

# OTTAWA REFORMED CHURCH 2020/21 CONSISTORY

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Merle De Witt	2021
Bill Lutke	2021
Ken Prince	2021
Al Nienhuis	2022
Kurt Vegt	2022
Glenn Emmert	2023
Jerry Geertman	2023

## DEACONS

Grant Gillissie	2021
Doug Morren	2021
Andrew Prince	2021
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Jared Thomas	2022
Mike Hintz	2023
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Children & Worship  
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Flowers & Decorations Coordinator  
Greeter Coordinator  
Hand2Hand Ministry  
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## Morning Worship

### January 24, 2021, 9:30 AM

### Pastor Mike Van Buren

## We Approach Our God

Prelude

Heather Collins

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship "Run To The Father"

Praise Team

Greeting and Moments of Fellowship

\*Songs of Praise "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down" #227

"What A Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei"

\*Opening Prayer and Salutation

Welcoming of New Member

Barbara Yandell

Prayers of God's People

Offertory Prayer

## We Hear from God's Word

Children's Message

Vonnie Vander Zwaag

(Children 3 years old - Kindergarten are dismissed to Children & Worship)

\*Song of Preparation

"Thy Word" #184

Scripture: II Timothy 3:10-17 (page #1182 in the pew Bible)

Message: "Waffles are NOT a good food for Christians"

Prayer of Response

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song

"The Blessing"

\*Postlude

Barb Vander Zwaag

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\*Please stand if you are able

# Announcements

**THIS MORNING** Barbara Yandell will be welcomed as a new member of Ottawa Reformed Church. She is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church of America and founder of Hope for the Nations, where she works to mobilize the Church for evangelism to Muslims. Barbara calls Austin, Texas, and Holland, Michigan home. When she is in Holland, she wants to recognize Ottawa as her home church.

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** "How to Study the Bible for All Its Worth," led by Pastor Jim, meets in the Fireside Room.

**AN UPDATED ADDRESS DIRECTORY** with new family photos was emailed to the congregation on Thursday. Printed copies are available at the Hospitality Center.

**SIGN-UP FOR THE CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER** happening February 27 at 5:30 PM! Adults (15 & up), \$40 a team; kids (8-14), free. There will be 32 teams available for the adult tournament and eight teams available for the kid tournament. Find a partner and sign-up your team at the west bulletin board by February 21! The Sr. High Youth Group will have dinner available for purchase at 5:00 PM. This fundraiser supports the Sr. High Youth Group summer mission trip to Nashville, TN, in July. We hope to see you there!

**"THE STUDY OF 1 & 2 PETER,"** led by Pastor Mike, meets in the Meeting Grounds Room on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

**2020 GIVING STATEMENTS** are available at the Hospitality Center.

**OUR LIBRARY IS MISSING SOME BOOKS!** A list of the missing books has been put in your ORC mailbox. Please check your home to see if you have any of these titles. You may contact Sandy De Glopper with questions.

**CAMP GENEVA REGISTRATION** is open. Brochures are available at the Hospitality Center. This year ORC will cover 60% of the camp fee for the children of ORC members. Please contact the office for our PROMO Code.

**SOUTH OLIVE BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION** forms will be available soon. They will meet at Cran-Hill Ranch, and the sessions will be a bit shorter. The dates are June 18-20 (current grades 3-6) and July 16-18 (current grades 7-11).

**THE GEMS** still has five calendars for sale. Contact Denise at 648.4529 if you would like to purchase a 2021 God's Creation calendar and support the GEMS.

Evening Worship  
January 24, 2021, 5:00 PM  
Dr. Jim Poit

We Approach Our God

Prelude

Barb Vander Zwaag

Greeting and Moments of Fellowship

\*Songs of Praise      "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

"Open Our Eyes, Lord" #633

"He Has Made Me Glad" #214

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

We Hear from God's Word

\*Song of Preparation      "Lord, Have Mercy"

Scripture: Luke 18:1-7 & Matthew 15:21-28

(page #1042 & 976 in the pew Bible)

Message: "God's Provision"

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #125

Prayer of Response

We Respond to God's Word

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song      "Trust and Obey" #571 (vs. 1, 4, 5)

Postlude

Barb Vander Zwaag

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# Sermon-Based Individual or Small Group Questions

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## GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

1. What is your favorite type of bread?
2. What type of bread are you today: Fresh? Sweat? Moldy? Crusty? Dry? Toast? Fried? Flat? Fruit? Why?

## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

3. What specifically is Jesus asking us to pray for in Matthew 6:10?
4. Read Matthew 21:18-22. What does Jesus mean, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer?"
5. Read Luke 18:1-7. How does Jesus' story encourage us to pray and not give up?
6. Read Matthew 15:21-28. At first, why did Jesus not answer the woman? How did the disciples respond? How did Jesus respond to the disciples? Why does it appear that Jesus first refuses the woman and seems to change his mind?
7. Why does Jesus ask us to pray "Give us TODAY our daily bread"? Why should we ask that God provide for us "today"?
8. How is God's timing perfect? (see Psalm 18:30, Galatians 4:4)
9. What does it mean that God will meet all our needs? (see Philippians 4:19)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

10. How does Christ provide for you every day? How is Jesus your daily bread?
11. What are your struggles with God's timing? How does God's timing bring you comfort?

## PRAY

Lord, keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only daily bread. Amen. (Proverbs 30:8)

# "Waffles are NOT a good food for Christians"

Pastor Mike Van Buren

January 24, 2021, 9:30 AM

II Timothy 3:10-17 (Sola-Scriptura)

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## Introduction

- People who "Waffle" (Examples)
- We will not:
  - Trust them
  - Listen to them
  - Follow them
- They sound so unsure and unknowledgeable
- Why many people do not follow some Christians or some churches because they "waffle"
- Read II Timothy 3:10-17 (page #1182 in the pew Bible)
- A passage of "Certainty"
- We must be certain about:

## I. Our Leaders (vs. 10–11)

- A. What they teach
- B. What they know
- C. What they show
- D. They cannot waffle in words, in belief, or in lifestyle
- E. Timothy "trusted" Paul
- F. Do you trust your leaders?

## II. Our Lord (vs. 12–24)

- A. Paul before meeting Jesus
- B. Paul after meeting Jesus
- C. Jesus is:
  - The Promised one
  - The Prophesied one
  - The Perfect one
  - The Resurrected one
  - The Only one
- D. On none of those can we waffle

## III. Our Only (Solā) Lamp and Light (vs. 15–17)

- A. “Thy word is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path”  
(Psalm 119:105)
- B. The word of God cannot be “revised”
- C. Scripture is “breathed out by God” (vs. 16)
- D. It makes us wise (vs. 15)
- E. It shows us the way to salvation (vs. 15)
- F. It teaches (vs. 16)
- G. It “reproofs” (vs. 16)
- H. It “corrects” (vs. 16)
- I. It “trains” us for Righteousness (vs. 16)
- J. It “completely equips us” (vs. 17)
- K. It Never “Waffles”

## The Takeaway

- No one will follow Leaders, a Lord, or Light that waffles.
- Be certain about your Leaders, Lord, and Light.

# "God's Provision"

Dr. Jim Poit

January 24, 2021, 5:00 PM

Luke 18:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28; Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 125

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## "Give us"

- I will trust God to provide for me **WHEN I ASK**
- Give — We must ask.  
Matthew 4:4, 7:7-8, 21:22; James 4:2; Luke 18:1-7
- Us — Not about me.

## "This Day Our Daily"

- I will trust God to provide for me **EXACTLY WHEN I NEED IT**  
Exodus 16
- This requires patience and trust that God will provide for me today and in the future — Lamentations 3:25-26, Habakkuk 2:3
- "God's timing is always on time"
- Open the door of your heart to God's promises

## "Bread"

- I will trust God to provide for me **EXACTLY WHAT I NEED**  
Exodus 16; Matthew 7:9; Philippians 4:19
- For real needs  
Matthew 15:21-28



## Prayer Corner

**JERRY AVINK** (brother of Ruth Timmer) struggles with MDS.

**BOBBIE BEKIUS** sprained her ankle. She is experiencing significant pain and is limited to how much she can walk.

**RIC BEKIUS** had knee replacement surgery on January 21. Because of his history of blood clots, please pray that this won't be an issue post-surgery.

**ALLIE BLAUKAMP** (sister of Minnie De Witt) was diagnosed with ALS. Please pray for Allie and her family as they face this diagnosis.

**DALE BOS** (nephew of Kathy Overbeek) struggles with non-small cell lung cancer.

**SUE BURR** (sister of Linda Poit) struggles with colon cancer and is under Hospice Care. She continues to grow weaker.

**BOB CONDIT** (stepfather of Kathy Coffey) is undergoing radiation treatments for a reoccurrence of prostate cancer.

**RON EDING** (brother-in-law of Minnie De Witt) came home Sunday. We praise God for answered prayers. He is very weak but happy to be home.

**JOE FIEDORWICZ** (uncle of Lisa Emmert) has stage 4 stomach cancer that has spread to his bone. He met with an oncologist on Tuesday to discuss options.

**GERRY HOEKEMA** (brother-in-law of Marilyn Gilman) struggles with lung cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments.

**BRENDA HOFFMAN** had open-heart surgery at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital on January 21.

**CINDY JACOBS** receives a double dose of immunotherapy every six weeks.

**ROGER JACOBS** struggles with liver cancer. He will receive another chemoembolization treatment on February 15 at 9:00 AM.

**LAURA JANSSEN** (friend of Denise Miedema) struggles with breast cancer.

**KIM KLASSEN** (sister of Doug Morren) was misdiagnosed with myasthenia gravis; she will be undergoing more tests. She took a fall last week and broke her ankle in two places but, praise God, it was a clean break and did not require surgery.

**KEN MERRYMAN** was found to have severe coronary artery disease and is not a candidate for bypass surgery. He is now living at Tender Hearts Rest Haven 6194 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Holland, MI 49423.

**CONNIE VAN KOVERING** (mother of Carol Morren) is at Freedom Inn in Holland, receiving therapy every day.

**THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** returns from their Winter Retreat today.

**SHUT-INS:** Anita Hassevoort, Duane Kossen, Ken Merryman, Barb Rozema.

**KIDS HOPE:** Please pray for Third Grade teachers Kim Converse and Lisa Kopek. Also, pray for Sheila Vanden Bosch and her student Liam, Brent Miedema and his student Bryce, Jeremy Bekius and his student Jameson, and their families.

**MILITARY:** Daniel Bekius - Army Reserve, Jason Bekius - Army, Chris Hart – Marines (son-in-law of Doug & Nancy Vanden Brink), Robin Lewis – Coast Guard (daughter of Rosemary Van Oosterhout), Logan Thimm – Air Force (son-in-law of Steve & Nancy Kempker).

**MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH:** Jaime and Martha Amaro in Mexico.

# Sympathy

**WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to Brad and Ashley De Jonge (Brenden, Peyton, Graceyn) on the passing of Brad's grandmother, Marilyn Petchauer, on Saturday, January 16.

# Congratulations

**WE CELEBRATE** with Austin and Ashley Morren. The adoption of their daughter, Evelyn Leigh, was finalized on January 14!

# Thank You

**THANK YOU** for the prayers offered for my son, Ron Ritsema. He had a TEE procedure on Wednesday. The procedure went well, and no blood clots were found. He was able to return to work on Friday. Donna Ritsema

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!** I want to express my deep appreciation to everyone for their cards, thoughts, and prayers. Anita Hassevoort

**WE WANT TO THANK** our ORC Elders and Deacons for delivering beautiful fruit baskets to us. For those of us able to receive visitors, we enjoyed your fellowship too! The Fruit Basket Recipients.

# This Week at Ottawa

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30 AM Worship/Welcoming of New Members

10:45 AM Sunday School

2:00 PM Sr. High Youth Return from their Winter Retreat

5:00 PM Worship

## MONDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 PM Guitar Lessons – Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

5:30 AM Men's Recharge

9:30 AM LAMB Bible Study – GC 105

6:30 PM Kids Archery League – GC Gym

7:00 PM Worship Council Meeting – FR

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

12:30 PM Quilting Group – GC 102

6:30 PM Wednesday Night Activities

8:00 PM Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30 PM Men's Basketball – GC Gym

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM Cadet Snow Derby Practice – GC