

February 7, 2016

Church Family

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 267
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 74
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 175
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 278
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 81:3, 4

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

Our Father in Christ

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13
Text: Luke 11:11-13/Lord's Day 46

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 318:4, 5
Psalter 404: 1, 2
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 242
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 92:1, 3, 7
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 243:1-4
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 249:1-4
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 422:6

Sermon:

Series Title: The Mediator of the Everlasting Covenant (3)

The Probation of Christ

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
Text: Matthew 4:1-11

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

Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

The congregation *extends sympathy* to Bill & Kathy Pols and family on the loss of Kathy's father, Simon Essenberg, Saturday, January 30. Their funeral was held this past week. May the Lord give comfort to the grieving families.

Bas Van't Voort had *been hospitalized* and is receiving treatments and therapy. Please remember him in your prayers.

I would like to thank the congregation for the many cards and prayers during the time of my surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Macleod for the pleasant visit. Above all, I thank God for the many answered prayers.
Lorraine Slopsema

Please welcome Jacob & Tamara Matze and their children Hanna and Jirah. They are from the Netherlands and plan to be with us for the next 3 years. Jacob is studying for the ministry at PRTS. They will be in District 1. Their current address is 906 Maryland Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Phone number is 616-802-0397. Their E-mail is jacob-janmatze@outlook.com

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Meditation

“BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD”

What a reconciliation is here! How simple, full, and complete. In Christ, Jehovah is yours---in all his fullness, and in all his power to salvation! To know this, is the very life and joy of the soul. You have “receive the reconciliation,” and you can say, “My beloved is mine, and I am his.” ---“*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all; and with every soul in the remotest corner of the world, now and for evermore! Amen.*”

If such is the Christian minister’s designation, dignity, and work---if his aim be to make known the blessings of the gospel of reconciliation; it seems obvious to ask, since there is so much “balm in Gilead,” and so able a “physician there, who then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?” Why, in this nineteenth century of Christianity, why has the gospel of reconciliation produced such feeble, such contracted effects? We need not go far to solve this question. The world is not reconciled to its God, *because so little of this reconciliation is felt in Christendom itself*; and so little is felt, it is to be feared, *not because it has not been received, but because it has not been preached.*

The history of the church abounds with unchristian errors; and where we find the gospel of reconciliation preached, it is rather mentioned as an exception to the surrounding error. But where is the gospel? Is it at the great marts of commerce and population? Is it at Rome, at Constantinople, at Alexandria? Doubtless each had its Clement; its Chrysostom; its Athanasius; but the candlesticks were removed, and the gospel is not preached.

But let us ask also, does the gospel of reconciliation produce what it ought to in our land? Does the suavity of this gospel prevail in our manners, or the severity of the law? Is there the kindness, the meekness, the conciliation, the reconciling spirit, the holy courtesy, of a people in whom self is dethroned, and Christ is exalted? Is there the forbearance, and tenderness, and clemency, of a people reconciled to God, and saved by mercy? or is there not rather the excessive claim and rigorous exaction of duty, which speaks the severity of the law?

--- What is the reason that the society of our land has not made greater practical advance in the gospel of reconciliation? Another question, is the pulpit, a pulpit of the law or gospel of reconciliation or of terror? Which is its character? “O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years---in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy!”

H. Budd

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.

“That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 15:6

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will conduct our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Murray will lead our worship services, DV.
- The Sunday School (Beginners - 7th Grade) will meet upstairs this morning for a combined opening. The Psalter of the month is #370. Please review with your children.
- Pastor Terry *Atkinson's sermons* are accessible on sermonaudio.com. You may find a direct link on our church web site.

Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

- Today** - (Sunday) 4 PM Youth Group meeting at church.
Snack: Moerdyk & Sijtsma
- February 9** - (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Ladies Bible Study. Coffee is at 9:45 AM with study starting at 10 AM. All ladies are welcome.
- February 10** - (Wednesday) 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal at Plymouth Christian Elementary gym. We will eat promptly at 5:45. This will be a fundraiser for the senior Youth Group for the Guatemala Mission Trip. This month's hosts and clean-up are District 2.
- February 10** - (Wednesday) 7-8 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting.
- February 10** - (Wednesday) 7 PM Boys & Girls Club will have a regular meeting. Derby cars will also be handed out.
- February 10** - (Wednesday) 7 PM Financial Peace University (FPU) class held at the seminary.
- February 13** - (Saturday) 7 PM Informal Service at Mel Trotter Mission led by Pete Van Strien.
- February 13** - (Saturday) 7 PM YABS Book Study.
- February 16** - (Tuesday) Elders meeting at 6 PM with full Consistory beginning at 7:30 PM.
- February 17** - (Wednesday) 6-8 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting.
- February 17** - (Wednesday) 7 PM Evening Ladies Bible Study. Women of all ages are invited to join us in the Library upstairs. Please complete Week 6 of True Woman 101: Divine Design in preparation for the next meeting.
- February 20** - (Saturday) 7 PM YABS will have game night.
- February 20** - (Saturday) 7 PM The Metropolitan Choir of Praise & The Men of Grace men's chorus will perform a benefit concert for Word & Deed in our church sanctuary. A free will offering will be held to benefit projects in Guatemala.

Other News

The Dorcas Guild will not have its regular meeting in March.

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Liz Prince	Jen Klaasen
	Alexandra Sijtsma	Audrey Bilkes
Evening	Sarah Walkotten	Hannah Kleyn
	Annelise Moerdyk	Amy Murray
Next Week		
Morning	Courtney Prince	Sonia Wielhouwer
	Kim Kleyn	Natalie Pennings
Evening	Abbie Prince	Makenna Pronk
	Arleen Boven	Liz Huckstead
February	Mother in Charge	Courtney Prince

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Andrew Bergsma	Joel Markwat
Next Week	Tim La Rocque	Jim Vander Graaf

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Seminary Fund	Fellowship Chapel
Next Week	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Powassan

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