

August 16, 2015

Church Family

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 353
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 83
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 110
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 308:3-5
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 268

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

The Shout of the New Creature

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10
Text: Ephesians 2:10
Lord's Day 24

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 154: all
Psalter 392:1-5
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 266
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 212
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 221
Sermon
Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 230:4-7
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 195

Sermon:

First Fire ... Then Rain

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:17-46
Text: 1 Kings 18:37

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

Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

Arleen Boven was *admitted to St. Mary's Hospital* this past week with blood clots in her lungs. She was expected to return home this weekend.

I would like to *thank the congregation* for the prayers and cards during the past six years that Howard dealt with various cancer and heart issues and now with his passing away. I would also like to thank Dr. Murray for his phone calls and visits and especially Dr. L. Bilkes and Jane for their many visits. Psalm 66

Jessica VandenToorn

I would like to *thank everyone* for all their prayers, cards, meals and words of encouragement I received since the diagnosis of my cancer and during my treatments. Our church family is such a blessing.

Betty Elliott

Meditation

HIDING FROM GOD

The love of Christ constraineth the believer to live a holy life, because that truth takes away all the dread and hatred of God. When Adam was unfallen, God was everything to his soul; and everything was good and desirable to him in so far as he had to do it with God. Every vein in his body, so fearfully and wonderfully made---every leaf that rustled in the bowers of Paradise---every new sun that rose, rejoicing like a strong man to run his race---brought him every day new objects of godly thought and of admiring praise; and it was only for that reason that the earth could delight to look on them. The flowers appeared on the earth---the singing birds, and the voice of the turtle heard throughout the happy land---and the fig tree putting forth her green figs, and the vines with tender grapes giving a good smell---all these combined to bring in to him at *every pore* a rich and varied tribute to pleasantness. And why? Just because they brought into the soul rich and varied communications of the manifold grace of Jehovah? For just as you have seen a child on earth devoted to its earthly parent---pleased with everything when he is present, and valuing every gift just as it shows more of the tenderness of that parent's heart---so was it with that genuine child of God.

In God he lived and moved and had his being; and not more surely would the blotting out of the sun in the heavens have taken away that light which is so pleasant to the eyes, than the hiding of the face of God from him have taken away the light of his soul, and left nature a dark and desolate wilderness. But when Adam fell, the fine gold became dim---the system of his thoughts and likings were just reversed. Instead of enjoying God, in everything, and everything in God, everything now seemed hateful and disagreeable to him, just as far as it had to do with God. When man sinned, then he feared, and hated him who he feared; and fled to all sin, just to flee from him who he hated. So that, just as you have seen a child who had grievously transgressed against a loving parent, doing all he can to hide that parent from view --- hurrying from his presence, and plunging into other thoughts and occupations, just to rid his thoughts of a justly offended father---in the same way when fallen Adam heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day---that voice which, before he sinned, was heavenly music in his ears---*then did Adam and his wife hide themselves*—And in the same way does every natural man run from the voice and presence of the Lord---not to hide under the thick embowering leaves of Paradise, but to bury himself in cares, and business, and pleasures, and raveling's. Any retreat is agreeable where God is not.

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.

“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Ephesians 4:24

Congregational Life

- Today, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Murray will lead our worship services, DV.
- The *ordination and installation* service for Ian Macleod is scheduled for Friday, September 11 at 7 PM in our church sanctuary.
- Candidate John Procee has *accepted the call* extended to him from the Bornholm, Ontario FRC.
- *All committee*, Bible study, club, group, & society leaders: Please submit a list of your meeting and event dates for the coming season to Julie La Rocque by August 25. Thank you!
- The consistory would *like to thank the NBS* coordinators, teachers, volunteers, and all those who came out for the final evening, with the prayer that God would add his blessing to the labors.
- The consistory would *like to thank the Family Camp* organizers, speakers, volunteers and the church family for taking part in our church family camp. May the Lord bless His Word and the time spent together.
- The consistory and congregation commends our young women and men *college students*, beginning or continuing their degree programs, to the Lord and His sparing mercies. Our prayer is that you would be kept safe and shielded from compromising the truth of God's Word. May each of you receive the blessing of biblical discernment as you prepare for your life's calling.

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Meta Moerdyk	Annelise Moerdyk
	Jen Pennings	Anita Wielhouwer
Evening	Cherise Bergsma	Kim Kleyn
	Lisa Van Strien	Maret Haab
Next Week		
Morning	Jen Klaasen	Mary-Jo Haab
	Melanie Vander Boon	Lily Rittner
Evening	Cheryl Moerdyk	Jamie Sijtsma
	Min Kyoung Kim	Abby Vander Boon
August	Mother in Charge	Courtney Prince

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Jim Vander Graaf	Ron Vander Boon
Next Week	Mark Arnoudse	Steve Kleyn

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Education Fund	Bonisa Mission
Next Week	General Fund	Benevolent Fund	Powassan

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