

# WELCOME TO CEDAR CHURCH

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**W**e are glad you're here. As a church family, we're delighted you have joined us for worship today. Below you will find some information to help you during our Sunday Services. If you need any assistance, please ask one of our ushers for help.

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Cedar Church strives to enjoy God through Spirit-empowered and Christ-centered worship. The Bible is sincerely loved, and we hope that you will find it opened up to you in a fresh and faithful manner each Sunday.

## NURSERY

Childcare is available in the nursery, located west of the sanctuary, for children up to three years old. A Mother's Lounge, located directly across the hall, provides a quiet space for feeding, changing, and resting infants. A cry-room, equipped with a live stream, is available directly across from the nursery. Children are always welcome in the service.

## COFFEE BREAK

After morning worship, please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and refreshments.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following snack time with parents in the Fellowship Hall, children from ages 2 through 6th grade have a short time of singing in the basement before they meet for Sunday School. Sunday School classes are available for all ages after morning worship.

Guests are especially welcome!

**(Please see locations of individual classes within.)**

## HOW TO REACH US

### FOR SPIRITUAL HELP

ELDERS@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

### FOR PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE

DEACONS@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

### FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

616-669-9951 OR OFFICE@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

## FOR ASSORTED NEEDS

(SCAN THE QR CODE HERE)



# CEDAR CHURCH

## ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN

### MEETING AT

2025 Baldwin Street

Jenison, MI 49428

616-669-9151

[www.cedarchurch.org](http://www.cedarchurch.org)

# Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

## Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

## The Living God Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

## We Enter Into God's Presence

In Song\* *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

In Prayer\* Prayer of Approach

## God Speaks to Us

In Scripture Psalm 56:8-13

## We Respond in Humility

In Prayer Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon  
Romans 8:1

In Song\* *Your Will Be Done*

## God Feeds Us

In Scripture Psalm 34

In Sermon REMEMBERING TO BE THANKFUL

Ken Smith | Guest Preacher

## We Respond in Commitment

In Song\* *Romans Doxology*

In Giving General Fund & OPC Spring Offering Tithes & Offering

In Prayer Congregational Prayer

## God Blesses Us

Benediction Benediction (May the Peace) (v. 1 & chorus)

\* denotes standing

# Evening Worship Service

5:30 PM

## Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

## The Living God Summons Us

Psalm 113:1-3

## We Enter Into God's Presence

In Song\* *Holy, Holy, Holy*

In Prayer\* Prayer of Approach

## God Welcomes Us

In Scripture Romans 8:18-39

## We Respond in Consecration

In Prayer Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon  
Isaiah 40:1-5

In Song\* *Jesus, Lord, Redeemer* Hymn 285

## God Feeds Us

In Scripture Romans 8:31-39

In Sermon THE FINALITY OF GOD'S LOVE  
Jordan Sweezer | Guest Preacher

## We Respond in Commitment

In Song\* *There is a Higher Throne*

In Giving General Fund & OPC Spring Offering Tithes & Offering

In Prayer Congregational Prayer

## God Blesses Us

Benediction Praise the Lord God, All You Nations Trinity Psalter 117B

\*denotes standing

# Birthdays and Offering Metrics

## Happy Birthday

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Adelaide Altman (4)
- 1 – Geneva Altman (4)
- 1 – Lizzie Neumair (12)
- 5 – Barb Smith
- 6 – Joan Broene
- 7 – Mason Williams
- 9 – Cody DeBoef
- 9 – Kevin Mulder
- 14 – Kibsy Reitsma
- 14 – Kenny Kortman
- 14 – Karen Williams
- 15 – Jill Altman
- 17 – Daniel Ruiz
- 22 – Rhyse Altman
- 22 – Jerry Berends
- 27 – Stacy Nichols
- 28 – Killian Hunter (7)
- 28 – Marlee Kortman (2)
- 29 – Ken Smith

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Christian & Debbie Dawe (5)
- 4 – Eric & Cathy Maxfield (30)
- 4 – Terry & Keely Williams (39)
- 7 – Ryan & Kim Mulder (11)
- 9 – Cal & Cathy Ter Avest (40)
- 11 – Mike & Jill Kuikstra (14)
- 11 – Glenn & Nella Niezink (7)
- 13 – Kevin & Jennie Mulder (20)
- 14 – Mason & Karen Williams (4)
- 22 – Micah & Daniella Reitsma (5)
- 27 – Jeremy & Becky Fullalove (15)
- 29 – Rhyse & Jill Altman (17)

<b>General Fund</b>	Last Week	\$4,695 / \$7,621
	3 Week Average	\$6,639 / \$7,621
	YTD	\$139,545 / \$142,772
<b>Deacons Fund</b>	Current Balance	\$14,467 / \$15,000
<b>Last Week's Special Fund</b>	None	\$0
<b>Ascension General Fund</b>	Last Week	\$736
	3 Week Average	\$1,192
	YTD	\$30,659.10

### 5 Ways to Give at Cedar Church

1. Give by offering plate
2. Give in-person in the foyer offering box.
3. Mail a check to: Cedar Church, 2025 Baldwin St., Jenison, MI 49428
4. Give online: [www.cedarchurch.org/give](http://www.cedarchurch.org/give)
5. Give by text: Text 'amount code' to (616) 208-4889 (ex. text '50 general' to give \$50 to the General Fund)

# Cedar Announcements

## TODAY

- 9:30AM In-Person & Online Worship Service
- 10:45AM Fellowship & Refreshments
- 11:15 AM Adult & Children Sunday School
- 5:30PM In-Person & Online Worship Service

### Benevolent Offering Schedule May 24 – Biblical Counseling Center

*For a complete calendar of events go to  
[cedarchurch.org/calendar](http://cedarchurch.org/calendar)*

**Presbytery Spring Offering Opportunity | Today** – This year's Presbytery Spring Offering provides an opportunity to care for the household of faith by supporting two important congregational needs. Grace OPC Lansing is undertaking necessary facility improvements, including renovating an outdated kitchen to meet health and sanitation standards and replacing worn exterior doors to improve safety and security. These upgrades will support fellowship meals and enable the church to host presbytery meetings and committee gatherings. Spencer Mills OPC is seeking assistance to replace its heating and cooling system, ensuring reliable

climate control so worship and ministry may continue in a safe and comfortable environment throughout the year. Please pray for these congregations and consider how the Lord may be leading you to give, joining together in shared ministry for the good of Christ's church.

**2026 Graduation Recognition** – Our 2026 High School Graduates are Adelaide Mulder, Miles Smith, and Olivia Smith. Please pray for our graduates as they begin the next chapter of life.

**May Fellowship Lunch | May 17** – Today, please plan to come and enjoy good food and even better fellowship after Sunday School. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert. Crockpots can be placed in the lower-level kitchen. **Missions Trip Presentation** – During the Fellowship Lunch on May 17, the short-term mission team will share highlights and testimonies from their recent trip, including their disaster relief work in Carter County, Tennessee. Come hear how the Lord was at work through their efforts and the impact made in the community.

**Women's Bible Study** – Please note that the Women's Bible Study will continue meeting through the end of May.

**Layla Hamran Baby Shower** – Ladies of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM in the Cedar Fellowship Hall as we celebrate baby Layla and honor Cassidy! In lieu of a card, please bring your favorite children's board book. To RSVP or contribute toward a group gift, contact Jenny denHollander at 616-490-0105. Otherwise, Cassidy and Bruno are registered on Amazon. Baby Layla wears size 3–6 month clothing.

**Ministry of the Month | May | Women's Ministry** – We give thanks for the many unique ways the women of Cedar serve the body of Christ—through hospitality, caring for children in the nursery, supporting youth and church events, organizing gatherings and special events, providing meals and care in times of need, offering encouragement through flowers and showers, and leading Bible studies. We are grateful for God's work through the women of Cedar. Please pray for continued growth and for more women to step into leadership, especially in organizing gatherings and encouraging others. Pray also for confidence and a willing heart to follow His calling. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Carla Baker at 616-318-9664.

**Abundance Table** – In May, we'll feature artificial flowers and wreaths, along with summer blouses and tank tops. Feel free to bring as much as you'd like, and take what you need.

# Announcements Cont'd

**Cedar Connections Newsletter** – We would like to prepare a new Cedar Connections soon, but we need your help to do so. All committee chair, graduates with plans, new babies, pregnant mamas, great trips, new members, wedding, etc. Remember - our last one was July 2025, so that means there should be lots to share. Please do your part without being begged. Articles are due to Kim Mulder no later than June 1st. Pictures are welcome! Thanks, from Lois Berends, Newsletter Coordinator

**Three score and more (and anyone who is interested)** – Saturday, June 6, we will be going to hear the Singing Hims, excellent men's choir, at the CRC conference grounds in Grand Haven. We will carpool from church, leaving at 4:45 PM. Supper is available to purchase, beginning at 5 PM. The program starts at 7 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to indicate a desire to attend and if you want to car pool. Sign up for a good evening.

**Let's all visit Ascension Church** – Cedar Church would like to encourage every member to visit our mission work, Ascension Church, at least 2x during 2026! An in-person visit will help you see with your own eyes what the Lord is doing in Uptown Grand Rapids. It will also help you invite others to check out our new mission work as you can give a first-hand testimonial about what the Lord is doing there. Finally, it will encourage the planter and participants. Please use the QR code in the foyer to sign up or sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA9A72AAFFFC43-63530151-worship#/> Ascension Church worships at 1110 Wealthy Street SE in Grand Rapids. You can learn more at [www.ascensionchurchgr.org](http://www.ascensionchurchgr.org).

# Volunteers

Volunteer Ministries	TODAY May 17	NEXT WEEK May 24
<b>Hostess/Asst. Refreshments</b>	Tracy Hansma/Barn Neumair Judy Duthler/Sue Folkerts Tracy Hansma/Linda Huizinga Kelsey Hunter	Tracy Hansma/Barn Neumair Dianna Johnson/Ethel Knierim Jordan Knot/Tiffany Kortman Jill Kuikstra
<b>Nursery</b> AM SS PM	Daniela Rietsma/Lily Maxfield Cathy Maxfield Barb Smith/Jennie Mulder	Jill Altman/Raelynn Nichols Rebecca VanDyke Kim Mulder/Carla Baker
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Bryon Davis Miles Smith Andrew Davis	Adam denHollander Craig Baker Jackson denHollander

**Cedar 2026 Graduates**



**Adelaide Mulder**  
North Pointe Christian High School  
I have plans to attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a career in psychiatric mental health care by becoming a psychiatric nurse practitioner.



**Miles Smith**  
Homeschool High School Graduate  
This August, I will be heading to Fort Benning, Georgia for 10 weeks of Army Basic Combat Training, followed by 10 weeks in RASP as I pursue joining the 75th Ranger Regiment. If accepted, I will then attend airborne training beginning next January.



**Olivia Smith**  
Grandvile High School  
After graduation, I'm taking my NREMT test and getting certified as an EMT so I can work as a nurse technician/aid. I'm considering getting certified later on as a paramedic as well.

<b>Youth Group Scoop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Group next week, 6:45PM-8:30PM (every 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)</li> </ul> <p><b>Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hiking Trip at North Beach Park in Grand Haven:</b> May 30, 2-7 PM. Meet at church to carpool. Youth group will provide hot dogs for dinner. Please bring a side dish or drinks to share.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Leaders: Jenny den Hollander, Dan Lipsy, Chris Neumair, &amp; Stacy Nichols - Location: Youth Room (basement)</i></p>
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