THE VOICE ON THE AIRWAVES (1928–1939)

The Christian Reformed Church's entry into radio broadcasting was deliberated for more than a decade before a single program aired. Denominational leaders formed a radio committee as early as the Synod of 1928, recognizing the evangelical potential of the medium. However, widespread skepticism over commercial entertainment combined with the acute financial constraints of the Great Depression delayed formal action for years.

By late 1939, with Europe plunging into war and commercial broadcasting dominating American airwaves, the denomination decided to speak. On December 17, 1939, the church launched its official radio ministry, The Back to God Hour, broadcasting an initial series over station WJJD in Chicago with Calvin Theological Seminary Professor Henry Schultze behind the microphone. The program expanded steadily through regional syndication, eventually becoming a year-round broadcast by 1943 and joining nationwide networks like the Mutual Broadcasting System in 1947. What began as a trial broadcast grew into a major evangelistic arm of the denomination.

Church Calendar

This Week **November 1**

Door Monitor- Andrew van der Meer
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Paul Cusack
Projector- Linda Van Lenten
Nursery- Mark Tolsma, Karen Spano, Annie Vande Vrede
KidsChurch- Jeanne Bushoven, Alyssa Morin
Coffee- Bob & Janet Jacobs
Prayers Of The People- Phil Verrengia
Children's Message- Bill Faasse
KidSpace- Jan Kuiken
Chosen-Barbara Belanus

Next Week **November 8**

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Dan Vande Vrede
Nursery- Kristen Tolsma, Sally Ruitenberg
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Mary van der Meer
Coffee- Roy & Jeanne Bushoven
Prayers Of The People- Dave Dykhouse
Children's Message- Pastor Moses
KidSpace- Jan Kuiken
Chosen-Barbara Belanus

Special Collections:

November 1- Missions

November 8- Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center

November 15- ECSA/FCCRC Scholarship Fund

November 22- Madison Ave Crossroads

Thanksgiving-

November 29- New Hope



Faith Community Church

Rev. Moses Kang
Rob Flim, Worship Leader

November 1, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG- *"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

***SONG OF PRAISE-** *"WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR"*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

COMMISSIONING OF REV. JOE CUSACK

OFFERING
SPECIAL COLLECTION- MISSIONS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***SONG OF PREPARATION-** *"COME TO US, BELOVED STRANGER"*

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE- *LUKE 24: 14-35*

SERMON- "BUEN CAMINO: MAYBE HAPPY ENDING"

***SONG OF RESPONSE-** *"ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PARTING SONG- *"MAY THE PEACE OF GOD"*

***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, November 1,

- Is the twenty third Sunday of Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY, November 8,

- Is the twenty fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Faith Community Announcements

Kids' Ministry Programs Are Back! 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. Please see Jan Kuiken with any questions.

Join us this morning for a Baked Potato Luncheon following morning worship. Come enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with our church family!

From Council: Last week, you received a pledge card for the 2027 budget. Council asks you prayerfully consider how you can support the ministry at our church. Your returned pledge cards also assist us in creating an accurate budget for 2027. Also, please save the date (Sunday, December 6) for a congregational meeting to approve the budget.

Heirborne will have our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on November 14th at Cedar Hill CRC from 8a-10:30a. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a great breakfast served by some awesome 7th & 8th graders. Funds raised from breakfast will be used to offset the cost of our upcoming winter retreat. If you have any questions, feel free to call Rick Botbyl at (973) 464-6986.

Choir Members and Prospective Members: Practice for our Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday, November 11th, Wednesday, November 18th, and Tuesday, November 24th. Practices are from 7 PM to 8:15 PM in the church sanctuary. All are welcome!

Supper Club save the date! We will hold our annual Friendsgiving on Saturday, November 28th at the Kang's. Stay tuned for more information!

SNL High School Students! Our annual retreat is February 19-21, but the time to commit is now! By November 8 we will need to know if you (and friends) are going to join us for Winterblast at the awesome Camp Orchard Hill in Pennsylvania. A $100 deposit is due, so please let us know! It is a fun weekend with students from all over NJ, NY and Pennsylvania—hope to see you there! Please contact Tanya or Dan if you have any questions.

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

Give Food, Give Hope This Holiday Season! Join New Hope in supporting its annual *Give Food, Give Hope* campaign! You can help by choosing a food list and shopping for a family, picking up a Thanksgiving coupon to help fund New Hope's shopping efforts, or making a direct donation. Every contribution makes a difference! Questions? Contact Kelly in the church office.

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!

Crossroads Drama is thrilled to present *Shrek The Musical JR.*! Join everyone's favorite ogre, a chatty donkey, a feisty princess, and a cast of unforgettable fairy-tale misfits as they take the stage for an epic adventure filled with laughter, songs, and fun for the whole family. Performance dates and showtimes are Thursday, 11/12 and Friday, 11/13 at 7pm, Saturday 11/14 at 1pm & 5pm at Rockpoint Community Church. Seating is first-come, first-served, so arrive early to grab a great seat!

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- The Examen is a helpful daily prayer tool that Christians have used for hundreds of years to review their day in a godly way. This is a great bedtime practice for people of all ages. Try this simplified Examen this week: First, pray that God will give you insight. Then ask yourself two questions: "What was I most grateful for today?" and "What was I least grateful for today?" Close in prayer, thanking God for the blessings of the day, and asking God's help with your shortcomings.

Our Faith Community Family

Congratulations to *Janet Faber*, who will celebrate her 90th birthday today. We give thanks for Janet's long and faithful life!

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.

Lou Spano has moved back to Christian Health for rehab. 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.



11/1 Janet Faber

11/1 Kelly King

11/5 Rob Flim

11/8 Liam Faasse

2nd collections recap:
10/25/26-
Reformed Churches in the Philippines, $1,084