

November 29, 2015

Church Family

Order of Worship

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 136: all

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 133

Reading of the Law

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 66

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter* 161:1-5, 8

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory

Psalter* 347

Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 394:2

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

The Irresistible Call of God

Scripture: Luke 1:5-17

Text: 1 Kings 19:19-21

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 349

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 24

Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter* 112

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory

Psalter* 310:3-6

Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 197

Sermon:

Who Are These Clothed in White?

Scripture: Revelation 7

Text: Revelation 7:13-16

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Meditation

DILIGENCE IN SELF-EXAMINATION

Diligence is requisite, because man is *hardly induced to continue* in this work. That self-love which makes them unwilling to enter upon it, renders them unfit to make any progress in it. When we do begin it, how quickly do we faint in it? How soon are our first glances upon ourselves turned to a fixedness upon some slighter object? Every man's heart is like an unruly horse that will be going out of the way, if there be not a way to check it, in its first starts, and bring things to their proper halt. The heart itself is so light and fluttering, that it needs the stability of grace to fix it in the trial of grace.

Diligence is requisite, because we are naturally apt to be *deceived*, and to delude ourselves. Our natural blindness and dimness render us liable to mistake, and our deceitful heart may sing a requiem to us while we are fools. We have a subtle enemy that lies in wait for us, who can transform himself into an angel of light, and disguise his serpentine hissings to make them appear like the breathings of the Spirit. If Adam in innocence, had an ability to discern his methods, was deluded by him, much more may we be deceived by him in a state of corruption, when our hearts naturally have his stamp, and are inclined to take his part, and join with him in self-deceit; The heart of man *is deceitful*, Jer. 17: 9. It is the great imposter and cheat of the world, the anti-christ within us, the deceiver of our souls, as the great anti-christ is called the deceiver of the nations.

How apt are we to take upon trust what our heart first speaks! James and John could tell Christ that they were able *drink of His cup*, and no question they meant what they said, Matt. 20: 22. but had it come to a trial, they would not have endured to sip of it; and the issue manifested it; they turned their backs upon Him as well as the other disciples. The Israelites, had they tried themselves by their present resolution, "*All that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee, we will hear and do it.*" Deuteronomy 5:27, might have subscribed themselves as pious as any in the world; they spoke no other than they meant: But God had a further inspection into them than they had of themselves. "*Oh that there was such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep my commandments always!*" (verse 29)

Natural conscience is often silenced by a pretense and show; and man is naturally apt to make his own corrupt judgment, sometimes also his own passion, the standard of good and evil; and not only to frame grace according to his own affections, but a god also, "*Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself,*" Psa. 50:21

S. Charnock

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.

"But let a man examine himself,
and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

1 Corinthians 11:28

Congregational Life

- Today, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will conduct our worship services.
- This evening, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will preach a *preparatory message* for the observance of the Lord's Supper scheduled for next Sunday morning, December 6, DV. The observance of the Lord's Supper, in our congregation and denomination, is a "close communion." Therefore, those who are not members are asked to appear before the consistory prior to being permitted to partake of the Lord's Supper. Those visitors desiring to attend are encouraged to contact one of the pastors or elders before the next Elders meeting. There will be no Sunday School/catechism classes on that morning.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Murray will conduct our services, DV.
- Today, Pastor Martin will lead an *Adult Sunday School lesson* after the morning service.
- The Sunday School and Catechism classes (beginners-7th Grade) Psalter of the month is #277 and the Christmas Program songs. Please review with your child(ren).

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Mary-Jo Haab	Laura Hults
	Lisa Van Strien	Natalie Pennings
Evening	Meta Moerdyk	Leah Moerdyk
	Cherise Bergsma	Liz Huckstead
Next Week		
Morning	Jamie Sijtsma	Lexi Pronk
	Tammy Timmer	Hannah Kleyn
Evening	Karen Vander Sloot	Martha Markwat
	Heidi Pronk	Eva Markwat
December	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Mark Arnoudse	Henry Boven
Next Week	Henk Kleyn	Bill Moerdyk

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Seminary Fund	HRC Food Pantry
Next Week	General Fund	Mission Trips	Come Over & Help

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