



Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier

Today in Worship

Sermon: "The Circle of Thanksgiving"
Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Music and Worship: Today we are led in worship by Chris Bohle, Josh Banner, and Team.

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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Sermon Videos available:
www.mapleavenue.org

Serving This Week

Liturgist: Arika **Projection:** Grayson **Audio:** Shandra
Video: Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Celeste & Casey
Opener: Beauford **Collectors:** Diane & Gavin **Greeter:** Adam
Coffee: Emily **Nursery:** Vanika, Angelina & Sophia
Children's Church: PreK, Arda Rooks **Elem,** Anna-Lisa Cox

Serving Next Week

Liturgist: David **Projection:** Shandra **Audio:** Neil
Video: _____ **Deacon/Counter:** Gordon & Beauford
Opener: Jeremy **Collectors:** John & Joan **Greeter:** Adam
Coffee: Laura **Nursery:** Jlm & Arda Rooks
Children's Church: PreK, Amanda - No Elem

Connecting

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Giving - Month of November 2018

Annual Budget (2018/19)	\$193,000.00
Year to Date	\$65,650.02
November Goal:	\$14,848.00
Last Week's Offering:	\$3,288.80
November Total:	\$6,329.81
Under Monthly Goal	-8,518.19



Nov 18, 2018

The Circle of Thanksgiving



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:

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Mutual Greeting

Baptisms: Seth and Chloe Williams

Songs of Praise:

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Message: "The Circle of Thanksgiving"

Closing Song:

Benediction

Please Pray For

Children waiting to be adopted

Families, local churches & Botshabelo community

Our thoughts & prayers amidst senseless violence to usher in a more excellent way.

The BLVD Church, as it starts up

Mike Putnam, Will Lowry, RL Hollis

Announcements

TODAY Usher Meeting - immediately following the service. Deacon 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

Unwrapping Christmas, Bazaar Friday Nov 23rd. Let's unwrap the gift of Christmas this year. Let's free it from all the extra distractions and get down to the beautiful, precious, ordinary gift. Jesus was born wrapped only in a coat of flesh. That's all love needs: God in flesh, simple practical gifts and meaningful expressions from far and near. This is Christmas unwrapped. Mamily, consider inviting your children, family and friends, to give 3 gifts this year. Buy one (Be thoughtful), Make one (Be creative), I-O-U (Be a servant) Want a table of your own? Contact Pastor Denise @ pastorofembracing@gmail.com and donate \$20 to the orphan project. Sign up in narthex as well.

Unmarried Bible Study - Thursday's, starting up again on Thursday, November 29th. 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, if you would like to get a copy of the syllabus, email Winfred at: winfredburnsii@gmail.com.

The King's Choraliers Christmas Concert – You are invited to take some time during the Christmas season to reflect and immerse yourselves in the message of God's love – "Christ, Our Newborn King." We will be celebrating the significance of Christ's birth through the music of this 30+ voice male chorus! Come to let your heart be filled with the wonder of our Father God sending a baby to be "Christ, Our Newborn King!" Will you come and join us as we worship him this Christmas season? Our special musical guests will be Hopkins High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Jacob Oaster.

December 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM
LaGrave Christian Reformed Church
107 LaGrave Ave., SE
Grand Rapids, MI
A freewill offering will be received.

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:	6:00 pm - Unmarried Bible Study @ MAM
Sundays:	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
Children's Church	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month 4th Sunday PreK & 1st grade only
1st Sunday	Communion & MAMily meal after the service

November Birthday Blessings

Joshua Watkin (11/13) Grandma Maggie (11/18)
John Yelding (11/21) & Zeke Theule-VanDam (11/23)

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]