



**Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier**

### Today in Worship

**Sermon:** "Delight in the Word"  
**Scripture:** Psalm 1

**Music and Worship:** CJ Kingdom Grier

### \*\*\*First Time Guests\*\*\*

We would like to get to know you.  
 There are communication sheets in the pews,  
 please fill one out and place it in the offering plate.



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### Serving This Week

**Liturgist:** Brad **Projection:** Grayson **Audio:** Oscar  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Casey & Gordon  
**Opener:** Beauford **Collectors:** Diane & Gavin **Greeter:** Adam  
**Coffee:** Laura **Nursery:** Jim & Arda  
**Children's Church:** PreK, John J - **Elem:** Sara K

### Serving Next Week

**Liturgist:** Denis **Projection:** Jonah/Aiden **Audio:** Dan  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Beauford & Celeste  
**Opener:** Gordon **Collectors:** Adam & Viola **Greeter:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Coffee:** Lynette **Nursery:** Laura B, Angelina & Vanika  
**Children's Church:** PreK, PJ Maske - **Elem:** Heidi White

### Connecting

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### Giving - Month of December 2018

<b>Annual Budget (2018/19)</b>	\$193,000.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$87,814.60
<b>December Goal:</b>	\$18,560.00
<b>Last Week's Offering:</b>	\$3,441.00
<b>December Total:</b>	\$15,826.93
<b>Under Monthly Goal</b>	-\$2,733.07



January 6, 2019

*"Delight in the Word"*

### Psalm 1



**Rev. Dr. Denise Kingdom Grier**

Celebrating over 100 years of service  
 to the Core City. Union Church of  
 The Reformed Church in America and  
 The Christian Reformed Church in America.

## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Song:** "O Worship the King"

**Mutual Greeting**

**Songs of Praise:** "Freedom", "Spirit Break"

**Children's Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering:** "For Your Glory"

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:** Psalm 1

**Message:** "Delight in the Word"

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Service of Communion:** "Fill me up with Overflow"

**Closing Song:**

**Benediction**

## Please Pray For

Praying for healing for R.L. as he continues to recover, & Will Lowry as he is going through more testing.

For people who are struggling with loss, depression, & loneliness

Pray for God's Spirit to lead us each step of this new year

## Announcements

**Children's Ministry Update:** Are you cleaning out your old toys/games/puzzles/art supplies/ etc? Are they still in good shape? Would you consider donating them to the MAM Children's Ministry? We are looking to update & organize the toys & art supplies in the Sunday School classrooms. If you have donations, please make sure they are complete sets & clean. You can drop off any items on the table outside the Sunday School classrooms.

Looking to find new ways to get involved this New Year? We are always in need of helpers in the 2nd - 5th grade Sunday School classroom. You would serve only once a month & help support the teacher with the story, snack & activity. If you're interested, contact Amanda Bohle at [amanda.bohle@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.bohle@gmail.com) or 586-202-9445

**Unmarried Bible Study** - Will resume this week Thursday at MAM from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. All Unmarried are invited to join in on a great discussion & bible study. Winfred Burns will be leading this weekly bible study. Up next reading from the book; "Relationships A Mess Worth Making", so anyone who thought about joining in, this would be a great time! On January 10th we will discuss chapters 1 & 2.

**King Day of Service** - January 20th we will be honoring MLK, we are joining forces with Willy Watt @ Escape Ministries to provide duffle bags for the homeless, if you have any duffle bags that are not being used, please consider donating them to this cause. We will be filling them with essential everyday needs.

**HOPE College MLK DAY:** The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Lecture at Hope College will feature the Dr. Joy DeGruy, a nationally and internationally renowned researcher, educator, author and presenter, on Monday, January 21, 2019, at 2 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The keynote's theme is; "We Have Been Here Before: Challenges and Courageous Alternatives". Admission is free. Let's Go together and have a time of discussion at a local restaurant afterward.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK STUDY:** James Cone's Black Theology and Black Power will be the text for all who wish to join the study for 6 weeks beginning in mid-February. The MAMily's Rev. Dr. Matt Jantzen who is also Interim Director of Emmaus Scholars at Hope College will host the discussion. Look for more info.

**Family Fare & D & W Receipts** - Don't forget to turn in your receipts! Just last week we added \$992 to our total which is at \$43,522. Once we reach \$150,000 our church will receive \$1000.



## Fellowship Throughout the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Tabernacle Choir rehearsal 7-9pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study
<b>Thursday:</b>	6:30 pm - Unmarried Bible Study @ MAM
<b>Sundays:</b>	9:00 Men's Bible Study in the prayer room 9:00 Bible Study in the blue room 9:45 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 - Service
<b>Children's Church</b>	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month 4th Sunday PreK & 1st grade only
<b>1st Sunday</b>	Communion & MAMily meal after the service

## December Birthday Blessings

Emily Holehan & Malachi Van Dam (1/6),  
Hanna Holehan (1/7), Kamaria Brandon (1/8),  
Brad Holehan (1/9) Levi Castro Slenk (1/12)

*\*\*Please check your mailbox!\*\**

*If we omitted your birthday, email or call the office and we will add you to our list*

## Mission Statement

**... Centered in Christ:**

"He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church..."  
[Colossians 1:17,18]

**... Called to the Core City:**

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon [us], because the Lord has anointed [us]; he has sent [us] to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted.. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations."  
[Isaiah 61:1,4]

**... Committed to becoming a multicultural community, reconciled to one another through Christ:**

"For he [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us... and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it." [Ephesians 2:13-16]