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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; I believe an holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



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Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

To listen to the service live, visit sermonaudio.com/firstprc

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Morning Worship Service

Prelude
Call to Prayer / Silent Prayer
*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen
*Votum and Salutation
*Psalter # 175
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17
*Psalter # 217
Prayer
Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund
*Psalter # 339
Scripture: Isaiah 6
Text: HC, L.D. 31
Sermon: "The Kingdom Key of the
Preaching of the Holy Gospel"
1. Its Identity
2. Its Function
3. Its Necessity
Prayer
*Psalter # 176
*Doxology: Psalter # 196
*Benediction
Postlude
* Congregation Standing

Evening Worship Service

Prelude
Call to Prayer / Silent Prayer
*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Votum and Salutation
*Psalter # 121
*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin.)
*Psalter # 290
Prayer
Offertory: Eastside Christian, Domestic
Missions
*Psalter # 203
Scripture: Ruth 1
Text: Ruth 1:14-18
Sermon: "The Confession of Ruth"
1. Bold
2. Beautiful
3. Blessed
Prayer
*Psalter # 306
*Doxology: Psalter # 197
*Benediction
Postlude

Volunteer Schedule

Nursery this week:

AM: Mary Baldwin, Nancy Talsma, Andrea Monsma

PM: Cynthia Quenga, Mary Kortz, Elizabeth/Anna Kortz

Next Sunday:

AM: Jackie DeVries, Lisa VanderSloot, Josie VanderSloot

PM: Deb Baldwin, Stephanie Adams

Greeters this week:

AM: Pete & Dana VanPutten

PM: Brian & Shelly VanderKolk

Library this week: Stephanie Vink

Ushers: AM- Amos Herring, Dave Monsma

Transportation for November: Holland Home-Dan Pastoor, Audrey Dykstra-Rog Meyer, Kay Ezinga-

Dave Monsma, Mark Voortman-Tim Hop, Lois Wigger-Philip Kleyn

Our Church Family

Tim and Jill Hop were blessed with the birth of a son, Tyler Samuel, on Friday, October 30th. ".....that she bare a son and called his name Samuel, saying, because I have asked him of the Lord." 1 Samuel 1:20b.

Confession of Faith: The public confessions of faith of Rachel Corson and Lydia Monsma will take place in the evening worship service today, D.V.

Congratulations to Mr. George Slopsema who will be 90 on Friday, November 6, DV.

First Church News

Coffee will be served downstairs after this morning's service.

Young Peoples will meet downstairs immediately after this morning's service.

Catechism Assignments: Heidelberg- Lesson 34 (memory & written work); Essentials-Lesson 19b (memory & worksheet); Canons-Head 1, Section A, Art. 12ff; Bible History-Lesson 8 (memory & worksheet)

The Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 PM to discuss Genesis 39, "Joseph's Trial and Victory in Temptation." Study sheets have been placed in the church mailboxes of those who have been attending. Additional copies are in the pamphlet rack.

Consistory meets Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday evening offering: Adams Christian, Building Maint. Fund

Updates: The 2015 edition of the PRCA Church Order book is available. A complete set of replacement pages is \$4.00 or a new binder with the new 2015 edition of the Church Order is \$10.00 are available for ordering. An order sheet can be found in the narthex by our mailboxes (on a clipboard). Our consistory will send in a group order to the synodical stated clerk this week.

The Request Night program will be held on Sunday evening, November 15. The Young People's Society is helping with the program and lunch and an offering will be taken for the 2016 Young People's Convention.

This year at Request Night, anyone who has ever attended a Young People's Convention is being requested to join the young people in singing a well-known Psalter number. There have been many conventions since the first one was held in 1939 and it would be enjoyable to have various ages represented in this group! If you are willing to help out, please plan to meet next Sunday after the

morning service to practice for a few minutes. Also, if anyone has group pictures from past conventions that could be borrowed, it would be appreciated. Please write the date of the convention on the back of the photos (if known) with your name and put them in the slot by the mailboxes.

Announcements

Rev. Peter Breen, one of our emeritus pastors, was taken by the Lord from his earthly sojourn into eternal glory with Him last week Sunday morning, October 25. His sojourn measured 96 years. A memorial service was held at Southwest PRC last week Thursday with Rev. W. Langerak officiating. May the Lord comfort Mrs. Pauline Breen with her family in our hope of the resurrection and life everlasting in our Lord Jesus Christ alone.

Rev. G. Eriks declined the call from the Doon PRC to serve in the foreign mission work in the Philippines.

The Classis of the Protestant Reformed Churches in the Philippines met yesterday, Saturday, October 31. One of the main items on the agenda for the classis was the consideration of a request from the Maranatha Protestant Reformed congregation (Valenzuela, Metro Manila) to join the federation with the Berean PRC (Masinag, Metro Manila) and the First PRC (Muzon, Bulacan).

SMOKED MEAT SALE: Due to a scheduling conflict, the Grace YP Smoked Meat Sale will be extended for 2 weeks. *Please place your orders by Monday, Nov. 9 for pickup on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 3-5 PM* at Hope School. We are offering amazing smoked pulled pork for \$10/lb & smoked whole fryer chickens for \$10 each. Please call, text or email one of the following committee members to order. Thank you for your support! Sarah Windemuller: (616) 890-0335 or eswin224@gmail.com Liz Langerak: (616) 890-0795 or elangerak6@hotmail.com Mark Langerak (616) 291-1998 or mlangerak@hotmail.com.

All girls in 8th grade-college/post high school please join us for a girls night at Georgetown PRC. It will be an evening of fun, faith, and good food. We have received a gift from a donor- they will be providing us with sub sandwiches for dinner. We will also have other delicious food and a make your own ice cream sundae bar. So, come on over early and enjoy a delicious dinner with friends. The fun will begin at 5:30 pm now to allow time to eat. Please invite your friends and sign up soon! We can't wait to see you on Friday, November 13 from 5:30-9:30pm to grow in our faith together. Reminder, this is a FREE event.

Young Calvinists will host a Talking Points event on November 14 at 7:00 pm in the small gym at Heritage Christian School (Hudsonville, MI). Professor R. Dykstra will speak on the kingdom building philosophy that is widespread in Christian colleges and churches today. The speech will address how to deal with this error from a Reformed and biblical perspective. The speech is intended for young people and young adults. All young people and young adults, whether planning to attend college or not, are invited to attend. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the speech.

Join the Hope PRC Young People at the Rainbow Grill on November 18! Come to the Hudsonville or Grandville locations for breakfast, lunch or dinner to help raise funds for the 2016 convention.

Trinity YP are once again selling their delicious home-made subs. Choices are ham/cheese or cold cut (ham, bologna, salami, cheese). They sell for \$3.00/piece or \$30.00/dozen. To order, please contact Brenda Griess at 616-566-7121 or sgriess@charter.net. Or contact a Trinity Young Person to place your order! All proceeds will go toward the 2016 convention.

The Young People's Thanksgiving Mass Meeting will be held at Faith PRC on November 22 at 2 pm with a speech given by Rev. Smit. All young people are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and growth.

NEW RFPA BOOK - Gottschalk: Servant of God, *A Story of Courage, Faith, and Love for the Truth* by Connie L. Meyer. This history occurred during the Dark Ages, the days of knights and castles and kings and queens, of monasteries, Vikings, and monks. But one monk stood out from all the rest. One monk stood firm for the truth he believed though no one stood with him at all. This is the story of Gottschalk of Orbais, a French monk who lived in the ninth century and suffered for his belief and advocacy of double predestination. This book has been written to be enjoyed by junior high and high school readers. Because the story is intriguing and the history of Gottschalk is not well-known, adults will also enjoy this book and find the reading profitable. This RFPA book will soon be delivered to Book Club members. If you are not a Book Club member and would like to order this book, call 616-457-5970, email paula@rfpa.org, or visit www.rfpa.org.

School News

Providence PRC Young People are once again selling delicious hand dipped caramel apples to help defray the cost of the 2016 YP convention. 4- Caramel apples are \$8 or 4- DELUXE caramel apples are \$10. You can email your order to melonievb@yahoo.com or call/text 616-889-1341. Order deadline is November 2 and pickup is November 7 from 10am-12pm at Providence Church.

Adams Mother's Club meets Thursday, November 5 at 8:00 PM.

Adams Auction: Please join the Adams Chr. Boosters Club at their annual auction held THIS Friday, Nov. 6 at the school. The pig roast dinner and silent auction will begin at 5:30, and the live auction begins at 7pm. We have a lot of great things to offer and we hope to see you there!

The Covenant Christian High School Band will perform their first concert of this school year next week Sunday evening, November 8, at 8:15 pm at Grandville High School.

Heritage Christian School's All School Program will take place on Thursday evening, November 12 at 7 PM. The program, entitled "Heaven Is My Home" will be held at Fair Haven Ministries on the corner of Baldwin and 28th Ave. All are invited to attend this evening of praise to our Heavenly Father.

CCHS 5K Run: Attention runners & walkers! Plans are underway for the first annual CCHS 5K run/walk and Fun Run on Saturday, November 14. Please note the following changes: 5K WALK will start at 8:30, 5K RUN will start at 9:00 and the 1 mile Fun Run will start at 9:30. Come on out for a great morning to enjoy the new CCHS Cross Country Track. Registration forms can be found by going to www.cchsgear.com or by emailing Doug Kaptein (dkaptein32@gmail.com). We are looking forward to a great day to support the CCHS Athletic Boosters.

Please reserve Saturday evening, November 28, 2015 for Heritage Christian School Foundation's annual Evening of Praise to be held at the Grandville High School auditorium. See the bulletin board downstairs for more details.

Adams Christian School continues its annual support drive with a goal of \$115,000. Information has been mailed out. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, you can get one by calling the school office. Please remember this need and send your gift or pledge to the school by Nov. 14, even if you cannot contribute at this time.

Covenant Christian High School's annual deficit drive for the 2015-16 school year began this past week. This year the drive is for \$295,000. Please look for the letter in the mail and help support the education of our young people.

A CD of children's Bible songs, "Come Unto Me" is now available for purchase! Produced by Eric Gritters and some alumni of Covenant Choirs, this CD includes 15 songs for children, including the books of the Bible and many more. The CD sells for \$10 and proceeds benefit CCHS choirs. Available in time for Christmas! There will be a sign up sheet in your church soon!