

April 26, 2020

Church Family

Order of Worship

No Song Service Until Further Notice

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 318:1, 2, 3, 6
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Prayer
Psalter 120
Sermon
Psalter 227
Benediction*
Doxology – Psalter* 427:7

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 60
Reading of Scripture
Apostles' Creed
Prayer
Psalter 322
Sermon
Psalter 100
Benediction*
Doxology – Psalter* 402:4, 6

Sermon:

**We Have an Altar
Worship (3)**

Scripture: Hebrews 13
Text: Hebrews 13:10

Sermon:

A Message for Young People

Scripture: James 4
Text: James 4:13-17

Homebound:

Mrs. Barb Kwekel
Mr. Neal Markwat
Pastor Al & Dorothy Martin
Mrs. Esther Richards
Mrs. Lorraine Slopsema
Mr. Teunis VanderGraaf

Remember in Prayer:

Miss Sarah Baum
Mrs. Laurina VanderSloot

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Weston Kleyn
Calvin Vlietstra

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Josh and Andrea Scholten were blessed with a healthy baby boy,
Charles Daniel, this past Monday, April 21. Everyone is doing well.

Dear Congregation, I thank the Lord for your love and prayers on my
behalf through my recent back surgery and recovery. The Lord has
blessed the surgery and given me remarkable recovery. The Lord has
been merciful.
Henk Kleyn

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Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

No Events Until Further Notice

Other News

In light of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and in accordance with Article 66 of our Church Order, the Free Reformed Churches of North America have issued a call for a special day of prayer on **Saturday, April 25, with a service at 1:00 PM**. This service will be led by Dr. G.M. Bilkes in Grand Rapids Free Reformed Church, and will be live-streamed via Sermon Audio. There is reason for us as churches to examine ourselves (Psalm 139:23-24), to confess and lament our sins (Psalm 51:1-4), to repent from our idolatrous inclinations, to petition Him for His forgiving, renewing, preserving and healing mercies, and to glorify Him for who He is and what He has done as Judge of all the earth and as Redeemer and Lord. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

PRTS Graduation

You are invited to join us in watching online the 2020 PRTS graduation service on **Friday, May 1 at 7:30 PM**. The link to join us is <http://sermonaudio.com/hnrc>. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, this year's graduation service has been restricted to graduates only. Please join us for this very special and unique service as we, together with the graduates, give thanks to God for His providential care in bringing each graduate to this end. Although a number of our seventeen graduates will not be in attendance, they will be acknowledged for their accomplishments. Your prayers and support for these graduates, the PRTS faculty, staff, and student body are greatly appreciated.

Welcome

We welcome you to our worship services today. May the Lord bless His Word to each one of us. If you have any prayer needs, or if you'd like to know more about our church, our pastor or one of the elders would be glad to speak with you.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm 103:15-18

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our evening service.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services.
- Please remember to check our website for our weekly bulletin, as well as other updates and information.
- We encourage you to join us via sermon audio this **Wednesday, April 29 at 7 PM**, as Pastor Macleod hopes to lead us in a time of prayer and meditation.
- There will be a *National Day of Prayer Service* on **Thursday, May 7 at 7 PM**, led by Dr. Stephen Myers.
- *From the Evangelism Committee:* During this time, many jails and prisons are closed to anyone who is willing to share the gospel. US Lepers is a website that makes writing to inmates easier than it has ever been, and we encourage you to consider this writing ministry. For more information, please visit uslepers.us.

Meditation

COME TO CHRIST AND DRINK

Careless sinners are here invited to come to Christ and drink.

Men in their natural condition are quite careless about their souls and about Jesus Christ. They thirst after pleasure, they thirst after money, and they thirst after the world; but they do not thirst after Christ or heavenly things. Yet Christ wishes us to cry aloud in the hearing of such: 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.' Let me speak to such. You have no anxiety of soul, no desires after Jesus Christ, no wish to receive the Holy Spirit. You are not thirsty for anything beyond the waters of this world. You are quite happy where you are, and as you are. Yet the day may come when you shall be a weary, thirsty soul. O that it may come soon! Now Jesus says: 'If ever you feel thirsty, remember, come unto me, and drink.' How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? And ye scorers delight in scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn ye at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my Spirit unto you; I will make known my words unto you.'

Anxious, thirsty souls, are especially invited to come unto Jesus.

Souls awakened by God are thirsty in two ways:

(1) They thirst after the forgiveness of sins – they have been awakened to know their lost condition – the weight of God's anger has been revealed to them. They go from mountain to hill seeking a resting-place, and finding none. At last they sit down, weary and thirsty. They feel that all they do just signifies nothing – that they cannot bring themselves nearer to peace. They feel as if already in that place where they shall ask in vain for a drop of water to cool the tongue. Do any of you know what condition this is? Then you are here spoken to by Christ.

(2) They thirst after deliverance from sin. Awakened persons generally put away all outward sin. When a drunkard or swearer is awakened, he puts away his outward sin; but he is far from being able to change his heart. On the contrary, most wicked and hateful thoughts sometimes arise in the soul. The heart is filled with such vile desires that the soul is almost driven to distraction. He goes from mountain to hill seeking a new heart, but finding none. He sits down, at last weary and thirsty. Do any of you feel this? It is to you Christ speaks: 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.'

O thirsty souls – afflicted, tempest-tossed, and not comforted – why will ye not come unto Jesus, the smitten rock, to drink? One says: I have sinned too much – I dare not come as I am. But are you not thirsty? Christ says: 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.' Another says: I have sinned against Christ, I have turned a deaf ear to his warning voice, I have mocked his messengers, I have profaned his sacraments – eaten bread and wine when I was living in sin; and surely I dare not come. But are you not thirsty? Hear what Christ says: 'If any man thirst.' Another says: But I am unwilling to come to Christ, I have a proud, unbelieving heart, my heart rises against coming to Jesus Christ, surely I dare not look

to Jesus. But are you not thirsty? Christ does not ask the willing or believing, but the thirsty. He asks no more: 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.'

Thirsty believers are here bid to come to Jesus.

Among the crowd on that great day of the feast, we are told that there were many who believed on Jesus (verse 31); and it was for their sakes also that he spake these blessed words: 'If any man thirst.' All true believers are a thirsty people. They are travelling in a wilderness, and therefore they need the rock to follow them. Oh! it is a bad sign of a soul when there is no thirst. True Christians are like new-born babes – they desire the sincere milk of the Word. They need nourishment, and need it often. They cannot live without it. Oh, then, hear the word of Jesus: 'Come unto me, and drink.'

(1) Remember you must come to Christ before you can drink. It is only when you have a believing view of the Savior that you can receive the Spirit. It is only when your eye is fixed on the smitten rock that you can drink of the living water. Are there not some Christians hearing me who seem to receive very little of the Spirit of God? Are there not some Christians among you who often exhibit a mean worldly spirit? Some who are easily betrayed into a fiery, passionate spirit? Why is this? You do not come to Jesus to drink. You do not keep the eye of faith on Jesus Christ. You do not live by faith on the Son of God. You are thinking to walk holly without coming unto Jesus day by day, and hour by hour. You do not look on the Lord our strength at God's right hand; therefore you receive little of the Holy Ghost.

(2) Remember when you come to Jesus you must drink. O how many seem to come to Jesus Christ, and yet do not drink! How few Christians are like a tree planted by the rivers of water! What would you have thought of the Jews, if, when Moses smote the rock, they had refused to drink? Or what would you have thought if they had only put the water to their lips? Yet such is the way with most Christians. It pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell. The Spirit was given to him without measure. The command is given to us to draw out of his fullness; yet who obeys? Not one in a thousand.

A Christian in our day is like a man who has got a great reservoir brimful of water. He is at liberty to drink as much as he pleases, for he never can drink it dry; but instead of drinking the full stream that flows from it, he dams it up, and is content to drink the few drops that trickle through. O that ye would draw out of his fullness, ye that have come to Christ! Do not be misers of grace. There is far more than you will use in eternity. The same waters are now in Christ that refreshed Paul, that gave Peter his boldness, that gave John his affectionate tenderness. Why is your soul less richly supplied than theirs? Because you will not drink: 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.'

Robert Murray McCheyne

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	No Nursery Until Further Notice	
Evening		
Next Week		
Morning		
Evening		

Ushers		
	Morning Narthex/Wing	Evening Narthex/Wing
Today	No Ushers Until Further Notice	
Next Week		

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General	Seminary	Come Over & Help
Next Week	Education	Denominational	Home Mission Work
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