

Offering Schedule

The mission boxes will be for Persecuted Church.

11/18 1st General Fund 2nd Synod Assessment
 11/22 **Thanksgiving** 1st General Fund 2nd Seminary Fund

Mission Boxes for Samaritan's Purse (U.S. Disaster Relief)

11/25 1st General Fund 2nd NRCS
 11/28 Mid Week Preparatory Benevolent Fund
 12/02 1st General Fund 2nd Pulpit Supply
 12/09 1st General Fund 2nd NRCS

Nursery Schedule

11/18 a.m. Catherine Lewis Julia Elshout
 p.m. Katy Prol Brooke Willekes
 11/22 Thanksgiving a.m. Wendy Rogers Beth Cooper
 11/25 a.m. Mady Nieuwenhuis, Katelyn VanWingerden, Bethany Lewis
 p.m. Nicolette Driesse Selah Rogers

Extra Help If Needed: Mary Rogers

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12/02 a.m. Natalie Koeber, Abby Cooper, Kacey Willekes Hannah Diehl
 p.m. Lori Nieuwenhuis Shifrah Laman Carol Laman

Greeters

11/18 a.m. Ben Nieuwenhuis p.m. Jake Nieuwenhuis
 11/22 Thanksgiving a.m. John Okken
 11/25 a.m. Jeff Prol p.m. Daryl Rogers
 11/28 Mid Week Preparatory p.m. Duane Rogers
 12/02 a.m. Matt VanWyck p.m. Paul Sullivan
 12/09 a.m. Don VanDeMoere, jr p.m. Kevin Willekes

Calendar of Activities, D.V.

11/19 Mon Annual Congregational Meeting for Male Members 8 p.m.
 11/22 Thurs **Thanksgiving Day Service 10 a.m.**
 11/25 Sun Preparatory Service
 11/25 Sun Atrium Ministry 2 p.m.- PAL, JDN, AC
 11/25 Sun YPS meet after the evening service
 11/28 Wed Women's Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
 11/28 Wed Mid-Week Preparatory Service 7:45 p.m.
 11/30 Fri Trinitarian Bible Society presentation at NRCS 7:30 p.m.
 12/01 Sat Men's Prayer Breakfast-Fellowship Hall 7:30 a.m.
 12/02 Sun Lord's Supper
 12/02 Sun Bethel Ranch 2:30 p.m.- DPB, PWL
 12/05 Wed Canons of Dordt Study 8 p.m.
 12/06 Thurs Market Street Mission 4:45 p.m.- AV
 12/07 Fri Girl's Club Meeting 7 p.m.
 12/09 Sun YPS meet after the evening service
 12/12 Wed Women's Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
 12/12 Wed Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.
 12/20 Thurs **Sunday School Christmas Program 7:30 p.m.**

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*"I was glad when they said unto me,
 Let us go into the house of the Lord."
 Psalm 122: 1*

Rev. Jerrold H. Lewis, Pastor
LORD's Day Worship
 9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

The LORD's Day
November 18, 2018

A.M.

Law of God

Scripture Reading: **John 15**

Sermon: **"Abiding in the Vine"**

P.M.

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 4**

Confession of Faith

Sermon: **"The Sabbath Spiritually Understood"**

"But we preach Christ crucified..."

1 Corinthians 1:23

I cannot be positive about the day or the hour. It was toward the end of January 1698. So far as I remember, I was in private prayer, troubled in my heart, not far from depression, when the Lord stepped in and gave this. When I said there was none to save, then *"His arm brought salvation."* God Who *"commanded the light to shine out of darkness,"* shined in my mind He said to me, *"Thou hast destroyed thyself, but in Me is thy help."* He made *"all His goodness pass before me,"* and proclaimed *"In His Name he ... revealed Christ in His glory ... and I was made, by this sight, to say, Thou art fairer than the sons of men!"* ... I saw moreover with wonder and delight how God by this means might be *"just even in justifying the ungodly, who believe in Jesus."* And the Lord further ... opened the Gospel-call to me and let me see that even to me was *"the word of this salvation sent."* He, to my great satisfaction, gave me a pleasing discovery of His design, *"that no flesh should glory in His sight ... and that he might manifest the riches of His grace, and be exalted in showing mercy."* All these discoveries were conveyed to me by the Scriptures only. It was not even by one particular promise or testimony of Scripture, but by the concurring light of many, seasonably set home. But it was not the Bible alone that conveyed the discovery; for most of those passages where I was helped, I had already read and thought upon, without finding relief in them. But now the Lord shined into my mind by them. There was light in His words and a burning shining light by them shone into my mind. Not merely some doctrinal knowledge, but *"the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* The light that

I now had, shone from heaven; it came by the Word of God. It opened ... heaven, and it led me up as it ... were to heaven. It was a true light. It was a pleasant and a sweet light. It was a distinct and clear light. It was a satisfying light. It was a quickening, refreshing and healing light. It was calming... it calmed and quieted my soul, and put all my questions in their place. It did not destroy but improved my former knowledge. But, as the true idea of light is not conveyed by the ear, so no words can convey the idea of light to the blind. And he who has eyes will need no words to describe it. It is like the new name that none know except he that has it.

Thomas Halyburton (1674-1712)

Announcements

We extend our condolences to **Ron** and **Connie Prol** and their family with the death of Ron's brother **James**. May the Lord grant His comfort and strength in the coming days. We also ask the Lord's comfort for all who have lost loved ones and friends in the recent past.

May the Lord continue to be with all those with special needs. It has been found with **Randy DeJong** that some of the tumors have started to grow again needing further treatment. We ask the Lord to be with him and **Cathy** through these difficult times. **Hadassah Laman** received a positive report from her biopsy, for which we are thankful. May He continue to uphold her as she continues treatments.

Memory work for Sunday School: **November 25th: Psalm 46 vs 10, Psalter 397 vs 5.**

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held tomorrow evening at **8 p.m.** **Elder Henry Driesse** and **Deacon Don VanGrouw** will be finishing out their terms. The Consistory is presenting the following men to fill these offices: **For Elder: John Prol** and **Adrian Sloomaker**; **For Deacon: Dan P. Bivona** and **Daryl Rogers**. Let us see the need to make this a matter of **prayer** that the **Lord's** will be done in this matter.

For the **Thanksgiving Day** service this Thursday at 10 a.m., the collections will be for the **General Fund** and the **Seminary Fund**. The mission boxes also will be designated then for **Samaritan's Purse (U.S. Disaster Relief)**.

House Visitation Schedule

Week of November 26th Jake, Audrey, Andrea, and Matt Van Wyck
Week of December 3rd Pastor & Catherine, Jonathan, Jacob, & Meghan Lewis
Week of December 10th Adrian & Claire Sloomaker