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

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**Bulletin Announcements**

Announcements are due Thursday by 6 p.m. to:

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**Reformed Witness Hour  
Radio Broadcast**

Sunday, 8 a.m. - 102.9 FM (WFUR)

Sunday, 4 p.m. - 1570 AM (WFUR)

**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.

# The Lord's Day • Sunday, October 9, 2016

## 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 # 128  
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17  
\*Psalter # 64  
Prayer  
Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund  
\*Psalter # 27  
Scripture: Matt 27:47-66  
Text: HC, LD 16  
Sermon: "Christ's Burial"  
1. The Event  
2. The Reasons  
3. The Significance  
Prayer  
\*Psalter # 29  
\*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 # 114  
Prayer  
Offertory: Eastside Christian, Evangelism  
\*Psalter # 84  
Scripture: Proverbs 23  
Text: Gen 9: 18-27  
Sermon: "Fallen Noah's Prophecy Concerning His Sons"  
1. The Sinful Occasion  
2. The Two-Fold Word  
3. The Future Effect  
Prayer  
\*Psalter # 24  
\*Doxology: Psalter # 197  
\*Benediction  
Postlude

## Volunteer Schedule

### Nursery this week:

AM: Kristi Thompson, Andrea Monsma

PM: Linda Young, Lorelei Thompson

### Nursery next Sunday:

AM: Stephanie Vink, Brook Vink, Crista Phelps

PM: Mary Kortz, Anna Kortz, MaryAnne Flier

### Greeters this week

AM: Tom & Greta Newhof

PM: Brian & Shelly VanderKolk

### Next Week

AM: Lubertha Bykerk, Linda Young

PM: (song service) Pete & Dana VanPutten

### Library this week: Lori Pastoor

### Next week: Cheryl Corson

Ushers: AM:- Amos Herring, Dave Monsma PM- Mark Voortman, Philip Rainey

## Our Church Family

Mr. Bill Hofman needed some antibiotics for a lung infection and some fluid removed from his lungs last week at the Lacks Cancer Center. He returned home from the hospital last week Thursday and will need a biopsy procedure for the right side of his lung tomorrow.

Mr. John Flikkema fell and was bruised badly so that he is under special care until he recovers sufficiently to return to his apartment.

## First Church News

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

Catechism Assignments: Bible History- Lesson 5; Heid. Cat.- Lord's Day 5; Essentials- Lesson 3 (memory); Reformed Doctrine-Unity & Perspicuity of Scripture

Women's Bible Study meets this Wednesday, October 12, at 10:00 AM, with coffee available at 9:45. Discussion is on Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan Woman, chapter 25, starting with question 6. Extra copies of study sheets are in the narthex. Refreshments: baked goods - Kaitlyn Tanis, Juice & crackers or fruit - Joan Slopsema. Childcare is provided. Preschool story: Jonah and the Big Fish.

The Reformed Doctrines Class, taught by Prof. Engelsma, will meet this week Wednesday, October 12, at Faith Church in Jenison at 7:45pm. This class will begin a study of the truth of the millennium, setting forth the positive meaning of the thousand years of Revelation 20. All of all ages are welcome to this class of Reformed doctrine.

The Council meets Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday evening offering: Covenant Christian, Byron Center Manor

## Announcements

This is the last day to order the Verse-a-Day calendar from the Loveland PRCS Fundraisers. The order form and flyer are downstairs on the wall by the kitchen. Make checks payable to LPRCS Fundraisers. Direct all questions and payments to Abby Thompson.

Prof. Dykstra's Bible Class will meet Monday at 7:30 in Hope PRC. Discussion will continue on I John 4:18ff. See the Facebook page for more information (Monday Night Bible Class).

The Council of First PRC, Holland, MI has formed a new trio of Rev. N. Decker, Rev. S. Key, and Rev. R. Kley.

The Byron Center PRC, with DMC approval, has presented the trio of Revs. Cory Griess, Brian Huizenga and Clay Spronk to the congregation for domestic missionary. Synod 2016, honored Byron Center's request to be considered for the privilege of being the calling church for this new endeavor. The voting will take place after the evening service on October 9th.

Southwest PRC plans to extend a call for their next pastor on October 9 from a trio of Rev. B. Huizinga, Rev. M. McGeown, and Rev. W. Langerak.

Young Calvinists has planned a 15-20-mile bike outing on Saturday, October 15. We will be meeting at Spring Grove Park in Hudsonville (16th Ave. and Greenly) at 8:45 AM and bike to Zeeland and back. When we get back to Spring Grove we will grill burgers and have a time of singing and devotions. All young people and young adults are encouraged to come and join us for an enjoyable morning!

Singers welcome! The Zeeland Civic Chorus will begin rehearsals for their 77<sup>th</sup> annual performance of Handel's Messiah TODAY, October 9, at 2:15 PM at the First Protestant Reformed Church at 3641 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, Zeeland. Performances will be on Thursday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 6. See [ZeelandCivicChorus.com](http://ZeelandCivicChorus.com) or email [contact@zeelandcivicchorus.com](mailto:contact@zeelandcivicchorus.com) for more information.

Reformation Lecture: How did the Reformation impact Christian marriage and the family? How has the contemporary church once again departed from the Bible's teachings on marriage and family? How ought Christians to respond to the widespread rejection of God's revealed will for marriage and the family? You are invited to hear Prof. Ron Cammenga speak on: "The Reformation's Recovery of Marriage & the Christian Family" on Friday, October 21, 2016 at 7:30p.m., at Kalamazoo PRC, 4515 Green Acres Drive, Kalamazoo, MI.

The doctrine of common grace developed by Abraham Kuyper has had radical and far reaching effects in the Reformed and Presbyterian denominations that have embraced it. Crete PRC is hosting a lecture on Friday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. entitled "The Tipping Point: Common Grace, Worldliness, and the Growing Apostasy in the Church." The speaker will be Prof. Cammenga, professor of Dogmatics and Old Testament Studies at the Protestant Reformed Seminary. The lecture will examine the early reception of the doctrine of common grace and the long term effects that it has had on the church and the Christian schools. Join us at Crete PRC or listen live at [prccrete.org](http://prccrete.org).

Why Girls Get Real Conference: God's Woman God's Way 2016? Feminism crept into our culture years ago. Learn what it is; how it's manifested today; & your duty. Be prepared to receive biblical training and encouragement. Sing-Snack -Sectionals-Share. Invite friends Grades 8-Post High/College. Register at <https://godswoman2016.eventbrite.com>. Now - Nov. 5, 2016

The Covenant Keepers and Covenant Keepers Seniors of Singapore invites all PRC young adults and young people to attend a camp from December 14-17, 2016. Those who are interested can email Daniel Tang at [daniel.tang93@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.tang93@gmail.com). More info about this camp can be found at [www.cerc.org.sg/ckckscamp](http://www.cerc.org.sg/ckckscamp).

Is membership in an instituted church (congregation) *necessary*--not desirable, if convenient, but *necessary*, come what may? And what is the necessity? Is it nothing less than the necessity of salvation itself? These and other questions related to church membership will be answered from scripture and the Reformed creeds by a public lecture in Hope Protestant Reformed Church (Walker, MI) on Friday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Prof. David J. Engelsma, retired professor of theology at the Protestant Reformed seminary. The lecture is sponsored by the Reformed witness committee of Hope church in celebration of Reformation Day. After the speech the speaker will answer questions from the audience. If you are unable to attend, listen online at [sermonaudio.com/hopeprc](http://sermonaudio.com/hopeprc). Refreshments will be served following the lecture.

The Lynden Protestant Reformed Young Adults Society welcomes you to our upcoming retreat to be

held in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. The retreat will be held at Warm Beach Camp and Convention Center, located 40 minutes south of Lynden, WA. The dates are July 3-7, 2017 with activities to be announced in the next few months. Registration will be open in January. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, more information can be found at Facebook page or through email of Kyle Hanko at [kyhanko@gmail.com](mailto:kyhanko@gmail.com).

### School News

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Hope School Circle will be making Pig-in-the-Blankets on Tuesday, Oct 11. Please pick up your orders between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm at school as freezer space is limited. Thanks so much!

Hope School Board will meet this Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 pm.

It is time for our annual Baked Goods Sale at Eastside Christian School. The Baked Goods are homemade and will be packaged unbaked and frozen, with baking instructions included. Perfect to keep in the freezer for the coming holidays! Price is \$6/stick. To order, please email Dana VanPutten [dvanputten@att.net](mailto:dvanputten@att.net) or 616-250-4240. Dates for Pick-up: October 24 and November 4.

2016 Teachers' Convention: All retired and prospective teachers are invited to attend the Protestant Reformed Teachers' Convention to be held this year in Dyer, IN on Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21. The theme of the convention is "God: Above All, Through All, and In All." based on Ephesians 4:4-6. For more information, contact the PRTI secretary, Erika Aalsma ([eaalsma@gmail.com](mailto:eaalsma@gmail.com)).

Join us at the Covenant Christian Craft Show on Saturday, October 29 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will have over 110 vendors showcasing a large variety of homemade goods. Remember to check the baked goods and lunch available also! Admission is \$1 (Students and younger are free). Check our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CCHSCraftShow](http://www.facebook.com/CCHSCraftShow)) for vendor spotlights and giveaways before the show. We can't wait to see you there!

Auction: Adams Christian Boosters Club is planning their annual auction to be held on Friday, Nov. 4 at the school. The pig roast dinner and silent auction will begin at 5pm with the live auction starting at 7pm. Note: we will begin closing our silent auction tables beginning at 6:40 this year so come on time!

Eastside Christian School's annual craft show, Stop & Shop, will be held on Saturday, November 12.

From the Heritage Christian School Board: The 2016 Fall Drive for Heritage Christian School is underway, with information being mailed to all of our supporters. If you do not receive the information, please contact the school. The drive will run through November. Thank you for your continued support of Heritage Christian School.

The Board of Protestant Reformed Special Education is conducting our Fall Drive at this time. This year's drive goal is \$262,500.00. Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause. You should receive a more detailed letter in your home or church mailbox along with a return envelope. You can send your financial gift directly to Protestant Reformed Special Education, 6340 Autumn Dr. Hudsonville, MI 49426. Psalm 139:14 "I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"

Over the next few months, the Board of the Hope Protestant Reformed Christian School will be conducting a Fall Financial Drive. Over 25% of our income used toward covenantal education at Hope is budgeted to come from our Financial Drives. Within the past week, many of you may have been contacted by receiving a letter in the mail. If you have not been notified, and would like to contribute, please call Laurel (616-453-9717), or Steve (616-291-4649).