HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | November 8, 2026

HEARTBEAT

Connecting people to God's family, Word and way of Life



HRC Core Values: Open Hospitality | Selfless Generosity
Intentional Faith Development | Compassionate Acts of Service

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Sunday Morning
Pastor Kevin Hart

Matthew 25:1-13

"End / Beginning – Watch"

Chapter 25 of Matthew picks up where chapter 24 left off in discussing the end times. But tucked within each of these pictures is a sense of what is to come and how we might act in preparation.

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Sunday Mornings at HRC

Worship Locations

Join us upstairs in the Sanctuary or downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery

A nursery is provided during the worship service for infants through 3 years old. The nursery is located on the main level (west side of the building).

Ministry Helpers

Greeters: Andy & Erin Rozendaal and family
Nursery Volunteers: Melissa Eding, Anna Hart
Children In Worship: Erin Rozendaal, Grayson Rozendaal
Security Team: Ross Eding, Tyler Taratuta

Next Week (November 15):
Greeters: Scott & Irene Sikkema and family
Nursery Volunteers: Breanna Calkins, Olivia McCormick
Children In Worship: Holly Cochrane, Brianna Fales
Security Team: Mark Groenheide, Jim Van Den Beldt

Today's Activities & Information

Children in Worship: Children ages 3 years old – Kindergarten will be dismissed from the morning worship service to head downstairs for Children in Worship

Sunday School Classes: 10:45am

- Three Years Old-12th Grade meet downstairs
  - Preschool (3-4 years old) meets in Room 101
  - Young 5s-Kindergarten meets in Room 107
  - 1st-2nd grade meets in Room 106
  - 3rd-4th grade meets in Room 109
  - 5th-6th grade meets in Room 108
  - 7th-9th grade meets in Room 8 (on main level)
  - 10th-12th grade meets in the Youth Room
- Women's Bible Study meets in the Conference Room

The Gathering (high school youth group): 6:00pm

This Week

Sunday, November 8
9:30am Sunday Worship
Children In Worship
10:45am Sunday School
6:00pm The Gathering

Monday, November 9
9:00am Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 10
10:00am Adult Bible Study
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wed., November 11
5:45pm Family Meal
6:00pm Youth Praise Team
6:30pm Kid Connection, Grow & Gravitate

Thursday, November 12
10:00am Staff Meeting
10:30am Women's Bible Study

Friday, November 13
10:00am Pantry
6:00pm Scrapbooking

Saturday, November 14
8:00am Scrapbooking

Our sermons are now available as a podcast! Visit our website: hamiltonreformedchurch.org and click on the podcast tab at the top of the page.

HRC Choir

The HRC Choir rehearses on Tuesdays from beginning at 6:30pm. All singers are welcome! Contact Mary Cupery at: (989) 415-4662 or cuperym@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00pm for our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

2026 Thanksgiving Offering

As you consider this year's Thanksgiving Offerings, the Deacons are lifting up these three options: Love INC, LLPP Scholarship Fund, and Project Fund of HRC. We will no longer receive specified offerings to other agencies, ministries and individuals. We greatly appreciate the spirit in which such offerings have been made in the past and encourage members to donate directly (any offerings/gifts to other designations will be graciously returned to the donor).
Thank you ~ HRC Deacons

Tithing Envelopes

2027 tithing envelopes have been placed in mailboxes. If you are signed up for e-tithe, envelopes were not placed in your mailbox (please let the office know if you would still like them). If you didn't receive any, if you don't have any but would like them (you do not need to be a member of HRC), or if you no longer want to receive physical tithe envelopes, please contact Nicki in the office.

Attention Sewers

The Christmas Program Committee is looking for help with altering costumes for the Christmas Program. Please reach out to Jen Becksford, Nicki Boerman or Gracie Bosch if you are able to help or have any questions.

November Missions of the Month

Compassionate Heart Ministries
Benjamin's Hope

Compassionate Heart Ministries is a place where individuals with mild to moderate disabilities can find friends, acceptance and have fun while building inclusive relationships in Christ.

Benjamin's Hope offers a thriving neighborhood, cherished as home by adults with developmental differences, as well as a community for Christ followers of all abilities.

Missionary of the Week

Jennifer Lucking

Ministry Focus

Please pray for Joy Essenburg as she directs the Kids Hope mentoring program.

Please Pray for:

- Farmers (and their families) during these long days of harvesting
- Ron Kleinheksel is in the hospital being treated for a kidney infection

Christmas Memory Tree

The Decorating Committee would like to invite you to bring an ornament to decorate a special "Memory Tree" for our holiday season. Bring a special ornament to church in memory of a special person, fill out a tag and tie it to your ornament, and hang it on the tree. When the holiday season is over, please take your ornament home with you to enjoy for future Christmases. Thanks so much for helping us decorate for the holiday season! ***The tree will be ready for ornaments on Sunday, November 29***

Pictorial Directory Updates

The 2026 updates for the Pictorial Directory have been placed in mailboxes. The update packet only includes those who had updates/changes to their information. Please place the updated pages in your directory binders. If you never received a Pictorial Directory, please contact Sara in the office.

55+ HRC Seniors & Retirees

The 55+ HRC Seniors & Retirees will be meeting for breakfast on Thursday, November 19, at 9:00am at Hawk's Nest. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, November 15, if you plan on joining them.

Women's Ministry Christmas Party

Women's Ministry will be holding their Christmas Party for ALL women on Monday, December 7, at 7:00pm. There will be fellowship, games, appetizers, desserts and FUN! Ladies, we hope you will join us and come hungry! The evening will conclude with a Secret Pal gift exchange (participation in Secret Pal is not required to attend the Christmas party). Please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen if you plan on attending.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Continuing Care
Howie Busscher
Joyce VanDam
Eunice Veldhof

Under Hospice Care
Diane Sale
Betty Spaman

Undergoing Treatments
Bern Diekema

Friend at Home
Vern Klein

Education Volunteers
Lisa Helder
Ruth Keegstra
Calvin Kragt

Tech Booth Volunteers
All those who assist in the Tech Booth – helping with sound, video and projection

Tithes & Offerings

November 1 Budget Offering:
Offering – $7,352
E-Tithe – $570
Total – $7,922

$8,962 needed weekly to maintain budget

Offering boxes are available by each entrance and at the top of the stairs for your tithes and offerings.

Consistory Chronicles

October Elders & Consistory Meetings

The Consistory met October with a full plate of work.

- The Elders met with and admitted Dale & Pam Tanis, Duane & Tricia Joostberns to membership.
- The Deacons gave monthly and quarterly financial updates and reported the following repairs that are either underway or completed: pump for the boiler, parking lot sealing, and secured contract for this winter snow plowing.
- The Consistory discussed a number of items:
  - There is work underway to have a Mission Trip back to North Carolina in the late Spring/early Summer of 2027.
  - We are underway with the initial steps of our five-year review with the Alliance of Reformed Churches.
  - We met for a second time with representatives with the Allegan Drain Commission and discussed the water flow on the northside of the church property that was declared a county drain last year, and we approved an easement for drain work on this section of property.
  - The 2027 Budget was presented and approved for presentation at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. Additionally, an update on the Nomination Process for Elders and Deacons was reviewed.
  - Following the informational meeting last month with outside experts, we continued discussions and initial steps were taken in our assessment phase of addressing a number of deferred maintenance items.
- The financial reports through the end of Sept. are:
  - Budget Fund: $22,225.99
  - Projects Fund: $16,015.33
  - Memorial Fund: $13,730
  - Love Fund: $5,685.54
  - Additional Reserve Funds: $13,172.10
- The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for Monday, November 23.

2026 Consistory

Elders

Dave Bakker
Bill MacKechnie
Dave Mazurek
Les Meiste
Mike Shaffer
Jim Van Den Beldt

Deacons

Drew Boerman
Larry Boerman
Todd Burton
Scott Devereaux
Jim Veldhoff
Mark Woldring

Consistory Officers

Vice President
Les Meiste
Clerk
Dave Mazurek
Congregational Life
Dave Bakker
Spiritual Formation
Jim Van Den Beldt
Service & Outreach
Bill MacKechnie
Deacon Chair
Scott Devereaux
Treasurer
Todd Burton
Facility / Property
Drew Boerman, chair
Larry Boerman
Mark Woldring
Love Fund & Budget
Jim Veldhoff

Faith Development Opportunities

Adult Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study: Meets during Sunday School
Adult Bible Study: Meets Tuesdays at 10:00am
Women's Bible Study: Meets Thursdays at 10:30am
Men's Bible Study: Meets every other Saturday at 6:00am

Wednesday Nights at HRC

Our Wednesday Night programming is designed around giving families a night to set aside in their week to rejoin the church family and celebrate what has happened that week over a shared meal and programming for students three years old – 8th grade. Wednesday night meals are served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45-6:15pm. All are welcome to these meals…free of charge! ***A reminder to Youth Praise Team – please move to the front of the line so you can eat and get up to the Sanctuary by 6:00pm.***

Youth Praise Team (2nd – 12th grade): Practice is held 6:00-6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Kid Connection (Three Years Old – 3rd Grade): Students gather in the basement from 6:30-7:30pm.

Grow (4th – 5th Grade): Students gather in Room 8 in the back hallway from 6:30-7:30pm.

Gravitate (6th – 8th Grade Youth Group): Gravitate meets in the Youth Room downstairs 6:30-7:30pm.

Attention Parents!!!

When your child(ren) are done eating on Wednesday night, please send them downstairs before programming begins. We have all sorts of games and activities set up. Grow students, you are expected to remain in the Fellowship Hall unless you are downstairs helping with younger students.

If they are a part of Youth Praise Team, please send them to the Sanctuary at 6:00pm for practice.

Wednesday Night Meals

Meals are served 5:45-6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

November Meals

November 11
Soup and salad served by Gravitate

November 18
Meatballs served by the Women's Bible Study

November 25
No meal – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Please contact Pat Kragt if you have any questions.

Desserts Needed

We are in need of desserts each week for our Wednesday Night meals. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.



Spreading Christmas Cheer

Christmas Cards for Our Friends at Home

You are encouraged to send some Christmas cheer to those who are not able to worship with us regularly…

- Mail a card or stop in for a visit
- Bring a card to church and place it in the box on the ledge outside the library by Wednesday, December 2 (can address to a specific person or leave unaddressed – PLEASE rubber band your cards together)
- After December 2, we ask that you mail the cards directly to our Friends at Home

Jill Broekhuis	***Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd***	***Vern & Alvina Klein***
Diane Sale	***Betty Spaman***	***Marianne Yonker***
Dale Brower	***Joyce VanDam***	***Yvonne Wentzel***
Bev Woldring	***Clara TenHagen***	***Sharon Haverdink***
Bernie Diekema	***Nellie Brower***	***Belva Brower***
Sharon VanDyke		

Please see a Heartbeat printout or the office for these addresses. Thank you!

Christmas Cards for Kids

Kids LOVE getting mail of their own. This Christmas, you are encouraged to bring signed Christmas cards to church and place them in the box on the landing leading up to the Sanctuary. Please rubber band your cards together. We have 34 kids and will take care of distributing the cards.

