

November 1, 2015

Church Family

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 129
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 337
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 308:1-3
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 268
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 374:4, 5

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

Our Worship: Accepted or Rejected?

Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-29
Text: Hebrews 12:28b
Lord's Day 35

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 105:1-5
Psalter 107:3 & 4
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 266
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 355
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 207
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 121
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 81:1, 4

Sermon:

The White Robed Army of Martyrs

Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-40
Text: Hebrews 11:32-38

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

Remember in Prayer:

Mrs. Ann Baas
Mr. Trent Timmer
Mrs. Ruth Wiley

Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

Please pray for Ruth & Steve Wiley, as Ruth was again *taken to the hospital* this past week and has received discouraging news. She expected to return home again this past weekend.

Harm Slopsema is receiving rehab at the Christian Rest Home.

We would like to *sincerely thank* the youth group and all who helped us move last Saturday as well as those who expressed willingness to help. We are thankful for a smooth transition. Warmly, *The Macleods*

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Meditation

NEVER A MAN SPAKE

So Pilate thought, when in reply to his question---half, perhaps, in veneration, and half in scorn, "Art thou a king?" He answered, "Thou sayest that I am a king." Thou hast announced my true and property dignity; I am a king; but my kingdom is not of this world. I lead no conquering armies to the battle, I press not for thrones and palaces, through fields of carnage and seas of blood: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

No matter where---no matter when--- no matter what he said---whether in the temple, surrounded by the doctors of the law, hearing and asking them questions, or whether on the deck of the vessel, surrounded by the fishermen of Galilee; or whether in the towns, and cities, and villages of Judea, healing the sick and raising the dead; or whether at the tribunal of Pilate, the object of contempt and scorn---"never a man spake as this man."

There was a power, and an authority, and an influence in all he said that none could gainsay or resist. The grabbling *scribes* heard him, and they were confounded. The haughty *Pharisees* heard him, and they were abashed. The frantic *demoniac* heard him, and he was still. The *diseased* heard him, and he felt impulses of health beat in his veins. The *dead* heard him, and he broke his silence and rose. "Never a man spake like this man."

And yet the power and authority with which he spoke was not that which thrones, and scepters, and diadems could confer---it was not the power and authority of racks, and gibbets, and dungeons---it was not the power and authority of the princes and potentates of this world, who send their conquering armies to enforce their command, and hurl the thunders of their artillery against all who dare to resist their mandate.

No; but it was the power of light beaming upon their understanding---it was the power of truth making its way to the conscience---it was the power of God speaking to mortals by his Son. And though eighteen hundred years have rolled away since he has exercised his personal ministry on the earth, and uttered the language of our text, yet, by the preaching of his gospel, he speaks to you this day, and he demands that the testimony he delivers shall be received alike in the understanding and the heart: "I am the way."

T. Raffles

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Murray will conduct our services, DV.
- The Sunday School and Catechism classes (beginners-7th Grade) will NOT be meeting upstairs this month due to the adult Sunday school meeting with Pastor Martin. Sunday school children will meet in their classrooms. The Psalter of the month is #277. Please review with your child(ren).
- The *Christmas Program* is being distributed to the Sunday School and Catechism teachers today. A packet will be sent home with your child(ren) today, which includes the verses they should memorize, as well as the songs they will be singing for the Christmas Program on Christmas Day. Practices for the Christmas Program will occur on two Sundays: December 13 and 20. We appreciate the time that is spent - both in memorizing the verses and learning the words to the songs.
- The Adult Sunday School lesson will start at 11:00-11:35 so the parents can be done in time to collect their young children. Pastor Al Martin has kindly offered to give us *three Adult Sunday School classes* on the subject of *Prayer Meetings*. These classes will start today and continue on the mornings of November 8 and 15, DV. You are all warmly invited & encouraged to attend these sessions.
- The sacrament of *Holy Baptism* will be administered next Sunday evening to Dominic James, son of Adam & Kristy Swann. The consistory has determined that this will take place in an official service under the oversight of our consistory, to be held at Fellowship Chapel, Dr. Jerry Bilkes officiating, simultaneous to our usual service in our own building. May the Lord add His indispensable blessing.
- *From the Deacons*: We would like to thank all those who so willingly volunteered of their time and talents in helping with the recent parsonage renovations. The updates are complete and we are thankful that Pastor Macleod and his family have moved in and are getting settled.
- *FRC Theological Education Committee*: We are grateful to the Lord that at our recent meeting we could interview and decide to recommend that Synod 2016 accept Mr. Ben VanLiere, elder in the Monarch congregation, as a student for the ministry in the FRCNA. We also encourage you to listen to the recent FRC Seminary Day speech by Dr. G. M. Bilkes entitled: "Praying the Lord of the Harvest, What Happens When We see the World as Christ Does" <http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=97151524348>

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Arleen Boven	Sarah Walkotten
	Liz Prince	Anita Wielhouwer
Evening	Aileen Rittner	Maddie Prince
	Brianna Boot	Maret Haab
Next Week		
Morning	Janna Birn	Betsy Timmer
	Hannah Karel	Lily Rittner
Evening	Courtney Prince	Abbie Prince
	Cora Beute	Abby Vander Boon
October	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Pete Van Strien	Andrew Bergsma
Next Week	Tom Karel Jr	Joel Markwat

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Local Radio
Next Week	General Fund	Building Fund	Alpha Women's Center

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