December 13, 2020

Order of Worship

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 232: all Psalter 322:2, 4

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 257:1, 2, 3

Reading of the Law Reading of Scripture

Psalter 362
Pastoral Prayer

Psalter* 235

Sermon Prayer

Psalter* 262

Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 315

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 266

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 140 Apostles' Creed Pastoral Prayer Psalter* 303 Sermon Prayer

Psalter* 362 Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 196

*Please stand if you are able.

Sermon:

Sermon: The Virgin Birth

Simeon Sees the Lord's Salvation

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

Text: Luke 2:30

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 Text: Luke 1:26-38

Church Family

Homebound:

Remember in Prayer:

Mrs. Barb Kwekel Pastor Al Martin Miss Ruth Post Mrs. Esther Richards Mrs. Lorraine Slopsema Mr. John Beute Mr. Bob Timmer Mr. Jim VanderGraaf Mrs. Laurina VanderSloot

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The congregation extends sympathy to Dave and Sherry Klaasen and their family with the sudden loss of Sherry's son, Joseph Ockert, this past Tuesday. A private funeral service will be held this Wednesday, with Dr. Jerry Bilkes officiating. May the Lord give much comfort and peace to Dave and Sherry and the whole family.

We welcome into membership, Andrew and Hannah Timmer, with their infant son, Jack. Hannah joins us as a full member, and Andrew as a baptized member. May the Lord bless their family in our congregation.

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Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

December 13 (Today) 4 PM Youth Group Meeting via Zoom.

December 19 (Saturday) 2 PM Neighborhood Outreach.

December 25 (Friday) 9:30 AM Christmas Day Service led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes.

December 28 (Monday) 7 PM Deacons Meeting.

December 31 (Thursday) 7 PM Old Year's Night Service led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes.

January 1 (Friday) 9:30 AM New Year's Day Service led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes

January 2 (Saturday) 7 AM Men's Group Bible Study. We will meet in the cafeteria at PRTS.

Other News

- From the Education Committee: Dear Parents This year, the students in our Sunday School program will again receive a gift from the Consistory. The 1st Graders will receive a Psalter, and 2nd Graders will receive a Bible. All other students will receive a gift certificate for up to \$10.00 to use toward books at Reformation Heritage Books. RHB carries a wide variety of edifying and interesting books for children and young people, and we encourage you to put these certificates to use!
- Youth Group: If you or your child would like to be added to the contact list for Youth Group, please reach out to Corbin Prince or Will Thies. If you have a child that will be in Youth Group in the future and would like to hear about some of the events before your child attends, please let us know that as well. You may also follow our Facebook page (FRC Grand Rapids Youth Group) if you would like to see Youth Group updates and events.
- · We are thankful for the expedited approval of Pastor David Kranendonk's religious worker visa. He and his family are now permitted to emigrate as soon as they are ready to do so. The Lord willing, he will be in our midst in January, as he is scheduled to teach a course at PRTS from January 11-15.

Congregational Life

- Today, Student Jeff Overduin will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Stephen Myers will lead our evening worship service.
- Beginning today, we will resume seating in the sanctuary as it was earlier in November. The two socially distanced areas in the back of the main sanctuary will remain the same as before, and all other rows will be open for seating.
- Next week, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Michael Barrett will lead our evening worship service.
- Next Sunday morning, the sacrament of *Holy Baptism* will be administered to *Oliver David*, son of Matt & Katelynn Bazen; *Michael Alexander*, son of Alejandro & Lydia Calderon; *Harrison William*, son of Kenny & Jill Remijn; *William Robert*, son of Michael & Katie Seal; *Jack Robert*, son of Andrew & Hannah Timmer; *Chloe Jane*, daughter of Philip & Brittany Vergunst; and *Zhixing Nathan*, son of Jason & Eunice Zhao.
- There will be a Christmas Day Service, led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes, on Friday, December 25 at 9:30 AM.
- From the Deacons: If you are currently using our donation envelope system, envelopes for 2021 will be in your mailbox before January 1. If you do not currently use donation envelopes and would like to request them, please see one of the deacons before the end of December.
- Mr. Angus Murray has requested and been sent his membership papers. May the Lord bless him under His Word as he worships elsewhere.
- Dear Congregation, The Consistory wishes each of you a blessed year end as we remember the love of God to sinners with the Gift of His beloved Son. How precious is the gospel, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). We also pray for the Lord's continued blessings among us under His Word in 2021.

As many of you know, after contracting COVID-19 a few weeks ago, Pastor Macleod has struggled to regain both physical and mental energy. For this reason, we are joining the pastor's study leave with his vacation time to give him an extended break. The Lord willing, he and his family will return on January 15. We commend our pastor and his family to the Lord, as well as to your love and prayers, and pray that this vacation time will be profitable and refreshing (1 Thess. 5:12, 13). Please direct all of your pastoral concerns to your district elder during this time.

Meditation

HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Many persons, if they are asked what they understand by salvation, will reply, "Being saved from hell and taken to heaven." This is one result of salvation, but it is not one tithe of what is contained in that boon. It is true, our Lord Jesus Christ does redeem all His people from the wrath to come; He saves them from the fearful condemnation which their sins had brought upon them; but His triumph is far more complete than this. He saves His people "from their sins." Oh! Sweet deliverance from our worst foes. Where Christ works a saving work, He casts Satan from his throne and will not let him be master any longer. No man is a true Christian if sin reigns in his mortal body. Sin will be *in* us – it will never be utterly expelled till the spirit enters glory; but it will never have *dominion*. There will be a striving for dominion – a lusting against the new law and the new spirit which God has implanted – but sin will never get the upper hand so as to be absolute monarch of our nature.

Christ will be Master of the heart, and sin must be mortified. The Lion of the tribe of Judah shall prevail, and the dragon shall be cast out. Is sin subdued in you? If your *life* is unholy, your *heart* is unchanged, and if your heart is unchanged, you are an unsaved person. If the Savior has not sanctified you, renewed you, given you a hatred of sin and a love of holiness, He has done nothing in you of a saving character. The grace which does not make a man better than others is a worthless counterfeit. Christ saves His people, not *in* their sins, but *from* them. "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." If not saved from sin, how shall we hope to be counted among His people? Lord, save me now from all evil, and enable me to honor my Savior.

Charles Spurgeon

Sermon Notes

Nursery				
Today				
Morning				
Evening				
Next Week				
Morning				
Evening				

Ushers				
	Morning	Evening		
Today	Steve Kleyn	Kenny Remijn		
Next Week	Mark Moerdyk	Jerry Phillips		

Offerings					
Today	General	Education	Free Reformed Missions, Int'l.		
Next Week	General	Building	Edison Christian Life Services		
Christmas Day: Seminary					

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