

September 20, 2015

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 222:1-5
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 289:11-15
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter 108:1-5 & Lord's Supper
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 71
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 196

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

When I see the Blood

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-17
Text: Hebrews 11:28

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 288: all
Psalter 362:2, 3
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 360
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 213:1-3
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 90:5-7
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 215:3-6
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 196

Sermon:

Trustees Wanted

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6
Text: 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Church Family

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

The congregation *extends sympathy* to Judy Kwekel & family on the loss of step son, Steve Kwekel, Thursday, September 10.

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy and prayers for our family on the passing of our father and grandfather. It is a great blessing to be part of the body of Christ and to experience the love of the congregation during this difficult time.

David & Heidi Pronk & family, Pete & Lisa VanStrien & family

Pastor Lawrence & Jane Bilkes will be *moving* into their new home this week. Their new address may be found in the church directory.

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Meditation

THE GREAT QUESTION

"If man die, shall he live again?" May, I trust, now numbered among many questions, which have received a satisfactory answer. Such an admission is sure to be made by all consider the Bible to be the communication from the Supreme Being:--with others, I enter this day into no discussion.

It remains for me to illustrate the words first read, and then to remind you afresh, and more specifically, of the dispensation which has brought us here. "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, until, my change come." So spoke Job, a man whose Excellency and affection were alike proverbial. He spoke as becomes us to speak. Let us, with the evangelical economy before our eyes, expatiate on his determination, and adopt it too. What, then, is the nature and what the due influence, my fellow Christians as thus referred to? "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

We have the PROSPECT OF A CHANGE. Many changes are incidental to human beings, But there are some which stand out above all the rest. One extraordinary change occurs when human beings become rational. During infancy they are conscience of sensations, but unconscious of reflection. Gradually, however, and in a manner which entirely eludes our notice, the thinking faculty develop, they listen to sounds, articulate, and converse, later they read and write, etc. Become the admiration of the age and the country which they contribute to adorn. Become more amendable to both God and man..

A change more momentous occurs when human beings become religious. This change is requisite for those, universally who have not already experienced it . Its necessity arises from the hereditary contagion which corrupts the race and taints us all---whether we have render ourselves obnoxious to our acquaintances, or we have gained their good will and affection-whether we have been profligate or moral---whether we have neglected sacred ordinances or outwardly observed them, we are assured by an inspired writer, that, "if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature; old things have passed away, and behold all things have become new." What does Christ say? "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." How sharp the conflicts, and pungent the sorrows; how rich and diffusive the heavenly light; how importunate the supplications; how strong the purposes; how rich the comforts; how warm the gratitude; how exemplary the whole character, when under the regenerating agency of the Holy Spirit, fallen creatures justly reckon themselves to be "dead, indeed, unto sin, but alive unto God, through our Lord Jesus Christ:" "being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever!"

J. Hughes

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will lead our morning worship service, and Pastor Murray will conduct our evening service.
- This morning, the sacrament of the *Lord's Supper* will be celebrated in our congregation. 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 this morning.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services, D.V.
- Pastor Murray will be speaking at the Niagara Bible Conference and preaching in Ontario from 25-28 September.
- The Sunday School and Catechism classes (beginners-7th Grade) Psalter of the month is #149. Please review with your child(ren).
- *Sunday School & Catechism* - Parents please check our website for the memory work schedule for your children. You can click here (<http://www.frcgrandrapids.org/sunday-school>) then the class in which your child is enrolled. Thanks for your help with this memory work.
- *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 have a new members class as well. Contact Dr. Jerry Bilkes or Pastor Ian Macleod.
- *Adult Sunday School*: For the time being, the consistory have decided not to have a regular adult Sunday School after the morning service. Instead we want to encourage people to enjoy the edifying informal fellowship and sermon discussions downstairs. When there is a specific and important issue to address, the class will meet for one or more Sundays.
- We welcome Mr. Harm Slopsema as he joins his wife in full membership with the congregation.
- We also welcome Tom & Judy Syswerda into the fellowship of the congregation; Tom as an associate member & Judy as a full member.
- *From the Deacons*: Today & October 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.

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Jacqueline DeBlaay	Abbie Prince
	Janna Birn	Liz Huckstead
Evening	Heather Engelsma	Ruthanne Karel
	Cora Beute	Hannah Kleyn
Next Week		
Morning	Betsy Timmer	Amanda Venlet
	Margaret Kleyn	Eva Markwat
Evening	Jeanette DeBlaay	Julie Spaans
	Kathy Pols	Lydia Karel
September	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Sam Moerdyk	Andrew Bergsma
Next Week	Jim Vander Graaf	Joel Markwat

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Building Fund for Parsonage Update	Christian Ministry to Israel (CMI)
Next Week	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Pregnancy Resource Center

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