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**Reformed Witness Hour
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Sunday, 8 a.m. - 102.9 FM (WFUR)

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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.

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The Lord's Day • Sunday, March 11, 2018

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 # 51
 Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17
 *Psalter # 47
 Prayer
 Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund
 *Psalter # 50
 Scripture: Luke 2:21-40; Matt. 16:13-17
 Text: Lord's Day 11
 Sermon: "Whom Say Ye that I am?"
 1. Who He Is
 2. Only Savior
 3. A Two-Fold Response
 Prayer
 *Psalter # 48
 *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 # 408
 *Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin)
 *Psalter # 263
 Prayer
 Offertory: Eastside Christian, Pittsburgh PRC
 Building Fund
 *Psalter # 332
 Scripture: Isaiah 53
 Text: Isaiah 53:3, 4
 Sermon: "What is Your Estimation of Me?"
 1. Rejected of Men
 2. Esteemed Him Not
 3. Proper Estimation
 Prayer
 *Psalter # 187
 *Doxology: Psalter # 197
 *Benediction
 Postlude

Volunteer Schedule

Nurse this week:

AM: Andrea Monsma, Rachel Corson

PM: Abby Thompson, Stephanie Adams, Gabby Phelps

Prayer Day: Stephanie Vink, Jill Hop

Next Sunday:

AM: Lisa Vandersloot, Jose Vandersloot, Crista Phelps

PM: Cathy Hayes, Lorelei Thompson, Abby Vink

Greeters this week

AM: Tim & Kristi Thompson

Prayer Day

Joan Slopsema,

Next Week

AM: Tom & Greta Newhof

PM: Bryan & Nicky Pastoor

Linda Young

PM: Pete & Dana VanPutten

Library this week: Julie Rainey

Next week: Stephanie Vink

Ushers: AM-Randy Corson, Jason Corson

PM-Dan Pastoor, Dave Monsma

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Mrs. Lois Monsma as she celebrates her 83rd birthday next Sunday, March 18th.

Tom Newhof, Jr. was diagnosed with Prostate cancer recently. Test results Tom received today indicated that the cancer has not spread beyond the prostate which was a relief to hear. Treatment will be hormonal therapy administered once every three months for a year and then re-evaluation. Remember Tom and Greta in prayer before the Lord in thanks for this good report and to ask for spiritual and physical strength as Tom yet bears this remaining trial.

Jeff Thompson received some results of tests on his lungs. The doctors found no cancer in the nodule in his lung. Rather, they have determined Jeff has had and still does have a fungal infection in his lungs. This type of infection generally comes from breathing in bat or bird droppings, though Jeff does not know when he would have done that. At this point the doctors are going to wait to see if Jeff's body can fight off the infection. If he cannot then they will give him an intensive treatment to try to remove the infection. We give thanks as a congregation that the Lord has seen fit to withhold cancer from Jeff, and pray that Jeff may return to health in due time, subject to the Lord's good will. Remember the brother and his wife in prayer.

We are continuing to build a church pictorial directory, *to be available for all our members*. Please visit the table in the basement if you would like to view your photo. Please sign the sheet taped on the table if you would like your photo retaken or changed. The committee will be in touch with those families who would like their photo changed.

First Church News

Young Adults and Young People will meet today after the morning service to continue their discussion of Acts. Jason has refreshments.

Women's Bible Study meets this Wednesday, March 14, at 10:00 AM. Bible discussion will be on A Faithful Heart, chapter 5. Because the list of study questions is quite long, we'll omit questions 4,5,7,&9. Extra copies are in the narthex. Refreshments: Melinda Knott - baked goods, Ericka Pastoor - juice & crackers or fruit. Nursery is provided. Preschoolers' story: The Walls of Jericho.

Our annual Prayer Day service is this Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 PM. The offering is for Covenant Chr.—Lynden The Reformed Doctrines Class is canceled this week Wednesday, March 14, because of the Prayer Day service. The class will meet next on March 28.

Material for the Across the Aisle is due next Sunday, March 18.

Next Sunday evening offering: Adams Christian, Heritage PR Church

The Young Calvinists invite all Young People and Young Adults to enjoy an evening of fellowship and spiritual growth at our next Talking Points event! Come to Hope PRC at 7:00 on Tuesday, March 27 to hear Rev. A Lanning speak about "THE FIVE POINTS" and how they relate to the 400th anniversary of the Synod of Dordt and the lives of our young people today. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Announcements

Rev. David Norman was installed as minister of the Word and sacraments in Southwest PRC this past week. We give thanks to the Lord for adding another minister to our denomination.

Classis West met this past Wednesday in Loveland PRC. Routine matters were handled, and elections for Synodical delegates took place.

The upcoming internships of Seminarians Matt Kortus and Jacob Maatman have been confirmed and announced. Sem. Kortus will be interning at Trinity PRC under Rev. N. Decker and his Council and Sem. Maatman will intern at Hudsonville PRC under Rev. G. Eriks and his Council. The internship program runs from July 1 to December 31.

Prof. Dykstra's Bible class will meet Monday in Hope PRC at 7:30 PM.

Soup Supper: Please join the Georgetown PRC Young Peoples for their Soup Supper on Tuesday, March 13 at Georgetown PRC. 5:00-7:00. All proceeds for the 2018 Y.P. Convention. Menu will include soup, salad, baked potato bar, hot dogs, beverages and an ice cream bar. No need to cook, plan on joining us for a great evening of food and fellowship.

The Cornerstone PRC Basketball Fundraiser will be Saturday, March 17 at 12:30pm at the PRCS gym (in Dyer, IN). Please join us for an afternoon of food and fun! The Heritage varsity boys basketball team will be playing ministers and seminarians from our denomination. There will be games for kids and concessions as well. We hope to see you there!"

Culver's restaurant fundraising event will take place on Tuesday, March 20, from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the *Jenison location*. Come join us for a night of fellowship and food! The Trinity PRC Young People's Society will be helping to serve you throughout the 5:00 to 8:00 dinner hour. All tips/donations as well as a percentage of the Culver's evening sales will be donated to the Trinity PRC Young People's Society for the August Young People's Convention. Thank you for your continued support!

The Southwest Pancake Breakfast is back! Please save March 24 (8:00-10:30 am) to join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, and homemade cinnamon rolls. Proceeds help our Young People attend this year's Convention in Minnesota.

The Young People's Easter Mass Meeting will be held at Georgetown PRC on March 25 at 2 pm with a speech given by Prof. Doug Kuiper. All young people are encouraged to attend for a time of fellowship and growth. Refreshments to follow!

The Faith PRC Choir will present a concert on Sunday evening, March 25 at Faith Church. The concert will begin at 7:30 PM. Join us as we praise God in song!

Advanced Notice: 3rd Annual CO-ED Wiffleball Tournament hosted by Hudsonville PRC Young People's society will be held on Saturday, April 21. There will be a Junior High division (requiring 8 players) and a High School/Post High division (requiring 9 players). Cost is \$100/team. RSVP to Heidi Haveman at heidihaveman@gmail.com by April 10!

Please join Southwest Protestant Reformed Church Young People for their annual softball tournament on Saturday, May 26, at Whistlestop Park. This year they are looking for men's teams (\$250 a team) and if there is enough interest, co-ed youth teams (ages 14-18, \$100 a team). They are also looking for sponsors and volunteers to umpire. Deadline for team sign up is April 20. Please contact Jenna Langerak (219) 577-7969 or email at southwestsoftball@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

California Summer Retreat: Hope Redlands is hosting a retreat this summer, July 2-5, 2018. *Registration will open March 31st* at 8am PST, with a limit of 69 attendees, ages 18-35yo. We hope you can attend! For more details and to find the link to register, please visit hopeprc.org and view the Retreat tab. If you have any additional questions, please email either Brad Potjer at bradpotch@hotmail.com or Kayla Feenstra at feenstra.kayla@gmail.com (registration details).

Registration for the 2018 PRYP Convention opens March 15! Convention will be held August 13-17, 2018 at Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, MN. The hosting churches of the Midwest are excited to have you join us for an up-building week of fellowship and fun! For more information and to register, please visit prcconvention.com.

Chaperone & nurse registration for 2018 Young People's Convention hosted by the five Midwest churches is now open! The convention is planned for August 13-17, 2018 at Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, MN. To register, go

to www.prconvention.com, and follow the instructions under the Chaperone or nurse tab. If you have any questions, email us at Chaperone@prconvention.com.

School News

CCHS Blood Drive: The Covenant Chr. High Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, March 13 from 8 AM - 2 PM in the gym. Adults are welcome and no appointment is necessary.

Heritage Christian Fundraisers will be meeting on Thursday, March 15 at 10:00am, at Hudsonville PRC. Nursery will be provided. Hope to see you there!

We welcome you to join us at Adams Christian School's all-school program, "Covered", on Friday, March 23, 7:30 p.m., at Bethany United Reformed Church.

The annual meeting for the Society for Protestant Reformed Secondary Education will be held on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 PM at Covenant Christian High School. New members are encouraged to join at this meeting. Agendas have been mailed to current members. If you would like to receive one, please contact the school office at 453-5048 or office@covenantchristianhs.org.

Covenant Chr. High Concerts: Please join us on Tuesday, March 27 at 8:00 PM for the CCHS Band Concert held at the Hudsonville Fine Arts auditorium and also on Wednesday, March 28, for the CCHS Choir Concert to be held at the Jenison Fine Arts Center at 7:00 PM.

The Covenant Christian Craft Show is accepting handmade booth applications for our show to be held Saturday, October 27, 2018. Application deadline is *April 1*. Please visit www.covenantchristiancraftshow.org for more information and to download an application. Questions? Email covenantchristiancraftshow@gmail.com or call/text Heather Buiters 616-204-6027 or Lydyia Hulst 616-647-7181.

CCHS Foundation assists Covenant Christian High School in providing our children a distinctly reformed education. Support this cause at Taste of Covenant X, Thursday, April 19 at Hudsonville PR Church. Punch bowl is 6:30pm. Dinner follows at 7:15. For details, to make a reservation, or sponsor a table, contact Dewey Engelsma at (616) 635-6147 or by email at dengelsma@hotmail.com.

Reserve Saturday, May 5 for Hope School Foundation's 6th Annual Clay Shoot Event. More details and sign up information will be available in the next few weeks.

The Adams Christian School Foundation will be holding its 29th Annual ACS Foundation Golf Scramble on Monday, May 7 at Egypt Valley CC. Registration is scheduled to start at 12:30 PM followed by the shotgun start at 2 PM. Please note the new start time of 2 PM. New sponsors and teams are welcome to join! Please contact Christian Flikkema (616-638-3535) or Marc Velthouse (616-890-6332) for more details. We hope to see you there!

Protestant Reformed Christian School of Dyer, IN, is seeking applicants for a Discovery Center/resource room teacher and for a junior high teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. These are full-time positions, but we encourage both part time and full time applicants. Please contact the administrator, Ryan VanOverloop, at ryan.vanoverloop@dyerprcs.org or 219-558-2660.

Trinity Christian High School of Hull, IA, is seeking a Bible/church history teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. The position involves other courses, and the school will try to be flexible according to the applicant's areas of expertise. The successful applicant will be a member of the Protestant Reformed Churches and willing to seek Iowa certification. To find out more information or to apply for the position please contact principal Jim Regnerus (jregnerus@trinitychs.org, 712-470-0424) or education committee chairman Craig Hoksbergen (crghoks@outlook.com, 712-441-6139).

The Board of Hope Christian School in Redlands, California is seeking applicants for 2 full-time teaching positions: 1 for high school grades and 1 for junior high grades (including an administrator role with one of these positions) beginning next school year (2018/2019). A kindergarten position is also available. All interested persons should contact Ron VanVoorthuysen (909-499-2350, ron.revco@me.com) or Scott Gaastra (909-910-2673, Scott.Gaastra@gmail.com).

Covenant Christian High School in Grand Rapids, MI is accepting applications from members of the Protestant Reformed Churches for two positions. We are seeking to fill a full-time teaching position for one who could teach Latin classes and assist in other departments for the 2018-2019 school year. We are also seeking to fill a full-time position in our Academic Support Program. Applications and position information can be obtained by contacting Rick Noorman at 616-453-5048 or rickenorman@gmail.com or Dr. Doug Bleyenburgh at drbleyenburg@comcast.net.