

Welcome to



*Growing devoted followers of Jesus
who share his love*

**SUNDAY – MARCH 8, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Today's Worship Services

Pastor Henry Admiraal will bring the message this morning.

Large-print bulletins are located on the coat rack on the east side of the sanctuary entrance.

If you use a hearing aid, our LOOP system will connect to your device.

Children's Ministries

Nursery for babies and toddlers during the morning service.

Children's bulletins and activity bags are available in the back of church.

Children's Worship – Dismissal during the service to Room #4 downstairs.

Sunday School classes for grades 1-12 meet today from 10:50 to 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

To Our Guests

If you are a guest today, we extend a very warm welcome to you. Our prayer is that you will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and among God's people gathered here. Please do us the favor of completing a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate as you leave, and please join us again soon!

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Sunday Worship Services:

9:30 a.m.

Live stream and recorded morning services can be found on our YouTube channel.

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MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand where indicated with **

*Call to Worship: Psalm 121

(responsive – please stand)

*Opening Song: “Jesus”

*Welcome

*God’s Greeting and Greet Each Other

**The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 37

*Song: “He Has Done Great Things”

*Verse of the Month: 1 John 4:10

*Song of the Month: “What Love, My God”
(Please be seated)

Prayer

Song: “What He’s Done”

Children dismissed for Children’s Worship.

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-46

Message: **Road to the Cross**

In the Garden of Gethsemane: Obedience
Prayer

*Please remain seated while the singers
sing “Were You There?”*

*Song of Response: “Your Will Be Done”

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Parting Song: “How Great Thou Art”

Minister – Rev. Henry Admiraal

Worship Leader – Julie Vander Slik

Singers – Melody Flanders, Daphne Talonen

Accompanist – Laurie Hinken

Drummer – Cory McCallum

Sound Technician – David Vander Velde

Live Stream – Alex Flanders

TODAY AT WEST LEONARD CHURCH

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent. Lent is the forty-day season that began on Ash Wednesday and leads us, slowly and deliberately, toward Easter. It mirrors Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness and has been practiced by the church since at least the fourth century. Christians around the world mark this season as a time of penitence, prayer, discipline, renewal and generosity.

This morning as we journey with Jesus, Pastor Henry will continue a 4-week series of messages for Lent: Road to the Cross.

Your offering can be placed in the plates as you leave the sanctuary. Offerings today not designated for another cause will be for Church Operating Expenses.

Thank you to those helping today:

Greeters: Ken & Joanne Vander Slik.

Prayer Team: Joe & Mary Polonowski.

Children’s Worship: Jenny Bylsma.

Nursery: Paul & Rachael DeKorte.

Floating Helper: Ben Wiersma.

NEXT WEEK

March 15/Fourth Sunday of Lent – Pastor Admiraal will preach at morning worship.

Offering: Church Operating Expenses.

Greeters: Mike & Rachel Vander Wall.

Prayer Team: Bob & Karen Hengeveld.

Children’s Worship: Diane Hamstra.

Nursery: Lisa Wisneski, Mary Bouwkamp.

Floating Helper: Natalie VanderMeer.

Sound Technician: Cory McCallum.

Live Stream – Andy Pastars.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We rejoice with **Lisa Kuiper** for answered prayers! Testing at Mayo Clinic revealed that she does not have stiff person syndrome but rather some autoimmune problems and a hereditary gene for muscle and nerve problems. This is a great relief for Lisa, and she thanks the congregation for praying for her.

Surgery this past Wednesday for **Sue Vander Velde** was successful, post-surgery testing went well, and Sue returned home on Thursday. She is appreciative of the prayers from her church family.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDER AND DEACON

If you haven’t yet turned in your nomination form, you can still do so this morning!

PARKING AT THE LIBRARY

The Facilities Manager at the Grand Rapids Public Library indicated that no parking in their lots is because of snow removal issues. However, because they wish to keep their restrictions consistent throughout the season, they have denied permission for our congregation and for the River OPC congregation to park in their lots.

NORTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Essentials Drive for March: pancake mix, pancake syrup and instant oatmeal.

SURVEY PARTICIPATION

A reminder to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey that helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations. Please visit crcna.org/survey/3956 to answer the questions by March 31. WLCRC currently has had 14 responses of our minimum goal of 15.

DIAPER DEPOT NEWS

Our sister church, Westview CRC, has asked to put our ministry on their regular offering schedule and this month held a diaper drive for us. The generous number of diapers they collected have been placed in our diaper storage room. We are amazingly grateful to God for this provision.

River Presbyterian Church, who shares our building, plans to have some of their members at our next event with the hopes of becoming involved in partnering with us. With their help, we may be able to do even more. God is so good!

Save the Date – Our next diaper giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, from 10 to noon. As always we need volunteers for that day and would greatly appreciate knowing who is able to be there in advance. Please call, email, text or talk to one of the Diaper Depot team members as soon as possible to secure your favorite depot job. Questions? Ask any of us: Ann Wiersma, Marla Roedema, Dan Wisneski, Staci VanKampen or Diane Hamstra.

New News! In addition to the above news, we now have the opportunity to take part in a program for the West Michigan Whitecaps at LMCU Ballpark to raise funds for the Diaper Depot! "Concessions for a Cause" allows non-profits to provide volunteers who will serve food and beverages in exchange for a donation. (Van Andel Arena has a similar program.) We are looking for 12-20 volunteers 18 years and older on Wednesday, April 8, from 10:15 am - 2:30 pm. A signup sheet will be on the cookie table in the narthex until it is filled. See or contact Dan or Lisa Wisneski with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT WEST LEONARD CHURCH

Today, March 8, 2026

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. River PC - Sunday School classes - Activity Center
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Time - upper narthex
- 10:50 - 11:30 WL Sunday School for grades 1-12 - Activity Center
- 11:00 a.m. River Presbyterian Church
Worship Service

Monday, March 9

- 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break Women's Bible Study - Activity Center
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Wednesday, March 11

- 9:00 - 10 am Men's Life Bible Study

MARCH VERSE OF THE MONTH:

1 John 4:10

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

MARCH SONG OF THE MONTH:

"What Love, My God"

GIVING: If you wish to give online to the ministries of our church, you may do so by scanning this QR code or go to <https://givewestleonard.churchcenter.com/home>

