

January 17, 2016

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 9
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 120
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 21
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 90:4-7
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 124:1-2

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

The R-Rated Tongue

Scripture: James 3
Text: James 3:6
Lord's Day 43

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 164:1, 4
Psalter 190:2, 4
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 42:1-4
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 115
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 152
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 94:1-4
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 190:4

Sermon:

Jesus our Life and our Light

Scripture: John 1:1-18
Text: John 6:1-5

Church Family

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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:

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Mr. Trent Timmer
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Meditation

WHY DO WE ALL FADE AS A LEAF?

How has this come to pass; how has pain entered into the regions of pleasure; sorrow into the region of joy; decay, corruption, and death into the regions of beauty and life? Why is it that we, who were created in the image of our Maker, do all “fade as a leaf,?” Why is it that we are born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward? Why is our sure and sad inheritance suffering, and sorrow and death. The answers to these questions, the solution of these difficulties, is contained in the text; “Our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

These are the consequences of which sin is the cause; these are the wrecks of a beautiful and blessed world, of which sin is the author. In what light, then, are we to regard sin? Has it corrupted all that was pure; has it defaced all that was beautiful in this lower world; has it filled all things with the seeds of decay and death; has it brought us under the entire and everlasting forfeiture of God’s favor; has it exposed us to his wrath and his curse, not only through this life, but through the life that is to come; has it dug a dishonored grave for our bodies; has it kindled an intolerable and an everlasting fire for our souls; has it wrought us all this wreck; has it proved to us the source of so many and so mighty woes; and shall we love it; shall we live willingly under its power; shall we not rather hate it, weep over it, forsake it? Has God provided a salvation for us; has he proclaimed and proffered it to us---a salvation from its guilt, its pollution, its power, its curse, its very being? How shall we regard the offer of this salvation; an offer made to the most abandoned and the most depraved, the most worthless and the most wicked of mankind--made to them irrespective of all merit, and all condition of any personal having, and of any personal doing---an offer of Christ’s salvation for Christ’s sake. How should we treat this? Should we not the moment it is offered, accept it with gratitude and joy? See you the criminal on the scaffold; the preparations of death proceed. A messenger, proclaiming his errand lest he should come too late, forces his way through the crowd. A Pardon! A Pardon! resound from every voice. When that sounds reaches the ear of the criminal, how does it affect his heart? When a sealed pardon from royalty is unfolded, and put into his hands, how does he regard it, how does he treat it---with apathy and neglect? See how he clasps his hands; see the hues of life returning to his cheeks; see the wild, but joyful light that sparkles in his eyes; see how his heart heaves; see that look of wild and delighted wonderment, as if he had feared that the sight meeting his eye, and the sounds meeting his ear, were the sights and sounds of a delusive dream! Thus eagerly, thus gratefully, is the pardoned received which restores the criminal to a suffering, sorrowful, and short existence in this world. With how much greater eagerness ought that pardon be accepted which restores us to life eternal?

J. Anderson

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.

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Murray will conduct our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our worship services, DV.
- The Sunday School (Beginners - 7th Grade) Psalter of the month is #417. Please review with your children.
- 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 & the congregations as they consider the calls extended.
- All those who would like to take the *Confession of Faith class* this spring, please meet with Pastor Macleod downstairs for 5-10 minutes after the evening service.
- We *welcome* Betsy Swarhout and her son, Dillon, who have moved here from Texas and are worshipping with us. Their address is 4234 Cottage Trail, Hudsonville, MI, 49426. Her phone number is 512.384.1623. His phone number is 512.593.8022.
- January 7, 2016, Rev. Terry Atkinson *passed away* at the age of 83 from complications of pneumonia. He served our congregation in the late 1950s and then served as a missionary in Italy and Greece. In the last two decades he also supplied our congregation with preaching, especially during our vacancies. He is remembered fondly for his earnest and winning preaching, his love for souls, and his passion for the gospel. Please remember his dear wife Cathie and their surviving children and grandchildren in your prayers. Address: Cathie Atkinson
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Nurseries		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Cassandra Naulty	Rene Vander Hart
	Mary-Jo Haab	Anita Wielhouwer
Evening	Laura Hults	Mary Cogbill
	Cheryl Moerdyk	Maret Haab
Next Week		
Morning	Leah Moerdyk	Tammy Timmer
	Jamie Sijtsma	Lily Rittner
Evening	Lexi Pronk	Meta Moerdyk
	Cherise Bergsma	Abby Vander Boon
January	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Henk Kleyn	Henry Boven
Next Week	Pete Van Strien	Bill Moerdyk

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Word & Deed
Next Week	General Fund	Education Fund	Garden of Hope (Omega)

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