

September 13, 2015

Church Family

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 255
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 142:1, 3, 4
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 126:1, 2, 5
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 134: 2, 3
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 239

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

Abide With Us

Scripture: Exodus 33:1-16
Text: Exodus 33:14, 15

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 331: all
Psalter 428:2, 10
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 244:1, 4, 5
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 92:1, 3, 8
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 318:1-4
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 318:5-7
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 427:8

Sermon:

The Preciousness of Christ (Preparatory)

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-10
Text: 1 Peter 2:7a

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

Ruth Wiley was scheduled to return home this past Friday and is anticipating radiation treatments in the near future.

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Meditation

UNAWAKENED

See how far you are from salvation. Many of you may be saying just now in your heart, "It is quite true I am not at present a saved person; but I am not far from the kingdom of God. I have just to repent and believe in Jesus, and then I am saved. And since this is so short and simple a matter, I may do it at any time. I may enjoy the world and its pleasures a little longer; and then, when death or disease threatens me, it may be a good time to become anxious."

Now all this argument proceeds from falsehood. You think you are not far from salvation; but, Ah, my friend, you are as far from salvation, as anyone can be in the land of the living. There is only one case in which you could be farther from salvation, and that is in --hell.

(1) In our last sermon, I showed you that there must be a divine work upon your heart before you can repent. You may have much head knowledge of sin without the Spirit, but he only can convince you of sin. That Spirit is a sovereign Spirit. He is given the children of God as often as they ask him; but he is not at the bidding of unconverted men. You cannot bid him come when you fall sick, or when you are going to die; or if you should bid him, he has nowhere promised to obey.

(2.) And now, I wish you to see that there is a second divine work needful on your heart before you can believe. The Spirit must convince you of Christ's righteousness. Flesh and blood cannot reveal Christ unto you, but my Father which is in heaven, God is a sovereign God. He hath mercy upon whom he will have mercy. He is not at the bidding of unconverted men. He has nowhere promised to bring to Christ all whom he awakens. O how plain that you are as far from salvation as any soul can be that is out of hell. And can you be easy when you are such a distance from salvation?

Can you go now and sit down to a game of chance---to while away the time between this and judgment? Can you go and laugh and be merry in your sins? How truly, then, did Solomon say: "The laughter of fools is like the crackling of thorns under a pot"---a loud noise for a moment, then and everlasting silence---a short blaze,--and then,--eternity.

R. M. M'Cheyne

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.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." *Proverbs 3:5*

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services.
- This evening, Pastor Macleod will preach a *preparatory sermon* for the observance of the Lord's Supper scheduled for next Sunday morning. 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 a Pastor or one of the Elders before the next Elder meeting. There will be no Sunday School/Catechism classes that morning.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Macleod will lead the morning worship service and Pastor Murray will conduct the evening service.
- Sunday School and Catechism *classes* begin this morning. We will have a combined opening upstairs for all ages/classes. The Psalter of the month is Psalter 149. Please review with your child(ren).
- *From the Deacons*: On 9/20 & 10/18 our second collection will be a *Special Building Fund Collection* for updating the Parsonage. There is much work to be done prior to the Macleod's moving in.
- *Confession of Faith/New Members Class* - This year again the confession of faith class will be taught. If you have finished catechism classes, please consider joining the class. For those considering joining our congregation we will be offering a new members class as well. Please contact Dr. Jerry Bilkes or Pastor Ian Macleod.
- There was a Bible left at Family Camp. Please come to the consistory room to claim it.

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Liz Prince	Courtney Prince
	Susan Osmun	Amy Murray
Evening	Aileen Rittner	Hannah Karel
	Sarah Walkotten	Natalie Pennings
Next Week		
Morning	Jacqueline DeBlaay	Abbie Prince
	Janna Birn	Liz Huckstead
Evening	Heather Engelsma	Ruthanne Karel
	Cora Beute	Hannah Kleyn
September	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Bill Moerdyk	Pete Van Strien
Next Week	Sam Moerdyk	Andrew Bergsma

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Benevolent Fund	Come Over & Help
Next Week	General Fund	Building Fund for Parsonage Update	Christian Ministry to Israel (CMI)

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