

**August 23, 2015**

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**Church Family**

**Order of Worship**

**Song Service - 5:50 PM**

Psalter 218:1-3, 5, 6

**Morning Worship - 9:30 AM**

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 73

Reading of the Law

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 210

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 117

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 310:1-2 & 5-6

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 162

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

**Two Helps for Weak Faith**

Scripture: Mark 9:14-33

Text: Mark 9:24

Lord's Day 25

**Evening Worship - 6:00 PM**

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 322:1-4

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 291:9-12

Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 199

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 174

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 197

Sermon:

**Is God Happy?**

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6

Text: 1 Timothy 6:15

**Homebound:**

Mrs. Elsie Arnoudse

Mrs. Fran Hekman

Mrs. Dorothy Hitchcock

Mrs. Barb Kwekel

Mrs. Florence Langerak

Mrs. Esther Richards

Mrs. Mina Van't Hof

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vanden Toorn

Mrs. Gertrude VanderGraaf

Mrs. Marian VerHage

**Remember in Prayer:**

Mrs. Ann Baas

Mr. Trent Timmer

**Serving our country:**

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

Jordan & Betsy Timmer were blessed with the birth of healthy girl, *Annie Elizabeth*, this past Wednesday. The family is doing well!

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# Meditation

## AT GOD'S TIME

When he, (Paul) was almost at his journey's end, ready to execute his commission; "And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus," Acts 9: 3; about half a mile from the city, at this very time Christ meets with him, and overcomes all his mad principles, secures Paul from hell, and his disciples from their fear of him. Behold the nature of this lion changed, just as he was going to fasten upon his prey. Christ might have converted Paul sooner, either when Paul had heard of some of His miracles; for perhaps Paul was a resident there at the time of Christ preaching: for he was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel. He might have converted him when he heard Stephen make that elegant oration in his own defense, or when he saw Stephen's constancy, patience, and charity in his suffering; which might have somewhat startled a moral man.

But Christ omits the doing of it at all these opportunities, and permits Paul to kick against the pricks of miracles, admonitions, and arguments of Stephen and others. Yet he had his eye upon him all along in a special manner, Acts. 7: 58. He is here named when none else are; "And the witnesses laid their clothes at a young man's feet," named Saul. "And Saul was consenting to," Acts: 1. was there none else that had a hand in it? The Spirit of God takes special notice of Saul here; he is in God's mind, yet God would not stop his fury. "As for Saul he made havoc of the church" Acts 8:3. Did nobody show as much zeal and cruelty as Saul? Sure he must have some instruments with him; yet we hear of none named but Saul, "And Saul, yet breathing," &c. Acts 9: 1. "YET," as much as to say, he shall not do so long. I shall have a fit time to meet him presently.

And was it not a fit time, when the devil hoped to rout the Christians by him---when the high priests assured themselves of success from this man's passionate zeal.,---when the church travailed in fear of him? But Christ sent the devil sneaking away for the loss of such an active instrument, frustrates all the expectations of the high priests, and calms the stormy fears of his disciples; for Christ sent him first a preaching at Damascus, in the very synagogues which were to assist him in his cruel design. "And straightway he "preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God," and increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ," Acts 9: 20, 22.

R. Newton

# Welcome

Thank you so much for coming to worship God with us today. We hope and pray that you will be blessed among us and that you also will be a blessing to us. If you have any prayer needs or if you'd like to know more about our church, one of our pastors or elders would be very happy to speak with you.

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"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;"

*Romans 4:20*

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## Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Murray will lead our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Dr. Michael Barrett, professor at PRTS, will lead our worship services, DV.
- The *ordination and installation* service for Ian Macleod is scheduled for Friday, September 11 at 7 PM in our church sanctuary.
- Sunday School and Catechism *classes are scheduled* to begin the new season on Sunday, September 13. The Psalter of the month is Psalter 149. Please review with your child(ren).
- *All committee*, Bible study, club, group, & society leaders: Please submit a list of your meeting and event dates for the coming season to Julie La Rocque by August 25. Thank you!
- *From the Deacons*: Please be advised that this year's FRC Education Assistance Form will be on the back table by the mailboxes. Please fill out the requested information on the form and bring it to any Deacon. We would like to have the form returned in the next 2 weeks.
- The consistory and congregation commends our young women and men *college students*, beginning or continuing their degree programs, to the Lord and His sparing mercies. Our prayer is that you would be kept safe and shielded from compromising the truth of God's Word. May each of you receive the blessing of biblical discernment as you prepare for your life's calling.



<b>Nursery</b>		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Jen Klaasen	Mary-Jo Haab
	Melanie Vander Boon	Lily Rittner
Evening	Cheryl Moerdyk	Jamie Sijtsma
	Min Kyoung Kim	Abby Vander Boon
Next Week		
Morning	Tammy Timmer	Mary Cogbill
	Lexi Pronk	Naysi Pennings
Evening	Karen Vander Sloot	Leah Moerdyk
	Heidi Pronk	Deanna Pennings
August	Mother in Charge	Courtney Prince

<b>Ushers</b>		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Mark Arnoudse	Steve Kleyn
Next Week	Tim La Rocque	Henry Boven

<b>Offerings</b>			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Benevolent Fund	Powassan
Next Week	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Guatemala Mission

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