

February 21, 2016

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 397:1, 3, 7, 8
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 337:1-3
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 243:1, 5-7
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 4
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 49:1, 2

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

Series Title: the Mediator of the Everlasting Covenant (4)

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-25
Text: Matthew 4:12-25
Lord's Day 48

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 299:4, 6, 7
Psalter 422: 6
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 403
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 110
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 7
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 73:1-4
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 319:1, 2

Sermon:

The Best Friend of All

Scripture: John 15:9-27
Text: Proverbs 18:24

Church Family

Homebound:

Mrs. Elsie Arnoudse
Mrs. Fran Hekman
Mrs. Dorothy Hitchcock
Mrs. Barb Kwekel
Mrs. Florence Langerak
Mrs. Esther Richards
Mr. Harm Slopsema
Mrs. Mina Van't Hof
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vanden Toorn
Mrs. Gertrude VanderGraaf
Mrs. Marian VerHage

Remember in Prayer:

Mrs. Lorraine Slopsema
Mr. Trent Timmer
Mr. Rick Vander Veen

Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family and Allan Murray

The congregation *extends its sympathy* to Ruth Post on the passing away of her brother, *Joseph Post*, Sunday, February 14. The funeral was held Saturday, February 20. Remember Ruth and her family members in prayer as they grieve this loss.

We would like *to thank* our church family for all the prayers, cards and other tokens of love shown to us in the passing of our dear Father and Grandfather. We are blessed with the comfort of knowing that he is safely in the arms of Jesus. Psalm 116:15 - "*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*" Bill & Kathy Pols & Family

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Meditation

KNOWLEDGE OF HEAVEN

Human hands poison with the decay, our fairest homes. The touch of human hands defiled them. Death awaits them. Our palace across the river draws us without regret, but with delight, away from our earthly tent, our clay hut. He has but little of God, and none of the sweets of faith, who has not anticipated in the earthly the reality of the joy of the heavenly. Are we to be tossed in uncertainty as to our home on high? Is there no blessed surety? Yes, we know. The Word of God tells us so. The Spirit of God has spoken it to our hearts, and left its sweetness and picture there.

We have been examining our title deeds lately. They are heavenly deeds, signed and sealed. The house is built, the lot is numbered, all named in our bond, and "we know* that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," Death makes no bankrupt of the Christian. It only brings him to his inheritance. Death is the best thing that can come to a Christian. It puts him in possession of his great fortune. It brings him to his home. We ought never to sigh; we should go through with radiance and triumph. We ought always and everywhere, like the saints of old, "to take joyfully the spoiling of our possessions, knowing in ourselves that in heaven we have a better and enduring substance."

E. Bounds

Thine Sabbaths, Lord we love;
But there's nobler rest above:
To that our lab'ring souls aspire,
With ardent pangs of strong desire.

No more fatigue, no more distress;
Nor sin nor hell shall reach the place;
No sighs shall mingle with the songs
Which warble from immortal tongues

No rude alarms of raging foes;
No cares to break the long repose;
No midnight shade, no clouded sun,
But sacred high, eternal noon.

O long-expected day begin;
Dawn on these realms of woe and sin:
Fain would we leave this weary road,
And sleep in death, to rest in God.

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.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will conduct our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Murray will lead our worship services, DV.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Murray will preach a *preparatory message* for the observance of the Lord's Supper, scheduled for Sunday morning, March 6.
- *From the Consistory* - As we continue the transition of pastoral responsibilities to Pastor Macleod we would like to communicate the following changes. Pastor Macleod is now serving as chairman of the consistory. We thank Pastor Murray for his leadership this past year. We are also very grateful for the many years of service and counsel that Dr. Jerry Bilkes has given the consistory and the church as a whole and we accept his request to step back from an active role in the consistory at this time.
- The Sunday School (Beginners - 7th Grade) Psalter of the month is #370. Please review with your children. Next month's Psalter is #160.
- The first *Confession of Faith* class is scheduled for the next Lord's Day, February 28 at 4 PM in the library.
- Antoine & Nicoline Theron and their 6 children and Jun Ho Lee & Esther Soobin Kim along with their 2 children have been worshiping with us and have requested *full membership*. We welcome them into our church family and pray they are blessed among us.

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Hannah Karel	Lisa Van Strien
	Margaret Kleyn	Eva Markwat
Evening	Ruthanne Karel	Belinda Pennings
	Gabby Karel	Lydia Karel
Next Week		
Morning	Janna Birn	Melanie Vander Boon
	Cora Beute	Emma Vander Boon
Evening	Renee Langerak	Amanda Venlet
	Julie Spaans	Josephine Haab
February	Mother in Charge	Courtney Prince

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Ron Vander Boon	Steve Kleyn
Next Week	Mark Arnoudse	Henry Boven

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Building Fund	The Christian Rest Home
Next Week	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Christian Ministry to Israel (CMI)

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