

December 13, 2015

Church Family

Order of Worship

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 448: all

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 59:1, 2, 3

Reading of the Law

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 330:1, 2

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter* 15

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory

Psalter* 59:4, 5, 6, 7

Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 427:7

**Please stand if you are able*

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 137:1, 2, 3, 6

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 294

Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter* 232

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory

Psalter* 362

Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 315

Sermon:

The Sign of His Coming

Scripture: Isaiah 7

Text: Isaiah 7:14

Sermon:

The Way of the Lord

Scripture: Ezekiel 18

Text: Ezekiel 18

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:

Mr. Trent Timmer

Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

Mrs. Lorraine Slopsema *received surgery* this past Thursday. Please remember her in prayer.

Antoine & Nicoline Theron thank God for the birth of a healthy baby girl, *Lydia Michelle*, Monday afternoon, December 7. The family is doing well.

The congregation extends *sympathy* to Dick & Julie Spaans and family on the loss of Julie's father, John Ksioszk, who passed away on Thursday December 3. His funeral was held December 12 in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Please pray for brother Rick Vander Veen who hopes to have surgery in Chicago soon.

In gratitude to God for Marian Ver Hage, the congregation is invited to her *95th birthday open house* on Tuesday, December 22 from 6:30 – 8 PM at Edison Assisted Living, 1010 Edison Ave NW, for cake and punch. Your presence is gift enough!

Meditation

THEY WORSHIPPED HIM

“They worshipped him.” Remember that! The appointed teachers of the Christian religion “worshipped” Christ—it was the very first act after they ceased to behold him. And do not suppose that it was merely some respectful inclination of the body---such as is meant in our marriage service. No---it was holy adoration, as to the invisible God; and accompanied, doubtless, by such words as Thomas was once permitted to use without censure---“My Lord, and my God!” Had they given such honor to the two angels, they would have met with a rebuke like that which John afterward received under similar circumstances ---“See thou do it not.”... Worship God. But in worshipping, Jesus, they did worship God; and were therefore blameless.

They were filled with joy---great joy. O how great the difference from what they had once anticipated! “Now I go my way to him that sent me; and because I say this, sorrow has filled your heart.” But now when he does this, they are “filled with joy.” Whence this difference? It was because Jesus had now opened their understanding to discern the mystery of his sufferings and his glory. The Comforter, moreover, I am inclined to believe, was immediately sent down with his sanctifying influences; although for his miraculous gifts they had to wait ten days longer.

In the use of the appointed means they sought and expected his gifts of grace.---In Jerusalem were they to receive the “promise of the Father;” therefore they at once returned thither. On their arrival, behold them “continually in the temple, praising and blessing God!” continually---that is at every appointed service. Surrounded as they were by formal and ignorant worshippers, how different their views, hopes, feelings!---Yet such, brethren, as theirs were---such by divine grace, may yours also be. What though others gain no blessing in public worship, in hearing the word, in holy communion; yet this need not be the case with you. Only look up the Lord of the temple, and He will make it a Bethel to your soul. “In the breaking of bread” Jesus himself shall be “known of you.” if by faith you seek him. O then, “enter his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

J. Blackburn

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.

“Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:2

Congregational Life

- Today and next Sunday, Pastor Macleod will conduct our worship services, DV.
- The Sunday School (Beginners through 7th Grade) will have a *practice today* for the Christmas Program, after the morning service. All the students are asked to stay upstairs.
- There will be a *Christmas Day service* on Friday, December 25, led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes.
- The Sunday School *Christmas Program* will take place immediately after the Christmas Day service on Friday, December 25, DV.
- There will be a *New Year's Eve* service Thursday, December 31 at 7 PM, led by Pastor Murray, Lord willing.
- There will be a *New Year's Day* service on Friday, January 1 at 9:30 AM, led by Pastor Macleod, DV.
- Pastor Murray and his family will *be on vacation* from December 14-29. Pastor Murray will be preaching at a Reformed Baptist church in Fort Lauderdale during that time.

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Aileen Rittner	Margaret Kleyn
	Shona Murray	Lydia Karel
Evening	Ruthanne Karel	Belinda Pennings
	Renee Langerak	Maddie Prince
Next Week		
Morning	Betsy Timmer	Janna Birn
	Liz Prince	Emma Vander Boon
Evening	Arleen Boven	Cassandra Naulty
	Sarah Walkotten	Makenna Pronk
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Susan Osmun	Abbie Prince
	Hannah Kleyn	Josephine Haab
December	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Pete Van Strien	Sam Moerdyk
Next Week	Tom Karel Jr	Andrew Bergsma

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Building Fund	Word & Deed
Next Week	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Mediterranean Mission Fund
<i>Christmas Day</i>		Guatemala Mission	

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