



JESUS
Lights the Way

October 8, 2017

8:45 & 11:15 am • Pastor Ryan Boes • Acts 20:17-38

Loving God, Serving People

We welcome you into our community and our lives. Following this morning's worship, we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Babies & Young Children

A nursery for children 2 years and younger is next to the kitchen off of the Fellowship Hall. Children, 3, 4, and 5 years old who have not started Kindergarten will be dismissed before the sermon to room 27 for Preschool Church Hour.

Aids to Worship

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. Please ask our greeters for assistance.



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Church: Becoming and Remaining Human

In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he declares that Jesus is the savior of the world and has launched God's kingdom in his life, death, resurrection and ascension. Jesus has made it possible for us to be a part of that kingdom as the Church. Paul takes this truth and draws out the most startling and affirming conviction: We are the people of God. All of us. When we are the Church, we are God's people. God has drawn us from all places of life and backgrounds and created a people. The implication then is that we are fully human when we live into this identity. To be the Church is to be truly human.

After Paul declares we are the Church, he shows us then how to live as church. It is like he is saying, "now that you see what it is like to be human because you've seen Jesus, be that person! You are human! To be in Christ is what human means! Now live as a human!"

In our lives there are many things, activities, behaviors, relationships, mindsets, that rob us of our humanity. Oppressive cultures or ideologies can rob of us of our humanity. Paul writes to the Church that once we are in Christ there is nothing that can take our humanity. Rather, we live as the people of God! We are free from the humanity robbing ways of life! This fall, we invite you to consider all the things that try to rob us of our humanity, and how God is inviting us to be everything God has called us to be in Christ. We are the people of God! Now it's time to go live that truth!

Pastor John

Pastor Ryan

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8:45 worship

Gathering around the Word

Prelude: *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

John Carter, Robert Powell

Choir: *Christ, Be Our Light*

Red Hymnal 908:1

Welcome

Pouring of the Water

Once we were not a people.

Now we are God's people.

Lighting of the Candle

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

In Christ there is no darkness at all!

***Song:** *Christ, Be Our Light*

Red Hymnal 908:2-5

***We Receive God's Greeting and Greet One Another**

Children's Time

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

Song: *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (sing 3x)

Red Hymnal 528

Responsive Prayer

O God,

We need reminders of your goodness to us.

The race is long and tiring.

The mission is hard and we have grown weary.

We need your rest and your peace.

May the peace of Christ be the melody of our lives.

Help us be faithful to you.

May we be attentive to our relationship with you.

Help us live and thrive as you desire.

*Help us train ourselves to be your instruments,
dedicated to doing your work.*

Give us strength to face opposition and trial.

Stay close to us.

May the peace of Christ be the melody of our lives.

*Keep us attentive to one another.
Make us meek and gentle in the ways we communicate.
Help us care for our relationships
and cultivate them to be as you have modeled for us.
Where there is hate, may we bring love.
Where there is war, may we bring peace.
Help us to speak boldly of your justice
and abundantly of your mercy.*

May the peace of Christ be the melody of our lives.

***Hymn:** *Like a River Glorious*

Red Hymnal 699

Prayers of the People

We Present our Gifts & Offerings for: The Lord's work through AACRC

Choral Offertory: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Gray Hymnal 545

Listening for the Word

Scripture: Acts 20:17-38

Message: "Speaking through Tears"

Responding to the Word

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Institution and Invitation

This morning we celebrate communion. All who love Jesus Christ, trust in him alone for their salvation, and agree to be his disciple are invited to join with us in this celebration.

With thanks and joy, take the bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to proceed to the front of the sanctuary to partake of communion, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

Communion

Choral Music for Meditation

How Can I Keep from Singing

Jeffrey Honoré
Red Hymnal 443

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Bearing the Word into the World

***We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

***Hymn:** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Red Hymnal 933

***Postlude:** *Lord, Dismiss Us with your Blessing*

Alfred Fedak

Pastor: Ryan Boes

Piano/Organ: Jan Musch; Choir: Paul Herrema

11:15 worship

The Lord Is Our Light and Our Salvation— Whom Shall We Fear?

(Psalm 27:1)

Prelude: *Open Our Eyes*

Red Hymnal 297

Welcome

Pouring of the Water

Once we were not a people.

Now we are God's people.

***Songs**

Behold What Manner of Love

Better is One Day

Red Hymnal 506

***Lighting of the Candle**

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

In Christ there is no darkness at all!

***Song:** *Christ, Be Our Light*

Red Hymnal 908:1-4

***We Receive God's Greeting and Greet One Another**

Children's Time

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

The Lord Is Our Strength and Our Song; He Has Become Our Salvation

(Psalm 118:14)

Solo: *Reason to Sing*

A Litany of Peace and Hope

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We need reminders of your goodness to us.

The race is long and tiring.

The mission is hard and we have grown weary.

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***Song:** *Christ, Be Our Light*

Red Hymnal 908:5

Prayers of the People

We Present our Gifts & Offerings for: The Lord's work through AACRC

Offertory: *Be the Center*

Scripture: Acts 20:17-36

Message: "Speaking through Tears"

Blessed Are All Who Walk in the Light of God's Presence

(Psalm 89:15)

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Communion Song: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

Song for Departure: *We Are Called

Red Hymnal 296

***Postlude**

Pastor: Ryan Boes

Worship Team: Victor Chen, Veena Kulkarni-Rankin, Marilyn McLaughlin,
Teresa Streng, Carolyn Wurster, Mike Wilson, Joe Yunkman

Sunday Morning • 8:45 & 11:15 am

- Preacher: Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Acts 20:17-38

Youth Ministry

- Preschool Church Hour class will meet during this morning's worship services in Room 27 for children 3-5 years of age who have not started Kindergarten. The children will be dismissed to their class during the worship service.
- 9:55–Sunday School (pre-K through 1st grade) in Room 28
- 9:55–Sunday School (2nd – 5th grade) in Room 23
- 9:55–Savior Servant Singers in Room 19
- 10:15–Middle School Sunday School in Rooms 12 & 13
- 10:15–REACH in Youth Room

Adult Sunday School

- In Room 24, we'll finish watching the Martin Luther documentary.
- Adult Ed downstairs in Room 18, led by George Lindquist and Tom Trevethan.
- At 10:10 am, downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson..

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- Preacher: John Groen
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Adult Sunday School

- Adult Ed in Room 24, , Ancient Rome from a Christian Perspective, with Eric Wright (see inside for details).
- Adult Ed downstairs in Room 18, led by George Lindquist and Tom Trevethan, see inside for details.
- At 11:30 am, downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson..

announcements & reminders

Your Pastoral Team

Pastor John will return to his study on Monday, October 9.

From the Stobs

Twenty-one years ago we arrived in Ann Arbor and were welcomed and embraced by you, the AACRC. You gave us the privilege of ministering with you and to you. We thank God for the friendships we have formed and the blessings we have shared with so many of you over those years. Near the end of October we will be moving to the Grand Rapids area. But as we move away, cherished memories go with us, as does the assurance that our good Lord will continue to accompany us all.

Harvey and Audrey Stob

Calendar of Worship Discussion Opportunities

October 11—Pastor Ryan will join Gray Matters to discuss the content covered in the special session of Council that was held on September 9th.

October 22—A town hall opportunity to share the vision for this year of focus on vital worship. Council will also share thoughts about how going to one service for a year will create more space for this conversation. 5:30–7:00 pm.

November 12—A congregational meeting with small group breakout sessions to discuss what our hopes and dreams are for worship. 3:30–5 pm.

Gray Matters

Our next Gray Matters meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the church in the adult education room #24. Pastor Ryan will join Gray Matters to discuss the content covered in the special session of Council that was held on September 9th.

Adult Ed

Christians thrown to lions! Centuries of persecution! Where did ancient Christians *really* fit into the Roman world?

Eric Wright will give four multimedia presentations appraising ancient Roman culture from a Christian perspective on October 15, 22, 29, and on November 5. Sessions will focus on ancient Rome in its historical context, how the early church was threatened by—but also benefited from—the empire it arose within, its relationship to paganism, and on the continued legacy of Roman culture both in the church and in the western world.

Sound like a Western Civ. course requirement? NOT TO FEAR! The presentations will be informative *and* lighthearted, designed to foster the sharing of mutual expertise on the subject. Bring your prior knowledge and a willingness to have fun! *All* are welcome!

CROP Walk

Only one week left to sign up to be a Walker or sponsor! We now have 21 Walkers participating from our church. To become a Walker or sponsor, please see Barb Fichtenberg or Phil Palmboos at the CROP table in the Fellowship Hall. When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you are not only raising money to help fight hunger but you are also walking in solidarity with all of those people around the world who are walking for food, for water and for firewood each day. The CROP Hunger Walk isn't about Church World Service fighting hunger—it's truly about us all fighting hunger in many ways throughout the world. Come walk with us! Or sponsor one of our AACRC Walkers! Thanks for your participation.

Sunday School Offering

Our students are collecting their Sunday school tithe for "kid selected" World Renew Gap Gifts. Our goal is to raise \$500 this program year. The students may turn in their collection at the beginning of Sunday school on Sunday, October 22. Please bring the coins or bills collected in an envelope or Ziploc bag labeled World Renew collection and list the amount enclosed. Thank you for encouraging this "holy habit" of stewardship.

Youth Choirs

Our children's singing groups (4 yrs old – 5th grade) will be leading worship on Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 10:15-10:50 at Glacier Hills (1200 Earhart Road). The children should arrive at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room, accompanied by their parent(s), at 10:05 so we can begin promptly. In addition, there are two volunteer opportunities to let you know about that morning.

1. We need adults to come at 9:45 to help residents who are in wheelchairs get to the Hanson Room.
2. We need some cookies for our fellowship time after the service. If you can bake or donate two dozen baked goods, please contact Mary Admiraal (marykutschke@yahoo.com) with either or both of these requests.

Prayer Request

Please keep Josephine Collins, the director of the Community Assistance Program in Detroit, in your prayers. Although she is now home from the hospital, after receiving treatments for an infection, she continues to need dialysis two or three times each week. Notes of encouragement to Josephine would be greatly appreciated and they can be sent to the following address: Josephine Collins, 9756 Nardin Park, Detroit, MI 48204-1756

Pray for the Persecuted Church

There seems to be a change in the political climate of China. Chinese authorities in several provinces have banned children from attending church. Praise God for the growth of His church in China. According to the official estimates there are 22 million Christians in China but many think there are as many as one hundred million more, in spite of the efforts to stop the spread of the Gospel.

Free Concert at AACS

The world-renowned Yale University Whiffenpoofs, the nation's oldest all-male acappella group (active since 1909), will be returning to Ann Arbor Christian School and performing on Monday, Oct 16 at 2 pm–3 pm. Ann Arbor Christian is thrilled to be able to arrange this performance of this world-class group during their brief stop in Ann Arbor. The Whiffenpoofs have performed for President Bush and President Obama, appeared on the TV shows *Glee*, *The Sing-Off*, and *Jeopardy*, and have sung on every continent, including Antarctica. Visitors are welcome to attend.

AACRC Weekly Calendar

Today, October 8

8:45 AM Morning Worship
9:55 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Morning Worship

Monday, October 9

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

Tuesday, October 10

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
9:30 AM & 1:15 PM Coffee Break
7:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner
at Lindquist's home
7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM Tuesday Tutoring

Wednesday, October 11

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
6:30 & 8:00 AM Men's Prayer & Study
1:30 PM Gray Matters
7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, October 12

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
10:00 AM Prayer Group
10:00 AM Crafters

Friday, October 13

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

Saturday, October 14

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 15

8:45 AM Morning Worship
9:55 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Morning Worship
12:30 PM Soup Group

Assisting This Week 10/8

Coffee Servers

8:45 Stephen Humphrey &
Karen Ludema
Mark & Leslie Doorlag
11:15 Peter & Tanya Boldenow
Matt & Mary Admiraal

Nursery

8:45 Marie Heys
Debbie Tuckey
11:15 Theresa Tanin
Titia VanderMolen

Preschool Church Hour

8:45 Tim & Kate Costello
Anita Lautenbach
11:15 Justin Schiller
Kate Van Ee

Assisting Next Week 10/15

Coffee Servers

8:45 Paul & Kerry De Kraker
Craig and Malo Engel
11:15 Melissa Kloostra
Tim & Emily Geerings

Nursery

8:45 Kellie Steen
Mary Herrema
11:15 Megan Boes, Marie Heys
Sara Bush

Preschool Church Hour

8:45 De Anna Stephenson
Audrey Stob, Jack Doorlag
11:15 Rita Aagenas
Sara Bush



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MAUD & DUCHESS ROBINSON



Following are excerpts from a recent letter:

What a wonderful Summer! God has been in the business of taking care of the Saints...

Many of you know the story behind the beginnings of the Mission, how Haman and Malettor Cross answered God's call – and in 1964 started reaching people on the Northend of Detroit for Jesus.

One of the ways in which Malettor touched the lives of so many was through clothing and food distribution. After some years, Malettor turned one of the rooms at the Mission into a clothing room. Hundreds of people have been clothed from that room – and many days the clothes would be put out on tables in the parking lot – for all to come and receive what they needed – all free.

Years later – Malettor became ill, moved to Texas where God called her home – but the clothing room remained. It became totally uncared for. Her daughter Paulette tried to keep it up – to no avail. Then God sent an AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY!!!! This Summer the youth mostly from Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church, under the direction of Bill VanderRoest took 3 days out of their precious lives and totally remodeled the clothing room!!!!

As a result of this blessed offering to God we [have] rededicated the clothing room.

Thank you to everyone who participated! The remodeling was a part of the activities carried out by youth during SERVE this year.

A contingent of around 10 from our church attended the rededication.