



**Dr. Pastor Denise  
Kingdom Grier**

### Serving This Week

**Liturgist:** Brad **Projection:** Grayson **Audio:** Jarvis  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Casey & Gordon  
**Opener:** Beauford **Usher/Greeter:** Annette & Rossing  
**Coffee:** Lynette **Nursery:** Donna L & Laura VG  
**Children's Church:** John J, **Elem:** Sara K

### Serving Next Week

**Liturgist:** Dennis **Projection:** Jonah/Aiden **Audio:**  
**Video:** Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Beauford & Celeste  
**Opener:** Gordon **Usher/Greeter:** Moore & Dozeman  
**Coffee:** Emily **Nursery:** Traver's Family & Vanika  
**Children's Church:** PJ Maske, **Elem:** Heidi White

### Connecting

#### Elders

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### Giving - Month of March 2019

<b>Annual Budget (2018/19)</b>	\$193,000.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$130,001.77
<b>March Goal:</b>	\$18,560.00
<b>Last Week's Offering:</b>	\$1,998.00
<b>March Total:</b>	\$17,587.68
<b>Under Monthly Goal</b>	-\$972.32



April 7, 2019

## "Lush During Drought"

*Exodus 20: 15, 17, Deut 5: 19, 21*



**Matthew J. Warfield**

Celebrating over 105 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:** "Lush During Drought"

**Scripture:** Exodus 20: 15, 16, 17, Deut 5: 19, 21

**Music and Worship:** Hope College Worship 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.



Like us on Facebook and join the conversation.



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Sermon Videos available:  
[www.mapleavenue.org](http://www.mapleavenue.org)

## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Song:** "This is the Sound"

**Mutual Greeting**

**Songs of Praise & Worship:** "Jesus at the Center",  
"Build My Life by Passion", "God With Us"

**Children's Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering:** "Be Thou My Vision"

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:** Exodus 20: 15, 17, Deut 5: 19, 21

**Message:** "Lush During Drought"

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Service of Communion:** "O Come to the Altar"

**Closing Song:** "Empty Me Out"

**Benediction**

## Please Pray For

Westcore's New Program Director, Anjuli Johnson

Pastor Javier & his medical situation, he asked us to stand in faith for his healing

The freshness of spring to yield fruit of new life in our community

## Announcements

**TODAY** - Communion & MAMily Meal

**Nominations!** This is the last week for nominations for two open elder positions and two open deacon positions to serve a three-year term beginning this summer. There will be a box in the Narthex for nominated name and position. Questions? Reach out to any current elder or deacon, or contact the church office.

**Women's Lenten Bible Study** together with Pillar Women, continues here at MAM, on Wednesday @ 6:00, and will run through April 24th.

**THURSDAY'S AT MAM**, come join us for dinner @ 6:00, Feel free to break off to one of these sessions at 6:30  
\*Time of Fellowship  
\*Unmarried Bible Study

Thank YOU to everyone that participated in our Spring Clean Up yesterday

**Lent Series:**

**April 14:** "Fruit Bearing as Honor"

**April 21:** "Oh What A Savior".

**Holy Week Events April 18 - 20**

**Maundy Thursday** with Calvary Ref. @ MAM 6:30 pm

**Good Friday** Ecumenical Service - 12:10 - 1:00

**Holy Saturday**, Cross Prayer - 8 - 1pm light lunch following

**Laurel Pals** - We have newsletters in the narthex from Laurel Pals who is currently in Muscat Oman

**Director of Ministries** - Our search team is on round 2 of the interview process for the new Director of Ministries position, with 3 strong candidates. Please pray for this team and our leaders as they discern who the right person is for this role and seek the spirit's guidance in the next steps for the MAMily!

**Westcore Neighborhood** - This congregation is in the Westcore Neighborhood (River to Ottawa, 14th - 22nd St). Westcore Neighbors is a non profit neighborhood organization working to strengthen the neighborhood believing that "Life is Better Together". The Westcore Neighbors board has 2 openings currently, and we invite member from this neighborhood to apply for these positions. To show your interest and to obtain a board member position description, please contact: [intern@westcoreneighbors.org](mailto:intern@westcoreneighbors.org).

**Camp Blodgett Applications** are now being accepted, we are encouraging MAM kids ages 8 - 13 to attend the "Around the Globe Weeks" (June 10-14 and July 8 -12). Applications are in the narthex.

## 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 MAMily Meal

6:30 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

## April Birthday Blessings

Samantha Kirk & AJ Westendorp (4/8)

*\*\*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]