

March 13, 2016

Church Family

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 397:1-6
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter: 115
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 240
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 52
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 292:1, 5

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

Christ's Thirst on Calvary

Scripture: John 19:17-30
Text: John 19:28
Lord's Day 50

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 411: all
Psalter 200:1, 4
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 64
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 423:7
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 387
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 140
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 381:3-4

Sermon:

A One Look Sermon

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62
Text: Luke 22:61a

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

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I thank the congregation most heartily for the gift sent to me towards the funeral expenses of my husband Terry. I also want to thank you for all the cards of sympathy that I received. It is a great comfort to belong to the world-wide family of God. I am learning slowly to lean more and more on the promise of my heavenly Father that He gave in Isaiah 54:5. "For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of Hosts is His name" *Many blessings, Cathie Atkinson*

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Meditation

CHRIST OUR LIFE

Jesus Christ is the life of all Christian graces. They proceed from Christ, and tend to Christ, and determine on Christ. They all have a value in proportion as they are connected to Christ, and bring us at every turn, into contact with Christ.

FAITH - Christ is the life of this grace. How can it possibly exist, if it does not have Christ to rest on? Faith cannot rest on peaceful or joyous feeling; on regular or consistent conduct; these are all the fruits of faith, not the foundation. Faith gives life to good works; to holy tempers; to joyful affections; but Christ must first be the life of faith; then, and then only, faith gives energy to all the fruits of faith. Faith is called looking to an object; the object of faith is Christ. Faith is called the reception of a gift; that gift is Christ, and with Him all is good.

HOPE - Christ is the life of hope. If we have hope, it is because we are quickened together with Him. Our anchor is cast within the veil, and it is both sure and steadfast; but if Jesus our forerunner, had not entered first for us, all attempts to cast our anchor there had been altogether in vain.

LOVE - Jesus Christ is the supreme object in regard to every genuine Christian; so it has been in all ages, however dim the light that individuals may have enjoyed. Yet, in proportion to the degree of knowledge which they possessed, they rejoiced in Christ. Simeon, when he embraced the Savior, seemed to be fully satisfied with life; he had no remaining wish as to this world, and he said, "Lord, now let thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Paul, you well know, counted all things but loss for Christ; and was ready to suffer the loss of all things, if he might win Christ, in winning whom he had thought to win all. Christ was the life and soul of the joy of these ancient saints.

Jesus Christ is the life of all Christian duties. This is another important branch of practical godliness. But when will you find these duties attended to in spite of all the temptations and allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil, where Christ is not the life of the soul? Christians are said to "walk in newness of life;" and this new life develops itself in all the various acts of godliness. In this new life and walk is included the right management of the thoughts and tempers--the proper government of our conversation--with due conduct towards God and man. Are Christians in any degree what they ought to be? It is because they are made like Jesus Christ. Is the Christian conversation holy, and does it minister any portion of benefit to those who hear him? It is because there is so much of Jesus Christ in it

J. Bunting

Congregational Life

- Today, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will conduct our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Murray will lead our worship services, DV.
- There will be a *Good Friday Service*, led by Pastor Murray, on Friday, March 25 at 7 PM.
- The Sunday School (Beginners - 7th Grade) are asked to meet upstairs today for the opening. The Psalter of the month is #160.
- Pastor Macleod is in Bradenton Florida with his family today and through the March 20 Lord's Day.
- Pastor Murray is preaching in Grace Immanuel Reformed Baptist Church today, followed by four addresses at the Reformed Baptist Pastor's Conference on Monday and Tuesday.
- The *Spring Synodical Committee Meetings* will be March 15-18.
- *Free Reformed Office-Bearers Conference*: All present and former office-bearers are invited to the next conference to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at Brantford FRC (17 Patterson Ave). Rev. L. J. Bilkes will speak on "Ministering to the Dying." Schedule: Opening (10:30 AM), address, hot lunch (noon), discussion (1 PM). FRC publications will be available for purchase. Letting the Brantford clerk (jerrybenjamins@gmail.com) know you hope to attend is appreciated. (*Note the change of email address*)
- *From the Deacons & Security Committee*: On Tuesday afternoon 3/1/16 it was found that the back doors of church were left unlocked. We are not sure if someone left it open Monday or early Tuesday but both doors were left unlocked. This is *very serious* and we are fortunate that nothing was taken or vandalized. If you have a key to church you must understand the responsibilities of having a key and to never leave the building unlocked at any time. When you leave please make sure all doors are locked. Thank you for your understanding.
- *Gentlemen*, FRC is starting a men's group. We will commence at the beginning of April (TBD). If you're interested in participating, please join us in the sanctuary *after today's morning service*. If you can't make today, details will be forthcoming.

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Laura Hults	Betsy Timmer
	Mary-Jo Haab	Hermien Theron
Evening	Rene Vander Hart	Leah Moerdyk
	Nicoline Thereon	Louisa Haab
Next Week		
Morning	Mary Cogbill	Tammy Timmer
	Jamie Sijtsma	Marijna Theron
Evening	Karen Vander Sloot	Meta Moerdyk
	Lexi Pronk	Bekah Huckstead
<i>Good Friday</i>	Cheryl Moerdyk, Cherise Bergsma, Anita Wielhouwer	
March	Mother in Charge	Laura Hults

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	Education Fund	HRC Food Pantry
Next Week	Education Fund	Youth Group Mission Trip	Word & Deed
<i>Good Friday</i>	Education Fund		

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