

## Prayer Guide

**In the interest of respecting the privacy of our members and guests, we do not include the prayer guide in our online bulletin.**

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**BRADENTON**  
Christian Reformed Church

*Abiding in the Gospel  
Enduring in the Faith*



# Sunday, April 19, 2026

*Welcome to our church family  
We are so glad you are here to  
worship with us!  
GEMS and CADETS are leading us  
in worship this morning.*



**GEMS ("Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior")** welcomes girls from K-5<sup>th</sup> grade to discover and grow into who God created them to be. Bible lessons, crafts, worship and games are part of the BCRC program. GEMS meets on Wednesday nights during the school year.



**Cadets Boys' Club** welcomes boys from K-5<sup>th</sup> grade to grow in their faith and relationships with others. Bible lessons, crafts, games and campouts are part of the BCRC program. Cadets meets on Wednesday nights during the school year.

## Today at BCRC

**9:00 AM**

Prayer Group, FLC Rm 4  
Library Hours

**9:30 AM**

Morning Worship  
Nursery/Children's Worship

**10:30 AM**

VBS Volunteer Meeting  
FLC Room 3/5

**11:00 AM**

Children/Youth Sunday School  
Women's Study of Daniel-FLC  
Youth Room  
Sermon Discussion Class-FLC  
Room 11

**5:00 PM**

Evening Worship

\*Nursery is available for newborns - 3 years of age in the FLC for the morning service \*Children's Worship is offered during the 9:30 am service for ages 3-3rd grade. Children sit with their parents until they are dismissed and may be picked up in the FLC.

## Announcements

**ELDER/DEACON NOMINEES FOR COUNCIL:** Approval ballots for elder and deacon nominees have been placed in narthex mailboxes and are due today. Additional forms are available on the table beneath the TV in the narthex. All confessing members 18 yrs. of age and older are encouraged to fill out a form and return it to the designated box in the narthex. On May 3, we will draw names for Elders and Deacons, to be installed in the morning service.

**TODAY IS GEMS/CADETS SUNDAY!** Participants and their leaders are highlighting what they've learned this season. Let's welcome their families to our church.

🌍 **WE NEED YOU — WORLD CUP VBS VOLUNTEERS!** 🌍 |

[A VBS volunteer meeting will be held from 10:30 - 11:00 AM in FLC 3/5 after today's morning service. A brief overview of this year's VBS will be given, and volunteer contact information will be collected. Hope to see you there!!](#)

**FOCUS SEMINAR Interpreting Scripture through Church History, April 26, 2026**

Pastor Dylan will lead a Focus Seminar explaining why it is necessary that Christians draw on the history of the Christian Church when we try to read and interpret God's Word. Come learn why it is crucial to allow 2,000 years of study to provide guardrails for your engagement with God's Word.

**EDUCATION APPRECIATION DINNER APRIL 26:** If you have volunteered in our Education Ministries this year (GEMS, Cadets, Youth Ministry, Sunday School, Library, Weekday Bible Studies) or in our Nursery and Children's Worship programs, the Education Committee would like to thank you for our service to Christ's Church. Please come next Sunday, April 26, at 11:45 (following Sunday School) to a catered lunch hosted by the Education Committee.

**LOCAL MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Loving Hands, May 3, 2026**

On May 3, Loving Hands Ministries will send a group of their residents to our congregation to share the work that God has done in their lives through the program. Loving Hands is a faith-based ministry designed to help men find healing from life-controlling patterns of behavior. Please attend and learn about God's work through this ministry. Loving Hands is supported with BCRC Faith Promise.

**SUMMER BOOK STUDY: Leviticus: Show Us Christ, May 6 - July 29, 2026, 6:00 PM**

Pastor Dylan will host a study of the Book of Leviticus. If you have ever struggled to understand the content of Leviticus, this Bible study will not only help you make sense of Leviticus, it will make all of scripture more clear to you.

## Evening Worship Notes

**By His Stripes We Are Healed**

**Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 15, Q. & A. 37-39**

**Isaiah 53:1-9**

1. We are assured of God's forgiveness through Christ's whole earthly life being familiar with suffering (v. 1-4, Q. & A. 37)
  - The arm of the Lord is the revelation of salvation through a king who is rejected (v. 1-2).
  - Christ's whole earthly life had sorrow because he experienced the infirmities of our fallen curse (v. 3-4).
2. We are assured of God's forgiveness through Jesus' innocence and condemnation by Pontius Pilate as earthly judge (v. 8-9, Q. & A. 38).
  - He was condemned and experienced judgment for the transgression of God's people (v. 8).
  - He was innocent of all sin, which even Pilate proclaimed in his judgment (v. 9 & Luke 23:13-15).
3. We are assured of God's forgiveness through Jesus' crucifixion because he came under God's curse for our healing and peace (v. 5-7, Q. & A. 39).
  - Crucifixion was by divine design so that God could lay on Christ our curse (v. 5-6, & Deut. 21:23).
  - Christ is the lamb of God who takes away our sins (v. 7).
4. **Key Truth:** Because Christ has born the full wrath of God for our sins, we can have confidence that by his stripes we are healed.

# Evening Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome/Call to Worship

\*Gathering Hymn

*And Can It Be*  
PsH 267 vs. 1, 2, 4

\*God's Greeting

\*Hymn of Adoration

*O Jesus, We Adore You*  
PsH 472 vs. 1-3

Confession of Our Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 15

Prayer Hymn

*Out of the Depths I Cry*  
PsH 256 vs. 1-3

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of  
Our Offerings

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
PsH 383 vs. 1-3

Prayer for Illumination

\*Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53: 1-9

Sermon

**By His Stripes We Are Healed**

Pastor BJ Milgate

\*Hymn of Response

*Man of Sorrows - What a Name*  
PsH 482 vs. 1-4

\*Parting Words

\*Closing Response

*Thank You, Lord*  
CH 513

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able



| March 2026 General Fund |                     |            |                           |                    |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|                         | General Budget Fund | YTD        | Behind in Budgeted Giving | Spent Under Budget |
| Income                  | \$ 108,076          | \$ 222,236 | \$ 33,763                 |                    |
| Operating Expenses      | \$ 72,742           | \$ 192,068 |                           | \$ 55,932          |

Giving Reports

**MORNING OFFERINGS:** Contributions collected in the morning are used for the general budget of the church. If you would like to designate your offering to a specific fund, please use a contribution envelope found in the pew. 1 Q SUPPORTIVE OFFERINGS: Bradenton Christian School, Food Bank/Meals on Wheels, Foster the Family, Our Daily Bread of Bradenton, Rehoboth Christian School

Online Giving is available on the BCRC website. Click on the give icon on the top right side of the page..

Pastor Dylan Kern

# Announcements, Con't.

**CADETS PINEWOOD DERBY** is on April 25 at 10 AM with lunch to follow. Anyone can participate! This is a fun event for the whole family, so invite family and friends! If you have any questions, contact Mike Vreman.

**BCRC APP:** Over the past few months, BCRC has transitioned to a new app that is available to everyone. It includes an online church directory through Instant Church. A new website is also in the planning stages. There is an information sheet on the back counter of the narthex to answer questions you might have about the new app. Also see the Friday email for more information about InstantChurch.

## The Mission and Vision of Bradenton Christian Reformed Church

*Our Vision: "Every generation discipling the next to endure in the historic Reformed faith until Christ returns."*

*Our Mission: "Training disciples in Bradenton, Florida to abide in the gospel of Jesus Christ."*

## Sunday Schedules

### TODAY

Greeters: 9:30 am Danny McKay

5:00 pm Mike Vreman

Ushers: 9:30 am Gary/Dave

Nursery: 9:30 am A. Strite/  
S. VanderBent

CW: Prudence/Ariana

### NEXT WEEK

Greeters: 9:30 am Danny McKay

5:00 pm Mike Vreman

Ushers: 9:30 am Gary/Greg

Nursery: 9:30 am G. Deckinga/  
S. Vreman

CW: Summer/Taylor

## THIS WEEK AT BCRC

Monday  
Office Closed

Tuesday

8:30 AM Prayer Meeting (FLC 4)

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

6:30 PM Committees meet

Wednesday

5:30 PM Handbell Choir

6:30 PM Youth Activities

6:00 PM Worship Choir Party -  
Ritsemas

Thursday

7:45 AM Men's Bible Study

9:15 AM Coffee Break Bible Study

6:15 PM Praise Team Practice

Friday

Office Closed

9:30 AM Playgroup

Saturday

10:00 AM Cadet Pinewood Derby

# Morning Worship Service

## WE GATHER to worship our great God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:28

\*Gathering Hymn

*Behold Our God*

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Adoration

*Cornerstone*

## WE RESPOND to God's Holy Presence

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 7:9

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Acts 10:43

\*Testimony of GEMS/Cadets

Cadet's Code

\*Song of Assurance

*Living for Jesus*

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Our Offerings

Cadets/GEMS video presentation

Children's Blessing

*As You Go*

## WE HEAR God's Mighty Word

Prayer for Illumination

\*Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Sermon

**How Long O Lord?**

\*Song of Response

*In Christ Alone*

## WE GO in grateful obedience to serve God

\*Parting Words

\*Doxology

*We Receive Your Blessing*

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

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**GEMS Girls**

**Mike Vreman  
Sarah VanderBent  
Cadet Boys**

Pastor BJ Milgate

**Pastor BJ Milgate  
Cadets and GEMS**

**GEMS Girls**

# Morning Worship Notes

**How Long O Lord?**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

1. We endure with patience by recognizing that Christ is sowing and \_\_\_\_\_ members of his kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ the evil of this world. (v. 24-30, 36-39).
2. We endure with patience by recognizing that at the judgment Christ's angels will \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. (v. 39-42).
3. We endure with hope by recognizing that the Father has a kingdom for his saints and we will \_\_\_\_\_ there \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 43).
4. **Key Truth:** Because Christ will return and separate his saints from evil forever, Christians endure evil days with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.