



**Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier**

**Serving This 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

**Serving Next Week**

**Liturgist:** Laurel **Projection:** Jane **Audio:** Jarvis  
**Video:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deacon/Counter:** Casey & Beauford  
**Opener:** Steve **Collectors:** Diane & Gavin **Greeter:** Emmett  
**Coffee:** Laura **Nursery:** Mark & Sandy Brice  
**Children's Church:** PreK, John J - Elem: Sara K

**Connecting**

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**Giving - Month of November 2018**

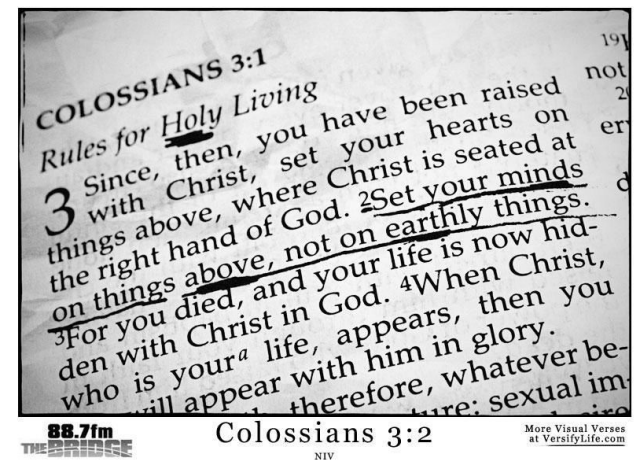
<b>Annual Budget (2018/19)</b>	\$193,000.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$67,161.02
<b>November Goal:</b>	\$14,848.00
<b>Last Week's Offering:</b>	\$1,511.00
<b>November Total:</b>	\$7,840.81
<b>Under Monthly Goal</b>	-7,007.19



Nov 25, 2018

*"Sit Up"*

**Colossians 3: 1-17**



**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.

**Today in Worship**

**Sermon:** "Sit Up"  
**Scripture:** Colossians 3:1-17

**Music and Worship:**

**\*\*\*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.

 Like us on Facebook and join the conversation.	 MAM Guest WiFi Mam_Guest	 Sermon Videos available: <a href="http://www.mapleavenue.org">www.mapleavenue.org</a>
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## Order of Worship

### Call to Worship

**Opening Song:** Now Thank We All Our God

### Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

### Mutual Greeting

**Songs of Praise:** "O Give Thanks" "Forever" "High Praise" "Build My Life"

### Children's Blessing

### Announcements

### Congregational Prayer

**Offering:** "Grateful" - Hezekiah Walker

### Doxology

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:1-17

**Message:** "Sit Up"

### 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

**Due to holiday traveling, youth group is cancelled today.**

**Communion and MAMily meal next Sunday.** Theme is Comfort Food.

**Holiday Decorations for Advent:** Next Saturday December 1st at 1pm. Join us.

**NIA Musical Academy** featuring our elementary school cohort of violin, piano and choir students and some friends. Come to witness, first hand, the fruit of their hard work Monday, December 17th at 5:30pm here at MAM.

**Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:30pm.** Families are invited to participate by reading or singing. Contact CJ at [chris@grier.com](mailto:chris@grier.com).

**Unwrapping Christmas Idea:** Give a handwritten note instead of a card to as many people as you can. Use the church mailboxes for MAMily folks.

**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](mailto:winfredburnsii@gmail.com).

**The King's Choraliars 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." 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.

**Escape Ministries** invites the local church to an OPEN HOUSE to see and interact with the special work God is doing through education, jobs, and fitness with our community's youth in tough situations. This is neat opportunity for the Church to meet and engage with our friends on the margins of Holland. See you there! Friday, November 30 from 5-7pm @ Escape Ministries, 202 E 32nd St.

## 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>	6:00 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

## November Birthday Blessings

Andres Castro & Steve VanderVeen (11/25)  
Bruce Benedict (11/28)

*\*\*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]