

January 10, 2016

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## Church Family

### Order of Worship

#### Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 147: 1, 4, 5, 6  
Reading of the Law  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 96  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 375:1, 2, 5  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 158  
Benediction\*  
Doxology - Psalter\* 308: 1, 4

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

#### Thou Shalt not Steal

Scripture: John 12:1-8  
Text: Exodus 20:15/ Lord's Day 24

#### Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 74: all  
Psalter 162: all  
**Evening Worship - 6:00 PM**  
Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 289:1-4  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 243:1-4  
Apostles' Creed  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 275  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 141  
Benediction\*  
Doxology - Psalter\* 425:5, 6

Sermon:

**Series Title:** The Mediator of  
the Everlasting Covenant

#### Sign of the Covenant: Part 1

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40  
Text: Luke 2:21

#### 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

#### Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

We would like to *thank the church family* for all the prayers, cards, visits and other acts of kindness shown to us on the recent passing of John's mother, Dena Vander Hart. *John & Rene Vander Hart*

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## Meditation

### NOT TO BELIEVE

This dishonors God greatly. "He that believeth not God hath made him a liar." 1 John 5: 10. The danger of our unbelieving state is greater in our view than the sinfulness of the offence. But what dishonor is it to God to count him unworthy to be believed? It is a great dishonor to him, not to consider seriously what he speaks to us; but it is yet a greater dishonor, after having considered it, not to believe it, and not to act in a manner suitable to such a belief in every way. We should judge him to have but a poor opinion of us, who should not count us worthy of being believed, or to take no notice of what we might say; but this is the dishonor which God, who is infinitely worthy of being believed, receives continually at our hands.

Unbelief is a sin which provokes God greatly. "How long," says God, of Israel, "will this people provoke me? How long will it be ere they believe me?" Numb. 14: 11. No sin produces worse effects on the soul of men than this. It is the nurture and strength of every other sin--such as perverseness, disobedience, murmuring, carnal lusts, etc. as we clearly observe in the history of the Israelites in the wilderness, who were not able to enter into rest, in Canaan, because of their unbelief. It hinders every spiritual blessing from coming into the soul. The Gospel, the word of life, is not profitable to any without being mixed with faith in them that hear it. Hebrews 4: 2.

If God threatens the heaviest judgment on its account it must therefore exceed everything else in its sinfulness. Matt. 11: 24. God never threatens nor punishes any, more than their offence deserves, and if he threatens to punish unbelief in an awful manner, it must be a very great sin.

It is a sin which opposes more peculiarly than any other the whole plan of salvation. It makes no account of infinite love in its most gracious manifestations, regards the wisest and the most gracious plan as folly, and cleaves to rebellion against God, when a full deliverance from it is freely proclaimed. It departs from the living God, treads under-foot the Son of God, counts the blood of the everlasting covenant an unholy thing, and does despite to the Spirit of grace. Heb. 10: 29. This was the sin which appeared first on the earth, and opened the door of every other sin to enter in. "Yea," said the serpent, "Hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Then God was not believed, and sin came into the world and death by sin.

T. Charles

## 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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## 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) Psalter of the month is #417. Please review with your children.
- The deacons are still in need of *additional volunteers* for the Collection Counting Committee. We hope to get the committee started in January and ideally would consist of 5-10 members, male and female. Those with more time to give (e.g. retirees) are especially encouraged. Please prayerfully consider signing up for this important work (sign-up sheet in the narthex).
- Address Correction - Please take note- The 2016 Yearbook does not contain the correct treasurer address for FRMI. Any money sent to *Free Reformed Missions International* should be sent to: FRMI; c/o Peter Luth; 64 Carney Place; Chatham ON N7L 5J2
- We *welcome* Ben & Ingrid Van Liere with their three children, Annabelle (4 yrs.), Tobin (2 ½ yrs.) and Josiah (1 yr.). The Van Liere family comes to us from our Monarch Alberta FRC. Ben is a student at PRTS. Their address is 1050 Edsel St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Phone: 616-323-3380 Ben: benvanliere@gmail.com and Ingrid: vanliereingrid@gmail.com
- The St. Thomas FRC has *extended a call* to Pastor Tim Bergsma of our Chatham FRC. Pastor Scott Dibbet of our Lcomb FRC has *received a call* from the Mitchell FRC. Please remember these two pastors and the congregations as they consider the calls extended to them.
- As some have expressed interest in doing *Confession of Faith*, we are happy to begin a class this spring. Please contact Pastor Macleod some-time this week to confirm interest. Details regarding where and when the class will run will follow consultation with those expressing interest.



<b>Nursery</b>		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Nicoline Theron	Min Kyoung Kim
	Lenelle Macleod	Marijna Theron
Evening	Julie Spaans	Kathy Pols
	Betsy Timmer	Bekah Huckstead
Next Week		
Morning	Cassandra Naulty	Rene Vander Hart
	Mary-Jo Haab	Anita Wielhouwer
Evening	Laura Hults	Mary Cogbill
	Cheryl Moerdyk	Maret Haab
January	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

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

<b>Offerings</b>			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Building Fund	Local Evangelism
Next Week	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Word & Deed

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