

December 11, 2016

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Church Family

Order of Worship

**Song Service - 5:50 PM**

Psalter 151:1, 2, 4, 5

**Morning Worship - 9:30 AM**

Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 178  
Reading of the Law  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 12  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 72  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Psalter\* 220:1-3  
Benediction\*  
Doxology – Psalter\* 273:6, 7

**Evening Worship - 6:00 PM**

Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 125:1-5  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 4:3-5  
Apostles' Creed  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 6:3-6  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Psalter\* 124:6-9  
Benediction\*  
Doxology – Psalter\* 234:1

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

**Pity and Power**

Scripture: Micah 5  
Text: Micah 5:2

Sermon:

**Christ's Best Man**

Scripture: John 3:22-36  
Text: John 3:29

**Homebound:**

Mrs. Ann Baas  
Mrs. Barb Kwekel  
Mrs. Florence Langerak  
Mrs. Esther Richards  
Mr. Harm Slopsema  
Mrs. Mina Van't Hof  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vanden Toorn  
Mrs. Gertrude Vander Graaf  
Mrs. Marian VerHage

**Remember in Prayer:**

Mr. Art Langerak  
Mr. Dwight Prince  
Mr. Teunis Vander Graaf  
Mr. Rick Vander Veen

**Serving our country:**

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

Mark & Melanie Moerdyk were *blessed with the birth* of healthy boy, Ezra Thomas, on Friday, December 2. The family is doing well.

Dear congregation and friends: We wish to take the opportunity to *thank you all so much* for your prayers and thousands of instances of tangible help and support and love you have showed during this past year. Both of us have felt your love undergirding us in this new phase of the journey God had planned for us. We wish you all a blessed Christmas season filled with thoughts of the Savior of sinners. "And he said unto me: My grace is sufficient for thee."

*Love, Lawrence and Jane Bilkes*

The church family *extends its sympathy* to Tom & Judy Syswerda on the passing of Tom's mother, Marie B. Syswerda, Wednesday evening, November 30. May the Lord give comfort in these difficult days.

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# Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

**Today** - (Sunday) 4 PM Youth Group meeting at church.  
Snack: Dykema and Karel

**December 13** - (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Ladies Bible Study. Coffee is at 9:45 AM with study starting at 10 AM. We will be studying lesson 10/page 81 in our book on Daniel. All ladies are welcome.

**December 13** - (Tuesday) Elders meeting at 6 PM with full Consistory beginning at 7 PM.

**December 14** - (Wednesday) The fellowship meal scheduled for this evening, has been canceled.

**December 14** - (Wednesday) Boys & Girls Club. Regular meeting for all.

**December 14** - (Wednesday) 7:15 - 8 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting.

**December 17** - (Saturday) 1 PM Meet at church to help canvass the neighborhood.

**December 21** - (Wednesday) 7:15 - 8 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting.

## Other News

### ***PRTS News***

We welcome Greg and Christie Salazar and their children, Catie-Claire and John to our community this week as they arrive December 14. Their address is 210 Lakeside Drive NE, Grand Rapids. Greg is joining our faculty as Assistant Professor of Historical Theology. May God bless them and making them a blessing in our community.

"Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer."

*Psalm 61:1*

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## Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Murray will conduct our worship services.
- Today, Pastor Macleod will be serving the Brantford, Ontario FRC.
- Today, Young Jae Lee will be leading worship services at Living Hope FRC at Chatham, Ontario.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Macleod will be leading our services, DV.
- Next Sunday evening, the sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered to *Wallace Gordon*, son of Benjamin & Rebekah Hicks, and *Ezra Thomas*, son of Mark & Melanie Moerdyk.
- Next Sunday, the boxes at the exits are for the *Mediterranean Mission*. You will find a newsletter in your mailbox.
- The Sunday school (Beginners through 7th grade) will be *practicing for the Christmas Program* this morning during their normal Sunday School time. Please note: the Christmas Program this year will be taking place ***after the evening service*** on Christmas Day.
- **Free Reformed Church of Grand Rapids Sunday School -**  
Dear Parents - This year the children in our program will again receive a gift from the consistory. The 1st and 2nd graders will receive a Psalter and a Bible. The others will receive a gift of up to \$10.00 per student to spend on books at Reformation Heritage Books (RHB) located at 2965 Leonard Street NE, Grand Rapids, 49525. Store hours are Monday through Friday 8:30-5:00 and Saturday 9:00-1:00. An account for this purpose has been set up with RHB. Just bring this note or some proof of your membership at our GRFRC. The church directory will suffice. If you prefer to shop on line you can access their website to do so. <http://www.heritagebooks.org/> If ordering by phone or online be sure to indicate that you are part of the Sunday School program. The Sunday School will also be collecting a donation for our sponsor child from Guatemala. This will be taken December 18 and 25. Please help your children to remember.

*Your Sunday School Teachers*



<b>Nursery</b>		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Melanie Vander Boon	Bekah Huckstead
	Renee Langerak	Abbie Dykema
Evening	Amanda Venlet	Hannah Kleyn
	Aileen Rittner	Anita Wielhouwer
Next Week		
Morning	Julie Spaans	Betsy Timmer
	Julie Timmer	Lily Rittner
Evening	Ingrid Van Liere	Laura Hults
	Tamara Matze	Abby Vander Boon
December	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

<b>Ushers</b>		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Pete Van Strien	Bill Moerdyk
Next Week	Tom Karel Jr.	Sam Moerdyk

<b>Offerings</b>			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Building Fund	Word & Deed
Next Week	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Mediterranean Mission

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