

Welcome to the Heritage NRC of Grand Rapids

Sunday Worship Services

9:15 a.m. • 2:15 p.m. • 6:00 p.m.

Our greeters are here to assist you. If you would like to speak with the pastor or an elder, or are looking for a place for a Sunday meal, the greeters can help you.

Our order of worship is as follows:

- Votum and salutation
- Singing
- Reading of the law of God (a.m.)
- Scripture reading
- Doctrinal Standard or Creed (p.m.)
- Congregational prayer (approximately 15 minutes)
- Singing and offering
- Sermon
- Singing (congregation standing)
- Conclusion of sermon
- Closing prayer
- Singing and offering
- Doxology
- Benediction

You may obtain a copy (tape or CD) of today's sermons or of many other sermons by various ministers by contacting

**The Tape Room, 456-1706,
or by going to sermonaudio.com**

There are also order cards at the church entrances where you may place your orders.

Church Activities

Catechism Classes—Held for children from 5–18 years old, immediately after the morning service, during the school year

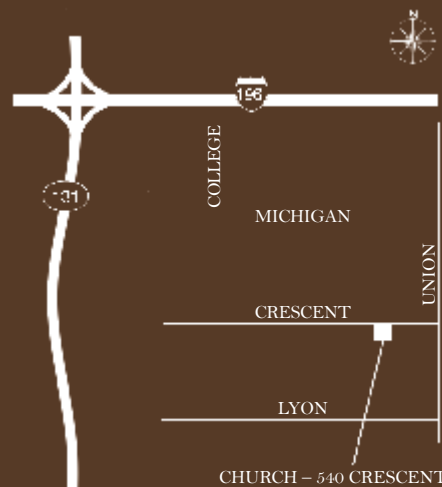
Sunday Adult Family Living Class—Held for adults while the catechism classes are in session

Esther Guild—Alternate Thursday mornings at 9:15

Heritage Voices Choir Practice—Monday evenings at 7:30

Senior and Junior Youth Groups—Alternate Sundays after the evening service and activities as announced

Women's Bible Studies—Thursday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 as announced



Committed
to living the
teachings
of the *Scripture*

Thy word is truth (John 17:17)

Heritage Netherlands Reformed Congregation

We believe that Scripture, which is the only foundation of our belief and practice, teaches us that salvation is experienced in the hearts of sinners only by the gracious work of the Holy Spirit, who gives saving faith in Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

We Welcome You

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Our Heritage Netherlands Reformed Congregation of Grand Rapids wishes to extend a warm welcome to you and all visitors. We pray that you may be given with us to worship the Lord in truth through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Whether you visit from near or far, we wish to become better acquainted with you. We invite you not only to join us in our worship services, but also in our church activities and groups of fellowship, which involve every age group.

Our Worship Services

Our worship services last approximately ninety minutes. Prayers, psalter singing, and offerings take about forty minutes of a typical service, while most of the time is spent in explaining the Bible. Large numbers of songs, choirs, testimonies, and congregational readings are not engaged in; rather, we focus on the church's highest and most sacred calling—to unashamedly preach the whole counsel of God's Word.

We seek to retain a quiet atmosphere out of reverence for God. You may have noticed that we ask all ladies and girls to wear a head covering (hat or scarf), which serves as a proper sign of submission in public worship (1 Corinthians 11).

In addition to Bibles in the church pews, you will find copies of our Psalter. The Psalter contains 450 songs based upon the Psalms, our doctrinal standards, our liturgy used for special worship occasions, and our church order.

Concerning offerings, we operate entirely by voluntary contributions. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Our Message

Our worship services stress that a right relationship with God is vital in our lives. A good relationship with others flows naturally from this. Consequently, the focus of most preaching is God Himself, together with our need to be saved in and through His Son. Hence it follows that we emphasize such biblical truths as:

The electing love of the Father, the redeeming love of the Son, and the applying love of the Holy Spirit in the salvation of sinners (Romans 8).

The truth of our lost state and condition by nature due to our deep fall in Adam and our dire need for Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Romans 5).

The necessity of being born again and of a life of conversion unto God (John 3).

Practically, we take seriously God's Word when it tells us not to mix with sinful worldly customs and worldly places. We preach against those things which tend to promote sinful desires. The abuse of the electronic media, dancing, theater attendance, idolizing sport-heroes, materialism, etc. are forbidden on the basis of God's Word (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

We believe that a true Christian's life is meant to be a preparation for the life to come. Though he feels he still has too many sins and shortcomings, his walk of life should cause him to be as salt in the earth and light on the hill (Matthew 5:13-14).

We hope and pray that we may be counted among the number of churches who, by grace, have remained faithful to the truths of the Bible. We trust that God's Word is proclaimed, baptism and the Lord's Supper are administered, and Christian discipline is practiced among us as commanded by Christ.

More Information Available

We look forward to meeting you and would be glad to provide you with additional information about our congregation and our beliefs. Our hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will guide you and all of us to seek the Lord while He may be found (Isaiah 55:6).

