

Sermon Outline

August 17 – “I Have You in My Heart”

Philippians 1:1-11

✝ The burdens we bear

✝ Paul and the Philippians

- A special calling (Acts 16:6-10)
- A new frontier (Acts 16:11-15 – first church in Europe)
- Spirits, trouble and miracles (Acts 16:16-40)
- Love, warmth, friendship and joy (Philippians 1:3-8)

✝ “I have you in my heart.”

✝ Jesus is the great burden bearer

✝ We are his hands

✝ Points to Ponder to Prepare

August 24 – “It’s Not About Me”

Philippians 1:12-29

Sin is ***self-centered***. In its proper place everything is centered around God as Lord of all. This is how we, as humans, were created also: as servants, stewards and worshippers of God. But hear the subtlety of the Serpent’s lie, “You will be like God.” It is an invitation to put ourselves at the center. When Adam and Eve took this invitation, everything in creation went out of kilter.

Read Philippians 1:12-29. Hear how Paul is finding his proper place again with God at the center of his life.

- ✝ How does Paul respond to the hardships of being in prison? (vv. 12-14)
- ✝ How does Paul respond when people preach the gospel in a way that is meant to hurt Paul and advance themselves? (vv. 15-18)
- ✝ How does Paul respond to the very real possibility that he will be killed because of his ministry? (vv. 19-26)
- ✝ How does Paul encourage us to respond to opposition and hardships? (vv. 27-30)

Hear the central theme of this week’s passage:

“It’s not about me!”

Scripture readings for the week

Sunday August 17	I Corinthians 6:1-20
Monday August 18	I Corinthians 7:1-24
Tuesday August 19	I Corinthians 7:25-40
Wednesday August 20	I Corinthians 8:1-13
Thursday August 21	I Corinthians 9:1-18
Friday August 22	I Corinth 9:19 -10:13
Saturday August 23	I Corinth 10:14 – 11:2
Sunday August 24	I Corinthians 11:3-16

Prayer Focus

- ✝ Our prayer focus this week is on the neighboring churches in our area.
- ✝ Each church submitted some things we can be praying for
- ✝ See the back side.

Area church prayer requests – August 2025

Cadillac CRC

- ✝ Blessings on the search process for a new pastor.
- ✝ Prayers for Lawson Wistinghausen, a high-school student battling cancer.

Calvin CRC

- ✝ The Global Prayer Safari is coming to Michigan in early October and Calvin CRC is one of the hosting and organizing churches. They are expecting 40-50 people from around the world. (Local folks are also welcome and encouraged to participate.) Please pray for successful planning for a wonderful and impactful event.
 - Fundraising and finances
 - Logistics and details
 - Spiritual impact

Clam River Chapel

- ✝ Please pray for our Wednesday Night Youth Outreach that will run during the school year.
 - Kids to meet Jesus and grow in Him
 - Volunteers who serve out of the overflow of “streams of living water.”

Highland CRC

- ✝ A wonderful end of the summer and start to the fall ministry season.

Lake City CRC

- ✝ Blessings on our ministry to our community and sharing the gospel beyond our four walls.
- ✝ Volunteers for the various ministry and outreach programs.

Lake City Evangelical Presbyterian

- ✝ Pray for Pastor Gerg DuBois as he navigates his brain cancer journey.
- ✝ Thanking God for the joint worship service held by three Lake City churches in the park last week.

Lucas CRC

- ✝ Passion for Kingdom impact!
 - Support and partnerships with missionaries
 - Kids Hope program
 - New outreach programs

Lucas Rehoboth

- ✝ Prayers for the council and other leaders as they evaluate a new Leadership Framework.

Northland Community

- ✝ Thanking God for our new pastor, Joshua Smith, and his family as they move into our community in the coming weeks.

Prosper CRC

- ✝ Prayers for God’s leading in the continuing search process for our next pastor.
- ✝ Prayers for Esther Jordan who suffered a fall.

Vogel Center CRC

- ✝ Pray for blessings on the upcoming ministry year and for our programs for children and adults. Our desire is to see our church family and our community be formed into the character of Christ. Pray as we fill a few volunteer spots.
- ✝ Pray for families impacted by cancer, especially Justin and Kate Bailey and their son, Colter. He turns 2yo this week and is in the middle of chemo for a serious cancer.