

March 17, 2024

Order of Worship

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 100: all

Psalter 345: all

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 51

Reading of the Law

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 140:1, 2, 3

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter* 69:1, 2, 5, 6

Sermon

Lord's Supper Form & Psalter 417:1-2

Lord's Supper

Prayer

Benediction*

Doxology – Psalter* 280:1

**Please stand if you are able.*

Sermon:

Jesus in the Midst

Scripture: John 19:1-18

Text: John 19:18

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 269

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 109

Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Psalter* 311

Sermon

Prayer

Psalter* 427:7, 8

Benediction*

Doxology – Psalter* 315

Sermon:

Living Sacrifices

Scripture: Romans 12

Text: Romans 12:1-2

Church Family

Homebound:

Mrs. Rieka Bouwer

Mrs. Marilyn Gaunt

Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Betty Kooyers

Mrs. Esther Richards

Mrs. Lorraine Slopsema

Mr. Teunis VanderGraaf

Remember in Prayer:

Mrs. Marilyn Dertien

Mr. Bob Timmer

Mr. Rick VanderVeen

Consistory Members

Elders:	William McQuade (Chairman)	District 1
	Jason Beeke (Vice-Chair)	District 5
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	Ron Rittner	District 3
	Larry Roelofs	District 4
	Dick Spaans	District 2

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	Jim VanderGraaf (Vice-Chair)	District 1
	Rob Baum (Secretary)	District 5
	Tyler Prince (Treasurer)	District 4
	Kenny Remijn	District 2

Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

March 17 (Today) 2 PM & 3 PM Jail Services at Kent County Jail.

March 17 (Today) 4 PM Youth Group Meeting at church.

Lesson: John 7 **Snack:** Remijn and VanderBoon

March 20 (Wednesday) 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal & Israel presentation at GCA.

March 25 (Monday) 7 PM Deacons Meeting.

March 26 (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Morning Ladies Bible Study.

March 26 (Tuesday) 7 PM Evening Ladies Bible Study. This will be our last meeting for the season.

March 28 (Thursday) 6:45 PM Elders Meeting.

March 29 (Friday) 7 PM Good Friday Service led by Dr. David Kranendonk.

Other News

- **From the Dorcas Guild:** Our project for the month of March is collecting items for the Sunset Gap Food Pantry. Sunset Gap is where our youth group will be going on their mission trip later this month, and we would like to collect items to send along with them. You may place your donations in the bin in the narthex.
- The annual *Reach the Forgotten Dinner* (formerly Forgotten Man Mission) will take place on **Tuesday, April 16**. If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please contact Bill & Cheryl Moerdyk **by April 4**.
- **Advanced Notice:** The Hosanna Choir will present a concert on **Friday, April 19 at 8 PM** at Mayflower Congregational Church. Tickets for the concert will be limited due to the seating capacity of the church. Tickets are available through the office at Grace Christian Academy. More information will be available soon.
- **Word & Deed Prayer Request – Haiti:** The situation in Haiti continues to deteriorate with gang activity escalating. Blocked roads, attacks, random shootings, and excessive gunfire have led the country to declare an ongoing state of emergency. The risk to students, staff, and leadership of Adoration Christian School, Word & Deed's partner, is significant and the school will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Adoration consistently asks for one thing – that we pray for them! They are worried and fear for their safety but share in the knowledge that our Lord is in control. Please continue to remember the Adoration community in prayer.

Congregational Life

- Today, Dr David Kranendonk will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our evening worship service.
- This morning, the celebration of the Lord's Supper will take place in our midst. Those who are full or associate members may sit at the Lord's Table. Regular attendees and visitors who are confessing members in good standing in a recognized church, desiring to partake of the Lord's Supper with us for the first time, are asked to meet briefly with the consistory before this morning's service, if they were unable to come last Wednesday. In addition to the front pews and chairs around the table, **the second pew on either side of the main sanctuary** will be open for overflow seating, if needed.
- Next week, Dr. A. Neele will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our evening worship service.
- The Sunday School/Catechism Psalter of the month for March is **Psalter 217:1 & 2**.
- **From the Deacons:** As we look ahead to assisting our families with the cost of Christian education again this fall, we would like to let you know that the **Education Fund** balance is low and in need of additional funds. The fund is about \$7,000 below the balance needed to assist our families, based on what we have been able to distribute in the past years. We commend today's collection to you, as well as future collections over the next months. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the deacons. Thank you for your continued support of this important fund.
- Our congregation will have a Fellowship Meal on **Wednesday, March 20 at 5:45 PM** at Grace Christian Academy. Please RSVP to Jamie Beeke at JLBeeke@yahoo.com or 616.299.3369 **by noon on Monday, March 18**, with how many from your family will be attending. After dinner, Pastor David Zadok of the Grace & Truth Congregation in Israel will take us to Israel via a half hour presentation, showing the impact of the current war, the opportunities it is creating for the churches there, and the ways in which the gospel is spreading.
- **Family Camp:** Save the date! Family Camp will take place from **August 5-7** this year. More details will be coming soon.
- Ms. Sandy Weir has requested and been sent her membership papers, as she has moved out of state. May the Lord bless her in her new home.

COMING TO THE MERCY SEAT

‘He will reprove the world of sin...because they believe not on me.’ The word ‘reprove’ is an old English word which is the same meaning as ‘convince’ (see Job 6:25; Psalm 50:21). The Spirit convinces – that is, he gives to the soul a sight and a sense of sin. Just as at the great day, in which Enoch’s prophecy declares that the Lord as Judge will ‘convince all that are ungodly...of all their ungodly deeds...and of all their hard speeches,’ so now, when the Spirit comes into the soul, he makes the sinner see and feel the tremendous evil of sin.

The Spirit shows the sinner that by his unbelief he was all along virtually refusing to take pardon for his sins, thrusting the Savior from him and saying, 'Away with him! Away with him! Trouble me not!' He was resolving to go up to the judgment seat with all his guilt upon him. And thus, he was refusing peremptorily to part with his corruptions and his sinful nature, he was determining to remain unholy and impure, for there is no beginning of holiness until sin is pardoned.

Oh, what an abyss of evil is revealed to the sinner in the hour when the Spirit convinces him, as Christ says, 'of sin, because he believes not on me.' No wonder the three thousand souls (men, women, and children) on the day of Pentecost so cried out in fear and anguish of heart, when the Spirit silently, but with almighty power, showed this sin of unbelief and charged it home on each, while Peter pointed to the crucified Son of God.

Reader, have you ever felt your need of salvation? Have you ever sought it, as one who must obtain it – or perish? When a sinner is first brought to feel sin to be a burden – when he feels wrath abiding upon his soul, and that his whole past life has been a life without God – his question is, ‘What must I do to be saved? Is it possible that my sin can ever be forgiven by a God who is angry with the wicked every day?’ The awakened publican’s cry is, ‘O God, be merciful to me!’ And this cry finds God in the very attitude of grace, proclaiming his name, ‘the Lord, the Lord God, merciful,’ and pointing to the Savior on the throne of grace, where we may obtain mercy.

You must come as a sinner. You must come with nothing but sin. On the day of atonement, the priest in Israel who came forward to the mercy seat laid down nothing but sin on that blood-sprinkled lid. He showed a sinner's way of coming to the Lord, and yet he brought nothing whatsoever but sin, to be laid down there. So, the sinner, in coming to the mercy seat, brings nothing but sin. He confesses the sin he was born with, 'Behold! I was shapen in iniquity,' and lays it down on the sprinkled blood. He confesses his inheritance of corruption from Adam and lays it down on that mercy seat.

Sermon Notes

N u r s e r y			
Today	Baby	Toddler	Helper
Morning	Tammy Timmer	Maria Van Seters	Louisa Haab
Evening	Sarah Walkotten	Mckinley Remijn	Josephine Haab
Next Week	Baby	Toddler	Helper
Morning	Michelle Bilkes	Bethany Carlson	Emma Prince
Evening	Hannah Kaptein	Kaylee Roelofs	Hope Roelofs

U s h e r s		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Dan Roelofs	Corbin Prince
Next Week	Jerry Phillips	Greg Oliver

O f f e r i n g s		
Today	General	Education
Next Week	General	Denominational

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