



## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Prelude** - "This is My Song"

**Welcome/Announcements/Prayer**

"Promises"

"Same God"

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

**Bless & Release Kids** (Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup>)

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**Sermon – Covenant Faithfulness**

"Turn Your Eyes"

**Closing Remarks/Prayer**

**SERMON NOTES** – "Casual Commitment vs. Covenant Faithfulness" – Mal. 2:10-16 (ESV)

**The Killer Lie:** "I'm Committed... For a Time... Until I'm Fed Up!"

- "I'm ALL IN... Until I'm NOT."
- "I DO... For As Long As Our Love Shall Last..."
- "I DO... For As Long As Our \_\_\_\_\_ Shall Last..."

**The Biblical Truth:** "I Seek to Reflect God's Covenant-Faithful Love... For a Lifetime!"

The Covenant between The LORD God & His People is the \_\_\_\_\_... (vv.10-13)

- The People have been \_\_\_\_\_ to each other and ultimately to God...
  - o By Marrying the Women of other Nations/gods...
  - o AND Continuing to Worship God in His Sanctuary
- God Responds by \_\_\_\_\_ His People's Worship...
  - o And His People Cry, Weep, and Wonder, "WHY GOD!?"

The Marriage Covenant between Husband & Wife is God's Ordained \_\_\_\_\_... (vv.14-16)

- Husbands have been \_\_\_\_\_ to their Wives...
  - o God was Witness to the Making and Breaking of the Covenant
  - o God was Within the Covenant by His Spirit
- Husbands, Guard your Thoughts & Intentions, and Be \_\_\_\_\_!
  - o Divorce is NEVER God's Command, Purpose, or Plan
  - o Divorce is ALWAYS Violent, Painful, and Scarring

### **But what if I've already Swallowed the Lie(s)? – Psalm 103:8-13**

*"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him."*

### **What if I've Been Wronged by the Lie(s)? – Romans 8:26, 28**

*"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words... And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."*

# NEWAYGO CAMPUS NEWS

**WELCOME BOX FOR YOU!** – If you're a guest with us today, we're glad you're here! Please stop by the **Welcome Desk**, fill out a **Connect Card**, drop it off in the offering box, and be sure to take a **Welcome Box** before you go, our gift to you!

**CINCO DE MAYO FUNDRAISER (Next Sunday, May 5)** – In support of our Ecuador team, we are having a Cinco De Mayo lunch/game afternoon! Join us right after service for some fantastic Mexican food and some family games, even a Pinata! Get to know the team and inquire about ways you can pray. Also, consider financially supporting our team while enjoying a fun time. **Please RSVP to Damara (406-876-1943) by May 2!**

**HOMESCHOOL REFRESH RETREAT @ NWG Campus (Saturday, May 11, 9am-4pm)** – The theme for this year's retreat is "FAITH in my Home(schooling)." For more information, please go to [hsrefreshretreat.com](http://hsrefreshretreat.com) or talk to Rachel Faber.

**TRINITY FAMILY CAMP 2024 @ CRANHILL RANCH!** – Cranhill Ranch is once again hosting Trinity's Annual Family Camp, and it's right around the corner, **JUNE 16-23!** Stay for the whole week, just a few nights, or even just come for the day. Call Emily at 231.796.7669 or email at [emily@cranhillranch.com](mailto:emily@cranhillranch.com) to make your reservations! **It's NOT too late to join us!**



**SR. PASTOR TRANSITION PRAYER REQUEST** (from the Elders): Pray that the Spirit would guide the Congregational Meeting today in the updating of information regarding the Transition, and for the Spirit to grant wisdom, understanding, clarity, and interaction in that process.

**ELDER REAFFIRMATIONS** – Joe Gardner, Steve Wheeler and Scott Landstra are requesting congregational input as they screen for another three-year term as an elder. Please review the Biblical qualification (I Tim. 3:1-7; I Pt. 5:1-3; Titus 1:5-9) with them in mind. If you have questions or concerns, please address them to each directly to avoid misunderstanding.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (TODAY, After Service)** –

All are invited to join us for our congregational meeting! Only members can vote, but all are welcome to hear updates on how God is at work in our church family at both campuses. A meal will be provided before we begin. One thing we're excited about is welcoming NEW Member Candidates!

The Elders have approved and now present these 30 persons for your voting into membership at the meeting. Please reach out to and welcome them.

**Newaygo Campus:** Kelly & Kendal Beerman, Don & Shannon Hendershot, Tom & Nancy Kaastra, Andrew & Breanna Kulikowski, Shane & Janine Smith, and Zach & Ashley Wood.

**Big Rapids Campus:** Gabe & Joanna Boe, Isaac & Mariah Hertzler, Matthew Holsworth, Zachary Logan, Jackie Miller, Owen Myers, Kyle Nelson, Tyler & Karen O'Dell, Tom & Karen Parks, Jon & Ashley Peterson, Alyssa Tarkowski, and Dave & Karen Westrate.

## **Congregational Meeting Agenda for April 28, 2024**

- I. Confirm Quorum & Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Approve minutes from November 2023
- IV. Reports:
  - A. Vision Update
  - B. Big Rapids Campus Update
  - C. Newaygo Campus Update
  - D. Elders' Report
- V. New Business:
  - A. Vote to Accept New Members
  - B. Vote to Affirm Elders
- VI. Financial Report
  - Missions Report and Vote on New Support
    - i. FYI: Rafa and Yoli
    - ii. Jeffrey and Ingrid Cagwin
- VII. Announcement Result of Ballot Voting
- VIII. Closing Prayer
- IX. Adjournment