



**Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier**

### Today in Worship

**Sermon:** "Blessed?"  
**Scripture:** Matthew 5: 1-12

**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:** Keith **Projection:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Audio:** Dan  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Beauford & Casey  
**Opener:** Dennis **Collectors:** Diane & Gavin **Greeter:** Adam  
**Coffee:** Laura VG **Nursery:** Mark & Sandy Brice  
**Children's Church:** PreK, Arda R - **Elem,** Anna-Lisa Cox

### Serving Next Week

**Liturgist:** Paula Jo **Projection:** Shandra **Audio:** Neil  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Celeste & Gordon  
**Opener:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Collectors:** Viola & Elisa **Greeter:** Beauford  
**Coffee:** Jayne **Nursery:** Hagemeyer Family  
**Children's Church:** PreK, Amanda B. -- **No Elem**

### Connecting

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### Giving - Month of October 2018

<b>Annual Budget (2018/19)</b>	\$193,000.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$51,774.21
<b>October Goal:</b>	\$14,848.00
<b>Last Week's Offering:</b>	\$4,080.00
<b>October Total:</b>	\$5,778.00
<b>Under Monthly Goal</b>	-9,070.00



Oct 21, 2018

*"Blessed?"*

*Matthew 5: 1-12*



**Pastor Emmett Brown**

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:

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise:

Children's Blessing

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Message: "Blessed?"

Benediction

## Please Pray For

Prayers for the Cleveland Family

When the darkness strangles the will to live, when days become endless nights

Children waiting to be adopted

Families, local churches & Botshabelo community

Covenant Partners: Hope College, Piller Church, Hope Church, Calvary & Fellowship

## Announcements

**Children's Church** - we are looking for more volunteers to check in our children before the service, please contact Amanda Bohle at amanda.bohle@gmail.com

**Unwrapping Christmas** God gave us the greatest, most thoughtful gift of all in Jesus. How might we gift loved ones to reflect the reason for the season? BUY ONE, MAKE ONE, I.O.U. This year let us unwrap the trappings of thoughtless consumerism. Not crafty? Need ideas? Saturday mornings here at MAM, come share your talents with others! See the insert!

**Youth Group** - Campfire & Fall Bonanza, Saturday, October 27th at 5pm at the Hagemeyer's home. Dress warm! Holler at AJ for help with rides, 616-836-1669. Address is: 354 Sandcastle Dr., in Silver Ridge subdivision on the north side.

**NIA:** The Afterschool program has begun. We meet Tuesday thru Thursday 3:30 - 5:30. Our pop can drive pays for outings & snacks.

**#Hope4Flint:**  
Please bring water!

**On Friday, November 16th**, Church Without Walls will host a Youth & Family event designed to inspire, connect, and motivate residents living in the Flint area. The purpose of this event is to establish a deeper connection with youth & families who have been impacted by violence, & the Flint Water Crisis. Church without walls has invited Jekalyn Carr to come to Flint as our special guest to encourage Flint Residents through her gift of song, uplifting, inspiring and motivational messages of Hope, and Restoration. Jekalyn Carr is a Grammy-Nominated American urban contemporary young gospel artist who inspires youth and many others with selections such as "You're Bigger" and "You Will Win." Her message of courage, triumph, and determination is exactly what youth, & adults need to hear as we recover and heal from senseless acts of violence and the ill-effects of the Flint water crisis. **There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. See Insert!**

**Usher Board** - Decon Celeste Norvell is organizing the Usher Board for Maple Avenue. The Usher Board is responsible for greeting, handing out bulletins, helping with flow of traffic in sanctuary, offering, and safety of the church during service. If you are interested, please see Celeste after church or email celestenorvell@gmail.com

**Join us for Prayer** on Tuesdays @ 6pm

## Fellowship Throughout the Week

**Monday:** Tabernacle Choir rehearsal 7-9pm  
**Tuesday:** 6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting  
**Wednesday:** 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study  
**Thursday:** 6:30 pm - Bible 101 at Emmett Brown's House - 176 W. 10th Street  
**Sundays:** 9:00 Men's Bible Study in the prayer room  
9:00 Bible Study in the blue room  
9:45 am - Coffee Fellowship  
**Children's Church** 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month  
4th Sunday PreK & 1st grade only  
**1st Sunday** Communion & MAMily meal after the service

## October Birthday Blessings

Shandra Smith (10/22) Regan Sumner (10/25)

*\*\*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]