

May 1, 2016

Church Family

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 332
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter: 215:1-4
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 40:1-4
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 334
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 338:1, 4

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

The Authority of Scripture

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2
Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 83: all

Psalter 292:1

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 175
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 90:4-7
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 50
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 173
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 254:3

Sermon:

The Gospel Goes Viral

Scripture: John 1:29-50
Text: John 1:42

Homebound:

Mrs. Elsie Arnoudse
Mrs. Fran Hekman
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. Ann Baas
Mrs. Jane Bilkes
Pastor Lawrence Bilkes
Mr. Robert Nordyke
Mr. Teunis Vander Graaf

Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family and Allan Murray

Pete & Lisa Van Strien were blessed with the birth of healthy boy, *Elijah Kade*, Saturday, April 23. The family is doing well.

Many thanks to you our church family for the prayers, cards and tokens of kindness shown during Willie's recent surgeries and ongoing recovery. 1 Samuel 7:12. *Tom & Willie Karel*

We would like to *express our appreciation* to the congregation for your kind expressions of sympathy in the death of our loving sister and aunt, Dorothy Hitchcock. A special thank-you to Pastor Macleod for his visits and kind words of comfort and encouragement.

Esther Richards & family

Jan has returned home from the hospital and is progressing nicely with out-patient physical therapy. She wishes to thank the FRC congregation and pastors for all their prayers and cards.

Jan & Tony Van Grouw

New Address for Jeremy and Amanda Venlet: 1914 Pine Grove Dr.
Jenison, MI 49428

From the Health Care Committee: As many of you know, our parish nurse (Willie Karel) has been under doctor's care for a heart attack and several heart surgeries/procedures. While the doctors' reports are encouraging, she has been released to perform only light duty and light schedule activities. As such, Willie's hours as parish nurse are amended as follows: NO MORE than 4 hours per day and NO MORE than 8-10 hours per week. Please feel free to consult with her as needed; however her ability to carry on previous visiting schedule is limited. Willie's ability to transport and accompany to doctor/hospital visits is also limited to no more than once per person per month.

Meditation

Belgic 5: We receive all these books, and these only, as holy and canonical, for the regulation, foundation, and conformation of our faith; believing without any doubt, all things contained in them, not so much because the Church receives and approves them as such, but more especially because the Holy Ghost witnesses in our hearts, that they are from God, whereof they carry the evidence in themselves. For the very blind are able to perceive that the things foretold in them are fulfilling.

Westminster 1.4: The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed, and obeyed, depends not upon the testimony of any man, or Church; but wholly upon God (who is truth itself) the author thereof: and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.

Westminster 1.5: We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture.[10] And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it does abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

I. The Primary Authority of Scripture

1. Not human
2. God alone

II. The Secondary Authority of Scripture

1. The Church
2. The Bible

III. The Experiential Authority of Scripture

1. Full persuasion
2. Inward work of the Spirit

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” *Hebrews 4:12*

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Murray will conduct our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services, DV.
- An *Ascensions Day* service, led by Pastor Ray Lanning, will be held Thursday, May 5 at 7 PM.
- The Sunday School (Beginners - 7th Grade) will meet upstairs for a combined opening for the last time for this season. The Psalter of the month is #169. Please review with your children.
- At Consistory meetings in the past week, the following men were nominated for office bearers. For (2) Elders: Tom Karel Jr., Henk Kleyn, Joel Markwat and Ron Vander Boon. The terms of Elders Dwight Prince and Ron Rittner are expiring. For (2) Deacons: John Beute, Mark Moerdyk, David Pronk and Peter Van Strien. The term of Roger Osmun is expiring and David Pronk has completed one term. The Consistory presents this list for the membership's prayerful consideration, with a vote scheduled to take place at our Congregational Meeting to be held Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7 PM DV. The Consistory has decided to wait a month to nominate a sixth Deacon.
- PRTS Graduation – May 6, 2016 – 7:30PM at the HRC 540 Crescent Street NE – the congregation is cordially invited to attend as we witness the Lord's blessings enabling 14 of His servants to complete their degrees for sacred ministry. Three of the graduates are part of our church family; Young Jae Lee, Ken Pennings, and Getachew Woldeamanuel. Dr. Joseph Pipa of Greenville Presbyterian Seminary (South Carolina) is our commencement speaker.
- *Save the Date!* Family Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9 through Thursday, August 11, 2016, at Camp Michawana. More information will be coming soon!

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Min Kyoung Kim	Laura Hults
	Kathy Pols	Lydia Karel
Evening	Julie Timmer	Jamie Sijtsma
	Jeanette DeBlaay	Emma Vander Boon
<i>Ascension Day:</i> Betsy Timmer, Abbie Prince, Lily Rittner		
Next Week		
Morning	Rene Vander Hart	Tammy Timmer
	Mary Cogbill	Josephine Haab
Evening	Mary-Jo Haab	Briana Boot
	Nicoline Thereon	Trienna Moerdyk
May	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Tom Karel Jr.	Sam Moerdyk
Next Week	Andrew Bergsma	Joel Markwat

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Education Fund	Fellowship Chapel
<i>Ascension Day: Word & Deed</i>			
Next Week	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Garden of Hope (Omega)

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