

March 21, 2021

## Order of Worship

### Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 268  
Reading of the Law  
Reading of Scripture  
Pastoral Prayer  
Psalter\* 69:1-3  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Psalter 243:10-14  
Lord's Supper  
Prayer  
Psalter\* 304:1, 2, 3, 5  
Benediction\*  
Doxology - Psalter\* 228:3

\*Please stand if you are able.

#### Sermon:

**The Smiting of Christ**  
*The Character of Christ* (9)

Scripture: Zechariah 13

Text: Zechariah 13:7

### Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 357: all  
Psalter 350:2, 3

### Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 255  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 193:1, 5, 6  
Apostles' Creed  
Pastoral Prayer  
Psalter\* 96  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Psalter\* 302  
Benediction\*  
Doxology - Psalter\* 176:1, 2

#### Sermon:

**The Hereafter of Christ**  
*The Character of Christ* (10)

Scripture: Daniel 7:9-14  
Matthew 26:57-68

Text: Matthew 26:64

## Church Family

### Homebound:

Mrs. Barb Kwekel  
Pastor Al Martin  
Miss Ruth Post  
Mrs. Esther Richards  
Mrs. Lorraine Slopsema  
Mr. Teunis VanderGraaf

### Remember in Prayer:

Mrs. Ruth Langerak  
Mr. Bill Moerdyk  
Mr. Bob Timmer  
Mrs. Laurina VanderSloot  
Mrs. Minnie Ann VanKempen

### Serving our Country:

Weston Kleyn  
Calvin Vlietstra

### Home Missionary:

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## Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

**March 21** (Sunday) 4 PM Youth Group Meeting at church.

**Topic:** Depression & Anxiety      **Snack:** Markwat and VanderBoon

**March 22** (Monday) 7 PM Deacons Meeting.

**March 23** (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Morning Ladies Bible Study. Coffee will be at 9:45, with the lesson starting at 10 AM.

**March 23** (Tuesday) 7 PM Evening Ladies Bible Study.

**March 24** (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by the elders.

**March 24** (Wednesday) 8:15 PM Confession of Faith Class.

**March 28** (Sunday) 8 PM Youth Group Singing at church after the evening service. **Snack:** Kleyn

**March 31** (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Student Geoff Otten.

**March 31** (Wednesday) 8:15 PM Meeting Regarding Potential FRC Preaching Station.

**March 31** (Wednesday) 8:30 PM Confession of Faith Class.

**April 2** (Friday) 7 PM Good Friday Service led by Dr. Stephen Myers.

## Other News

• **Meeting Regarding Potential FRC Preaching Station:**

Several months ago, we surveyed the congregation regarding a potential preaching station, promising to act on the results. Our congregation is large enough to consider an additional location, and the results of the survey indicated most interest to be southwest of our current building.

The congregation has changed with families joining and others leaving since the survey was taken. The consistory desires to move forward with a prospective daughter church plant and needs to determine the level of interest and commitment among our current members to know how to proceed.

We would like to ask anyone interested to come to a meeting on **Wednesday, March 31** after our prayer meeting. The meeting will begin at 8:15 PM. If you are interested, but are unable to attend, please contact the consistory clerk, Henk Kleyn, prior to the meeting.

The Consistory

## Congregational Life

- Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services today.
- This morning, the celebration of the Lord's Supper will take place in our midst. Those who are full or associate members in our congregation 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 third pew on either side of the main sanctuary will be open for additional seating.
- Dr. Jerry Bilkes is preaching in Providence Reformed Church in Grand Rapids this morning, and in the Kalamazoo preaching station this evening.
- Next week, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our morning worship service and Pastor Macleod will lead our evening worship service.
- There will be no Sunday School/Catechism classes today. The Psalter of the month for March is **Psalter 387:1, 3 & 5**.
- The Youth Group hopes to re-start their hymn sings after church on Sunday nights. We plan to have the first two at church (March 28 and April 25) to allow for more space but hope to resume singing in various homes beginning in May. If you would be willing to host for one of these, please contact Lauren Bilkes at [laurenbilkes@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbilkes@gmail.com).
- There will be a *Good Friday Service* led by Dr Stephen Myers on **Friday, April 2 at 7 PM**.
- Ben and Ingrid Van Liere, with their five baptized children, have requested that their membership be transferred to Langley FRC. We wish them the Lord's blessing as they begin their ministry there.
- **Ordination & Installation of Candidate Ben Van Liere**  
The Lord willing, Candidate Ben Van Liere will be ordained and installed as pastor and teacher in Langley FRC on **Friday, April 2 at 2:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (5:30 PM our time)**. This service will be officiated by Rev. Pieter VanderMeyden. You are invited to view this service via SermonAudio at the following link:  
[www.sermonaudio.com/source\\_detail.asp?sourceid=frclangley](http://www.sermonaudio.com/source_detail.asp?sourceid=frclangley)

# Meditation

## WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?

*"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." ~ John 6:66-69*

Both the Bible and experience testify that believers do oftentimes go away from Christ. The same lips that said: 'My Lord, and my God,' are often found saying: 'I will go after my lovers.' But this passage plainly shows that it needs but the word of the tender Savior to reach the heart of the backslider, and he says: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.'

Two reasons are here given why the believer cleaves to Christ.

1. 'Thou hast the words of eternal life.' To unconverted minds, the words of Christ are hard sayings; to his own, they are tried words - words of eternal life. The very thing that drives the world away from Christ, draws his own disciples closer and closer to him. The world is offended when it hears of Christ dwelling in the soul - the Christian draws nearer, and says: Lord, evermore dwell in me. The world walks no more with Jesus when it hears that it is all of grace - the Christian bows in the dust and blesses God, who alone has made him to differ: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.' Dear friends, try yourselves by this. Are the words of Christ to you hard sayings, or are they the words of eternal life? Oh! May God enable you to judge fairly of your case.
  2. 'We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.' Ah! It is this that rivets the believing soul to Christ - the certain conviction that Christ is a divine Savior. If Christ were only a man like ourselves, then how could he be a surety for us? He might suffer in the stead of one man, but how could he suffer in the stead of thousands? Ah! But I believe and am sure that he is the Son of the living God, and therefore I know he is a sufficient surety for me. To whom else can I go for pardon? If Christ were only a man like ourselves, then how could he dwell in us, or give the Spirit to abide with us forever? But we believe and are sure that he is that Christ, the Son of the living God, and therefore we know he is able to dwell in us and put the Spirit in us forever. To whom, then, can I go for a new heart but unto Christ? O dear brethren! Have you been thus taught? Then blessed are ye; 'for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto you, but my Father which is in heaven.' Hold fast by this sure faith - you cannot be too sure, and then you will never, never go away from Christ.

Some of you are very wavering in your life, like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed; at one time cast upon the shore, at another time running back into the sea. There is no decision about your Christianity or about your holiness. Why is this? It is unbelief. Oh! If you would believe and be sure, then you would never depart from him. You would say: 'To whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.' *Robert Murray McCheyne*

## Sermon Notes

N u r s e r y		
Today		
Morning	April Vlietstra Mary Cogbill	Eliza Thies Kennedy Remijn
Evening	Gerjanne Otten Maddie Prince	Maria VanSeters Lily Rittner
Next Week		
Morning	Trisha Nagelkerke Courtney Prince	Tammy Timmer Cheryl Tiesenga
Evening	Abbie Westrate Hannah Timmer	Melanie VanderBoon Lydia Braam

**Good Friday:** Grace Haaksma, Gabby Karel, Hope Roelofs

U s h e r s		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Mark Moerdyk	Kenny Remijn
Next Week	Jerry Phillips	Steve Kleyn

O f f e r i n g s			
Today	General	Youth Group Mission Trip	Mediterranean Mission
Next Week	General	Family Camp	Come Over & Help

**Good Friday:** Come Over & Help

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