

January 31, 2016

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Church Family

## Order of Worship

### Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 428:1, 2, 5, 6

### Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 166:1, 2, 3, 4

Reading of the Law

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 143:1, 4

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 222:4, 5, 7, 9

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 186: 1, 2, 3

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 292:1, 5

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

### The Prayer God Will Hear

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Text: Luke 11:1-13 Lord's Day 45

### Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 241:1, 3, 7, 9

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 415:2, 7, 10

Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 243:1, 2, 5, 15

Sermon

Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 124:1, 2, 4, 7

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 50

Sermon:

**Series Title:** The Mediator of the Everlasting Covenant (2)

### The Baptism of Christ

Scripture: Matthew 3

Text: Matthew 3:13-17

### Homebound:

Mrs. Elsie Arnoudse

Mrs. Fran Hekman

Mrs. Dorothy Hitchcock

Mrs. Barb Kwekel

Mrs. Florence Langerak

Mrs. Esther Richards

Mr. Harm Slopsema

Mrs. Mina Van't Hof

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vanden Toorn

Mrs. Gertrude VanderGraaf

Mrs. Marian VerHage

### Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

I would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards, emails and other tokens of love sent my way at the time of my dear husband Terry's passing. Your kindness and love is much appreciated.

*Cathie Atkinson*

Please welcome seminary family Eduardo Martorano, Naudy, and their daughter, Amaia from Venezuela. They live at 1749 North Greenfield Circle NE Apt. 201; Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Their phone number is 616-780-9569. Eduardo's e-mail: emartorano@gmail.com They will be in District #2. Eduardo is studying at PRTS.

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Dear Friends at Free Reformed Church, - At the start of 2016 we are especially *grateful* for your partnership. Your faithful prayer and financial support of the *Pregnancy Resource Center* makes a life-saving difference (both physically and eternally) in our community. We can't do this work without you!

# Meditation

## CORRUPTION OF THE WILL

There is a weakness in the will of men. They cannot will what is spiritually good and acceptable to God. They cannot produce one act of the will that is holy, till grace change their wills, no more can a dead man produce his own resurrection; for we are by nature without strength. "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to think anything of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." They may with the foolish virgins, desire grace, but they do desire it in a carnal manner. Matthew 25.

We have an aversion to good. We are naturally backward, and therefore must be drawn. How unwilling is the flesh to be drawn out of its element into another, so we are to leave our own ways. 'ye will not come to me," said the Savior. "That ye might have life."

There is a proneness to evil, a woeful bent of the will to carry it to sin. "My people," says God, "are bent on backsliding from me." Hence they are mad upon their idols. Place Christ and the devil, life and death, duty and sin, before them, leave the will to itself, it will naturally run to evil, as the water runs down a steep place.

There is a contrariety in the will, to the will of God. "Because the carnal mind in enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be." Hence it is enough for us in this state to will anything that God forbids it. Even the heathen confessed that men were disposed to desire unlawful things, and rush upon things forbidden. Strip sin naked from all its profits and pleasure that may attend it, yet the sinner will court sin for its own sake.

There is contumacy in it. The will is willful or obstinate in evil. The man will not be turned, though he should run upon the sword-point of vengeance. "Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit, for why will you die, of house of Israel?" Un-renewed sinners, like the Leviathan, "counts darts as stubble, and laugh at the shaking of the spear." Yea, they say in opposition to the curse, "we shall have peace, though we walk in the imagination of our heart, to add drunkenness to thirst."---This is that corruption which we have derived from Adam, by whose fall all the faculties of our souls were corrupted and distorted: and our will in particular made wholly the devil's captive, not to be delivered, -- but by the day of power

*T. Boston*

# 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.

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"Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:  
thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress;  
have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer."

*Psalm 4:1*

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## Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will conduct our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services, DV.
- The Sunday School (Beginners - 7th Grade) Psalter of the month is #417. Please review with your children. Next month's Psalter is #370.
- *Mission Update* - The directors of FRMI are very encouraged by the initiative taken by the YPS of Fenwick to stage a fund raising rally for the benefit of Camp Canaan. This camp was first made known to us in 2014 with the hope the YP Societies would take it on as a project and that is starting to happen. We encourage all the young people to get involved. Consider attending the rally in Fenwick.
- *Word & Deed update* - On March 6, 2015, the Luke Society Hospital in the Dominican Republic opened its doors—a day long-anticipated by Dr. Silvia Martinez, her team and the many people involved in building and funding the hospital. For the past ten months, they have been reaching out to those in need and sharing the Gospel with those who come through their hospital doors. By working alongside local churches and community leaders they are able to provide holistic (physical, spiritual, and emotional) care to the people there. Self-sufficiency is also a goal. They see an opportunity to serve several classes of people, and some of them will be able to pay for the services that the hospital offers, generating an income. Pray that the Great Physician will use this hospital to bring spiritual and physical healing into the lives of many!



<b>Nursery</b>		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Aileen Rittner Karen Vander Sloot	Martha Markwat Naysi Pennings
Evening	Heidi Pronk Shona Murray	Maddie Prince Deanna Pennings
Next Week		
Morning	Liz Prince Alexandra Sijtsma	Jen Klaasen Audrey Bilkes
Evening	Sarah Walkotten Annelise Moerdyk	Hannah Kleyn Amy Murray
January	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

<b>Ushers</b>		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Tom Karel Jr.	Sam Moerdyk
Next Week	Andrew Bergsma	Joel Markwat

<b>Offerings</b>			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Mediterranean Mission
Next Week	General Fund	Seminary Fund	Fellowship Chapel

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