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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.



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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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The Recording & Technology Committee email address is
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The Lord's Day • Sunday, October 8, 2017

Morning Worship Service

Rev. Smit

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 # 228

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17

*Psalter # 11

Prayer

Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund

*Psalter # 150

Scripture: John 3

Text: Heid. Cat. Lord's Day 3

Sermon: "The Pilgrims's Great Depravity"

1. The Human Origin
2. The Total Extent
3. The Only Escape

Prayer

*Psalter # 187

*Doxology: Psalter # 196

*Benediction

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Evening Worship Service

Prof. Cammenga

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 # 267

*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin)

*Psalter # 21

Prayer

Offertory: Eastside Christian, Evangelism

*Psalter # 398

Scripture: Romans 8:18ff

Text: Romans 8:37-39

Sermon: "More Than Conquerors!"

1. The Glorious Reality
2. The Only Basis
3. The Certain Fruit

Prayer

*Psalter # 163

*Doxology: Psalter # 197

*Benediction

Postlude

Nursey this week:

AM: Stephanie & Brook Vink, Hannah Monsma

PM: Leanne Pipe, Andrea Monsma, Kalyssa Corson

Next Sunday:

AM: Cynthia Quenga, Kristin Kleyn

PM: Nicky Pastoor, Melinda Knott, Anna Knott

Greeters this week

AM: Amos & Julia Herring

PM: Tim & Jill Hop

Library this week: Lori Pastoor

Ushers: AM- Dan & Joe Monsma

Next Week

AM: Rog & Kris Meyer

PM: Dave & Madri Mahtani

Next week: Cheryl Corson

PM- Vance & Noah Hayes

Our Church Family

Mrs. Joyce VanEenenaam was delivered from this vale of tears through death to be with our Lord in glory. She left our earthly sabbath and entered the eternal sabbath of joy and peace with our Lord a few minutes before midnight, last week Sunday night, October 1. May the Lord comfort the Monsma relatives, the Herring family, and all of us in His Word of Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." A memorial service for immediate family will take place on Thursday, October 12, at 4:00 p.m. at the Zaagman's funeral home.

First Church News

Young People's meet this morning to discuss Acts 5:1ff.

Our pastor is preaching in Byron Center PRC this evening for a classical appointment. Prof. Cammenga will provide pulpit supply for us. We welcome him to our pulpit and fellowship.

Catechism (Oct. 9): Bible History: Lesson 4, Monitor: Kate Kuiper; Heid. Cat. - Lord's Day 31 ("Keys of the Kingdom"); Essentials: Lesson 18b ("The Covenant of Grace"); Canons of Dordt: Head 1, Art. 6ff.

Ladies of all ages are invited to Women's Bible Study, which begins this Wednesday, October 11, at 10:00 AM. The topic for this year is Heart Trouble. All of our behavior results from what is in our hearts; however, it's possible to have heart trouble without even knowing it! What is a healthy spiritual heart, and how can our hearts be cultivated so that they become wise, faithful, courageous, humble, compassionate, etc.? Extra copies of the study questions are in the narthex. Refreshments: Julie Rainey - baked goods, Joan Slopsema - fruit or crackers & juice. Childcare is available. Preschool story: How the World Began.

The Council meets Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday evening offering: Covenant Christian, Byron Center Manor

August Benevolent Fund Receipts of \$2,461.60 and Disbursements of \$4,788.42. Samaritas-\$134.00, Building Maintenance Fund-\$459.55, CCHS-\$192.80, Heritage Chr. School-\$127.01, Domestic Missions - \$166.00, Reformed Witness Hour-\$240.00, Eastside Christian School-\$1,325.75, Free Christian School of Egerton-\$230.01, Adams Christian School-\$145.00, Evangelism-\$307.00

Adult Bible— Our next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m.; 1 Peter 4:12-19

Young Adult— Our next meeting is Sunday evening, Oct. 15; Acts 13:4ff (in church basement)

Young Calvinists is hosting a Gym/Game night at Covenant Christian High School on Saturday, October 21 from 5-9. Pizza and beverages will be provided (donations accepted). There will be volleyball, basketball and board games. Feel free to bring your favorite board game! Additionally there is an opportunity to serve in the afternoon of that day from 1-4 with the Special Needs Group. Young people are invited to socialize and assist

some of the special needs members of our churches with fishing at the Wassink's at 14828 Barry St., Holland MI. Plan on building up an appetite for the gym night at covenant! Any questions contact Dan Langerak (616) 633-5031 danlangerak@att.net.

The consistory approved that Rev. Smit preach his farewell sermon on October 22 in the evening service. Because Rev. Smit will be in Singapore and the Philippines on pre-scheduled work for the Contact Committee from October 25 to November 13, Rev. Smit's installation in the Doon PRC (Doon, Iowa) as foreign missionary to the Philippines has been approved and scheduled for Sunday, November 26, in the Doon PRC in the a.m. service. May our heavenly Father abundantly bless and provide for the Smit family during their time of transition.

Announcements

The Christian Rest Home Women's Service Board is presenting The Voices of Victory Quartet and the Covenant Christian Chamber Choir at a fundraising program TONIGHT at 7:45 PM at Westend Chr. Reformed Church. See the Across the Aisle for more details.

Prof. Dykstra's Monday night Bible class will meet Monday in Hope PRC at 7:30. For weekly updates, check the "Monday Night Bible Class" on Facebook.

The Reformed Doctrines Class, taught by Prof. Engelsma, will hold its first meeting of the new season this Wednesday, October 11 at Faith PR Church. The class continues its study of eschatology, the biblical doctrine of the last things, particularly the fascinating, if fearful, truth of Antichrist. All of all ages, including persons outside the PRC, are welcome to attend. Biblical passages to read in preparation include II Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 13. Note well that the class begins at 7:45pm. The time given in the previous announcement was a mistake.

This Friday, October 13 at 7 PM, the Trinity Evangelism Committee is hosting a speech by Rev. Decker entitled "Living Wisely in a Digital Age."

From the council of Zion Protestant Reformed Church: The Lord willing a worship service will be held for the ordination and installation of Joe Holstege on Friday, October 20 at Faith PRC at 7:00PM. This worship service will be live streamed over Faith's website.

With the September 15th issue of the Standard Bearer, volume 93 is completed. If you would like your own issues bound, please deliver them to the RFPA office before the end of October.

HERE WE STAND, the seminary sponsored weekend conference celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is only weeks away. The first speech is at 4:00 on Friday, October 27 with additional speeches at 7:00 and 8:15. The conference will continue on Saturday morning. The speeches will be delivered by our three professors and Rev. McGeown, Rev. David Torlach and Rev. Key. Talk to your neighbors and friend and join us at Faith PRC for this important event. The conference will be live streamed on the internet for those who are not able to attend in person. For further information see our advertisement in the Standard Bearer or visit the denominational website: www.prca.org or 500thReformation.com.

You are invited to attend an interesting and informative presentation by Rev David Torlach on the denomination of which he is a member, The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Australia, on Oct 29 after the morning worship service in Byron Center PRC at appx 11:15 AM. Come and learn about these churches with which our churches have a corresponding relationship.

The Covenant Evangelical Reformed Church, Singapore Covenant Keepers' Camp 2017 is December 19-22 at Aloha Loyang, Sea View Bungalow 1. Dear PRC youth (aged 13+), you're warmly invited to join us for our annual CKCKS Camp. Please refer to our website or write to us at ckckscamp2017@outlook.com for more information.

Cand. B. Feenstra has accepted the call from Immanuel-Lacombe PRC to be their pastor.

Rev. M. De Boer was ordained as pastor of Edgerton PRC on Friday, Sept. 29.

The request of Lynden PRC to approve Rev. R. Hanko's emeritation, effective October 15, was approved by Classis West on September 27. Lynden PRC has a new trio of Rev. B. Huizinga, Rev. J. Mahtani, and Cand. S. Regnerus.

Byron Center called. Rev. A. Lanning (CERC, Singapore).

Psalter Revision Surveys: Copies of Synod's survey of the denomination regarding Psalter revision have been placed in everyone's mailbox. This survey will take work on your part to read, study, sing, and complete. Since Synod 2017 desired that future decisions about Psalter revision be made in light of the responses to this survey, we urge you to take the necessary time to complete the survey (on the back page) and submit your response to any of our elders by the due date of December 17.

The Byron Center PRC thanks Professor Engelsma for his well-spoken, well attended and well received speech regarding spousal abuse last Thursday evening. The live streamed event was viewed throughout the country by a surprisingly large audience. The full speech along with the Q & A session is taped and available on the Byron website, byronprc.org. Additionally, the questions that went unanswered due to time restraints, will be answered by Prof. Engelsma and available on our website by October 21st.

School News

Hope School Circle will be making Pigs-in-the-Blankets on Tuesday Oct 10. Please pick up your orders between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM at school as freezer space is limited.

Hope School Board meets this Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 PM.

Current, prospective, and retired teachers are invited to the 2017 Teachers Convention held at Adams Christian School. The dates are October 19 and 20, beginning at 8:15 am. For the schedule, please use the following link: www.prti.org/register.

Plan to attend Eastside's Stop & Shop on November 11 from 9 AM - 2 PM. You'll find artisans, crafters and vendors as well as a delicious lunch. We still have a few vendor spots available; contact Dana VanPutten at dvanputten@att.net for more information.

Attention ladies high school age and older, registration is now open for the Adams Tasting Bee to be held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7 PM at Adams Christian School. If you need a form, check your church newsletter/bulletin board, or, you can find the form on our website, adamschristianschool.org, click on "Fundraising", then "Mothers Club", and finally "Tasting Bee". Reserve a spot by sending in the bottom half of the flyer along with payment to Adams Christian School, 5539 Byron Center Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. Registration closes November 1. Please contact Melissa Lubbers at 616-583-0015 or Rebecca Kleyn at 616-532-1075 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

God has blessed one of our teachers with expectant motherhood! As a result, Heritage Christian School (Hudsonville, MI) is accepting applications for a 3rd grade teaching position. Interested persons should contact Administrator Brian Kuiper (bkuiper@hchr.org, 616-669-1773) or Education Committee Chairman John Van Uffelen (jgvanuffelen@gmail.com, 616-218-2772). Please apply before October 27. Candidates should be available to begin teaching on January 3, 2018.

The Edmonton Protestant Reformed Christian School is in need of a full-time teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. The school will be starting from grades 1-3, and the board is willing to work with the teacher on a curriculum suited to their preference. Please contact Gord Tolsma at gr.tolsma@gmail.com / 780-777-5780 or Scott Ferguson at s_r_ferguson@hotmail.com.