit teaching with the newly adopted formulations. Deemed insubordinate by his classis, Hoeksema was suspended from office in December 1924. The resulting rupture led directly to the formation of the Protestant Reformed Churches, forcing pastors, elders, and congregations across the denomination to wrestle deeply with the precise biblical boundaries of divine grace, modern culture, and ecclesiastical authority.

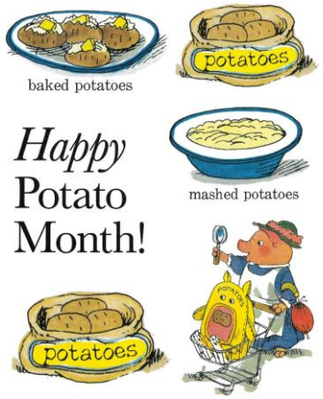
Church Calendar

This Week October 18

Door Monitor- Jim Calaski
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Emily Lotz
Nursery- Laura Royle, Alyssa Morin, Annie Vande Vrede
KidsChurch- Dana Miller, Sue Grimm
Coffee- Trudie Pruiksma, Kelly Delaney
Prayers Of The People- Krissy Vande Vrede
Children's Message- Pastor Moses
KidSpace- Jan Kuiken
Chosen-Barbara Belanus

Next Week October 25

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenberg
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Dan Grimm
Projector- Jim Calaski
Nursery- Janet Jacobs, Sue Grimm
KidsChurch- Laura Royle, Sandy Ruit
Coffee- Ed & Laura Lotz
Prayers Of The People-
Children's Message- Barbara Belanus
KidSpace- Jan Kuiken
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Special Collections:

October 18- ECSA



Faith Community Church

Rev. Moses Kang
Jay & Jess Everett, Worship Leaders

October 18, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG- *"HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***GOD'S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING**

***SONG OF PRAISE-** *"GOD IS FOR US"*

CALL TO CONFESSION- *"GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE- *"GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME"*

OFFERING
SPECIAL COLLECTION-

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***SONG OF PREPARATION-** *"LORD, I NEED YOU"*

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE- *HEBREWS 11:29-12:2, JOHN 14: 5-6*

SERMON- "BUEN CAMINO: GOD IS WITH US"

***SONG OF RESPONSE-** *"GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PARTING SONG- *"JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE"*

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY-** *"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"*

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS
& FELLOWSHIP IN THE BARN

~ Deep Roots, Fresh Growth ~

TODAY, October 18,

- Is the twenty first Sunday of Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY, October 25,

- Is the twenty second Sunday of Pentecost
- Reformation Sunday Joint Worship Service
- We will celebrate communion at our morning service. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." All, then, who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who earnestly desire to lead a godly life, ought to accept the invitation now given and come with gladness to the table of the Lord

Faith Community Announcements

Kids' Ministry Programs Are Back! BOTH KIDSPACE & CHOSEN CLASSES WILL MEET DOWNSTAIRS. KidSpace (grades 1-4) will continue to use the "Blue Room" and Chosen (grades 5-8) will meet in the room across from there. The classes do not meet when we celebrate Communion. Children will be dismissed to the class after the sermon and the Prayer of Application. Class will last until 11:30. All parents of our KidSpace students are asked to be an aide in that class every so often. With enough volunteers it should only be once every couple of months. Please see Jan Kuiken with any questions.

Choir announcement! Our final choir practice for Reformation Sunday is this morning immediately following the church service in the sanctuary. Next Sunday, Reformation Sunday, October 25, we will have a combined rehearsal at 9:15 am, before the service, with members of Covenant Church and Cedar Hill Church.

Save the date! Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 1! Join us for a Baked Potato Luncheon following morning worship. Come enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with our church family. Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex and Barn.**Supper Club save the date!** We will hold our annual Friendsgiving on Saturday, November 28th at the Kang's. Stay tuned for more information!

Ladies Bible Study will meet on Thursdays at 10 am. Please see Linda Van Lenten with any questions- all are welcome!

Men's Bible Study has resumed and will meet Thursdays at 9:30 am. Please see Joe Cusack with any questions. All men are welcome!

Requested Announcements

Cathedral Choir invites you to join us as they rehearse Handel's Messiah for this upcoming Christmas season. They will meet on Sundays from 2:30-4:00 pm at Midland Park Reformed Church. They look forward to praising God with their voices!

Dine to support Dawn Treader! On Tuesday, October 20th, join for a community fundraiser at the Blue Moon Mexican Café in Wyckoff. Whether you join for lunch, dinner, drinks at the bar, takeout, or delivery, a portion of the proceeds will go directly toward tuition assistance for students at Dawn Treader Christian School. How does it work? Simply email a picture of your receipt within 24 hours to community@bluemoonmexicancafe.com. Blue Moon will then donate a percentage of the proceeds to help under-resourced families access a brighter future.

Ramapo Reformed Church is inviting all to a hymn sing, "A Journey To Hope", on Sunday, October 25th at 4:00 pm, with a reception to follow. All are welcome!

The Brass Factory will present a concert Friday, November 6th at 7:30 PM at Cedar Hill Church, "A Pot-Pourri of Favorites." A great night of music- *Concertino in Eb*, (Sachse); *I Got Rhythm*, (Gershwin); *Over the Rainbow*, (Arlen & Harburg); *Shadrack*, (MacGimsey); *La Virgen de la Macarena*, (Monterde); *Tico – Tico*, (Abrei); *The Girl from Ipanema*, (Jobim); and *One Note Samba*, (Jobim). Robert F. Davis conducting. Special guest Aaron VanderWeele, euphonium and friends will appear. Aaron is on the music faculty of Rutgers and is the principal euphonium for the Salvation Army New York Staff Band. The concert is free. Expect the usual good time, plan to attend, and bring your friends. You'll love it!

Lands of the Bible Trip (June 23 - July 7, 2027)- Hebrews 11 has long been known as the "Hall of Fame of Faith" because in and through the lives of these legendary people God wrote His story, and He is not finished writing. Join Pastors Moses and George DeJong on this all-inclusive Biblical Study Tour, where the Text comes alive as we journey to where the story begins in slavery, to where the enemy was defeated at Calvary, on to the Galilee where Jesus lived, learned, and taught, and then to the world where He sent His disciples to win for the Father's Glory. A world, which in so many ways, is not very different from our own. For more information, please talk to Pastor Moses.

Denominational Announcements

Thrive Faith Formation Tip- From Psalm 65:8: "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy." Make this passage your morning and evening prayer this week. During the day, look for God's "wonders" and point them out to the people you share life with.

Our Faith Community Family

Congratulations to *Edna Hoogerhyde*, who will celebrate her 93rd birthday today. We give thanks for Edna's long and faithful life!

Please keep *Bob and Ruth Mulder* in your prayers. Bob has been moved to Christian Health for rehab following a fall.

Please continue to keep *Daniel Martin,* son-in-law of Mary Lou Flitcroft, in your prayers. Daniel regained consciousness and is making slow progress on a very long road ahead.

Please keep *Barbara Davis* in your prayers. She has been moved to rehab at Christian Health following a brief hospitalization.

Lou Spano has moved to Care One in Oradell. Please continue to keep Karen and Lou in your prayers.

Please pray for *Rev. Rod Gorter* as he undergoes cancer treatment.

Please pray for *Carrie Johnson* (wife of Rev. Michael Johnson of Cedar Hill Church) as she undergoes cancer treatment.



10/18 Edna Hoogerhyde

10/19 Audrey Trusewicz

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