

PART 1: FAITH BEYOND SUNDAY
(1892)

As the late 1800s unfolded, working-class Dutch immigrants in Paterson were laboring long, grueling hours in local silk mills and small farms. Despite having very little disposable income, these families held a radical conviction: they believed that education belonged to God and parents—not the state—and that their children needed to be immersed in scripture every day of the week, not just on Sundays.

In August of 1892, a dedicated group formed the Holland Reformed School Society and opened the Amity Street Christian School in Paterson with seventy students. Shortly after, a second location—the Riverside School—was established to serve growing families across the Passaic River in Fair Lawn, Hawthorne, and northern Paterson. Parents voluntarily paid tuition out of their modest mill wages to ensure their covenant children were taught reading, writing, and Reformed theology under the same roof. This sacrificial movement grew into what we know today as Eastern Christian School, establishing a century-long legacy of Christian education across our region.

Church Calendar

This Week

August 2

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenberg
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Dan Grimm
Projector- Jim Calaski
Nursery- Bev Bentley, Janet Jacobs
KidsChurch- Karen Spano, Renee Kobovitch
Coffee- Elaine, Mike & Diane Tolsma
Prayers Of The People- Rev. Mike Johnson
Children’s Message- Pastor Moses
KidSpace- SUMMER BREAK
Chosen-SUMMER BREAK

Next Week

August 9

Door Monitor- Andrew van der Meer
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Paul Cusack
Projector- Justin Kang
Nursery- Cheryl Cusack, Lynn Walker
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Olivia Calaski
Coffee- Jim & Tanya Calaski
Prayers Of The People- Pastor Moses
Children’s Message- Krissy Vande Vrede
KidSpace- SUMMER BREAK
Chosen-SUMMER BREAK

Second Collections:

August 2- Missions

August 9- Madison Ave

August 16- Hope Christian Services

August 23- Benevolence

August 30- ECSA



Rev. Moses Kang
Jay & Jess Everett, Worship Leaders

August 2, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG- “PRAISE THE LORD! SING HALLELUJAH!”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD’S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING

*SONG OF PRAISE- “PRAISE THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF TRUMPET”

CALL TO CONFESSION- “SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE- “SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

SPECIAL COLLECTION- MISSIONS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*SONG OF PREPARATION- “GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH”

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE- ESTHER 4: 12-16

SERMON- “IT TAKES COURAGE”

*SONG OF RESPONSE- “STAND IN YOUR LOVE”

COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- “MAY THE PEACE OF GOD”

POSTLUDE

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

- TODAY, August 2,**
- Is the eleventh Sunday of Pentecost
 - 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
 - We welcome our brothers and sisters from Cedar as we worship God together

- NEXT SUNDAY, August 9,**
- Is the twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
We still have room available in our VBS program this summer. All children 4-years-old through sixth grade are invited to attend *Snowball Mountain Challenge* August 17-21 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon each day. Register or volunteer through our church website and invite your friends!

Do you like games? Do you like to play? Do you like working with children? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you! We are looking for a volunteer to lead our recreation time for VBS. If you have always wanted to lead a *Laundry Basket Bobsled Race* or participate in *Widow's Offering Hockey* or a *Snowball Scoop*, this is what you've been waiting for! Even if you can commit to only one or two days the week of August 17, you would be an invaluable part of our team! Please see Kelly in the office or let Linda Van Lenten, Bev Bentley, Carol Dunning or Jan Kuiken know that you would like to step out in faith and help in this way!

The Christian Singles are planning to meet on August 8th at 6 pm in the Barn for hot dogs, salads, chips, and dessert. Widowed, divorced, and unmarried singles are welcome to attend. The evening will include scripture, videos, prayer, praises, and games. Please bring your favorite games. For more information contact Carol at 973-523-5072 or email cdunningCSNJ@gmail.com.

Fun Facts Wanted! Our weekly bulletin has featured interesting historical tidbits about the Christian Reformed Church thanks to one of our congregation's resident history buffs. We'd love to expand the feature! If you have ideas for fun facts—whether they're about church history, the Bible, our congregation, local history, or something else interesting—please share them with Jim Calaski.

From the Deacons: New Hope is running low on food and is requesting help from supporting churches. The Deacons are organizing a food drive. There is an insert in the bulletin with suggested items and there will be a basket in the back of church for the donations. Thank you for your support!

Found item: If you lost a bracelet in the Barn, please see Ken or Kelly.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rockpoint Community Church is seeking a passionate and Christ-centered Executive Director to lead Crossroads, our summer youth ministry program. This role provides spiritual, organizational, and administrative leadership for a dynamic camp serving approximately 200 students while mentoring staff, volunteers, and Counselors-in-Training. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a deep commitment to Jesus Christ, proficient management ability, and have strong leadership and team-building skills. This is an exciting opportunity to impact the next generation by creating meaningful experiences that help young people grow in faith and connect with the church. Interested parties may send their resume to office@therockpoint.org.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (April 12-22, 2027): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian’s Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; the spectacular Amalfi Coast; and much more! Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thrive Faith Formation Tip- The God of the Bible is radically curious. God was curious about taking formless things and creating something beautiful. God was curious on the first day as God spoke light into existence and gave darkness a place in creation. God was curious enough that creating sky, land, and oceans was life-giving and affirming in the world. God was curious enough to believe diversity in plants and animals was cool, creating them in a variety of dimensions, shapes, and colors. God’s curiosity led to the creation of two beacons in the sky to serve the earth. In the mind of God, curiosity was God’s radical bent of being in relationship, always moving toward life. This week reflect on what makes you curious about God, God’s world, and your world. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive.

Kids Corner Devotions: Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You” at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's devotion’s Bible reading, Romans 5:18-21, we learn that sin—the things we think, say, or do that don’t please God—is big and powerful. Sin separates us from God. But the good news is that bigger news about Jesus is coming. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Family Practices for Family Collection.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

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



8/3 Joe Cusack

8/5 Kathy Faasse

8/5 Jess Ruit

8/9 Becca Flim

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7/26/26-
Lighthouse, \$816