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**Reformed Witness Hour
Radio Broadcast**

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, November 12, 2017

Morning Worship Service Prof. Cammenga

Evening Worship Service Rev. Spriensma

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 # 263

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17

*Psalter # 95

Prayer

Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund

*Psalter # 230

Scripture: II Corinthians 5

Text: Lord's Day 5

Sermon: "The Claims of God's Justice"

1. What These Claims Are
2. How These Claims Have Been Satisfied
3. For Whom These Claims Have Been Satisfied

Prayer

*Psalter # 242

*Doxology: Psalter # 196

*Benediction

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Prelude

Call to Prayer/Silent Prayer

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
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Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Votum and Salutation

*Psalter #

*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin)

*Psalter #

Prayer

Offertory: Hope Christian School, Building
Maint. Fund

*Psalter #

Scripture:

Text:

Sermon: ""

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Prayer

*Psalter #

*Doxology: Psalter # 197

*Benediction

Postlude

Nursey this week:
AM: Stephanie Vink, Brook Vink, Stephanie Adams
PM: Hannah Monsma, Andrea Ver Strate, Kalyssa Corson

Next Sunday:
AM: Madelyn Monsma, Zoe Newhof, Gabby Phelps
PM: Cathy Hayes, Melinda Knott, Anna Knott

<u>Greeters this week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
AM: Dan & Lori Pastoor	AM: Jordan & Bethany Whiteley
PM: Brad & Ericka Pastoor	PM: Jeff & Abby Thompson

<u>Library this week:</u> Cheryl Corson	<u>Next week:</u> Julie Rainey
<u>Ushers:</u> AM-Caleb & Keagen Flikkema	PM-Roger Meyer, Dwight Quenga

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Newhof as he celebrates his 81st birthday on Monday, November 20, DV.

First Church News

Prof. Cammenga and Rev. Spriensma are preaching for us today. Let's welcome them to our pulpit.

Children of Sunday School age are asked to meet immediately after the morning worship service (today and next Sunday). We will practice a few Psalters for a special number to be performed at the Smit's farewell program November 19.

Young People's meets today at 11:15. Discussion is Acts 5: 29-42.

This evening is a preparatory service with a view to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning.

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where you can demonstrate your love for the Reformed faith? Consider serving on the **Reformed Witness Hour (RWH) Committee**. The committee plans and produces the radio/Internet broadcasts and printed booklets of the RWH, corresponds with listeners and readers, maintains the RWH website and Facebook page, manages the program's finances, and more! As our program becomes more Internet-based, we are especially looking for new members among our young people and young adults who are interested in social media and marketing. Please plan to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at First PRC (Grand Rapids).

All Sunday School children; join us **THIS FRIDAY** in the basement of church for our annual Card making party. Look forward to an evening filled with fun, games, and food. Parents are welcome to stay as well. It all starts at 7pm.

Material for the Across the Aisle is due next Sunday, November 19.

Next Sunday evening offering: Covenant Christian, RWH

The farewell program for Rev. Smit and family is scheduled for the evening of November 19.

The Sunday School Christmas program practices are planned to begin after the morning service on Sunday, November 26.

The Council announces that Dan Monsma and Carl Veltman are the nominees for the office of Elder and Brian Pastoor, Brad Pipe, Jeff Talsma, and Alex Thompson are the nominees for the office of Deacon. The Congregational meeting is scheduled for 8 pm on December 14.

Reminder for the Young People to please pay their dues by December 1. Dues this year are \$20 and will go toward the convention travel subsidy fund, the Scholarship Committee and the Beacon Lights.

Announcements

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.

Hope PRC's Reformed Witness Committee invites you to CCHS THIS EVENING, November 12th at 8:00 to attend an informative program concerning Hope's work in Myanmar with the Protestant Reformed Church of Yangon, Myanmar. Rev. Titus Sanceuluai, pastor of the church in Myanmar, along with his wife Certi, will be part of the program. This will be a great way to learn more about the work there, the fellow saints in Myanmar, and get to know Rev. Titus and Certi personally. We look forward to seeing you there.

India: A delegation of Rev. Ron and Sue VanOverloop and Rick and Ronda Wieringa will be sent by Georgetown PRC this week Wednesday to visit the PRC of Vellore, India for three weeks (Nov. 15-Dec. 4). Pastor VanOverloop will be preaching in both the Tamil and English congregations, assisting in the training of Pastors in the Sola Gratia Program, holding seminars on Reformed Doctrine, speaking at a Retreat for Doctors and medical students of the CMC of Vellore, and preaching in area village outreaches. The delegation plans to conduct Church Visitation with the VPRC while there, participate in congregational Bible Studies, and visit with many of the members of the VPRC in their homes. Pray for the Lord's blessing.

Professor Engelsma will be interviewed by Christopher Arnzen on his radio program "Iron Sharpens Iron" this week Friday, November 17, from 4-6 pm EST. He will also be interviewed on Monday, November 27, from 4-6 pm EST. The subject for both of these interviews will be Professor Engelsma's recent book, the *Gospel Truth of Justification* and they will build on Mr. Arnzen's previous interview of Professor Engelsma this past September. You can go to the website www.ironsharpensironradio.com and click on the livestream box to tune in and listen from any device. The program can also be listened to by phone at (563)999-9206; press #3 for Christian Radio when prompted.

The Young People's Thanksgiving Mass Meeting will be held at Grandville PRC on November 19 at 2pm with a speech given by Candidate Dave Noorman. All young people are encouraged to attend for a time of fellowship and growth. Refreshments to follow!

School News

Please help support Adams Christian School by eating out at BIG BOY (Grandville) on November 14 from 4-8 pm. Don't forget to bring in the flyer found in the church newsletter or at Adams school.

Hope School's All-School Program will take place on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 pm at Grandville High School.

The Eastside Christian School Board meets Monday, November 20 at 7:00 PM.

"Evening of Praise" tickets must be purchased by Monday, November 20! The Heritage Foundation's program will be held on Saturday, November 25 at 7:00 PM at the Grandville High School auditorium. Individual tickets (\$15) for the event program and dessert reception afterwards are available for purchase by contacting Heritage's main office (616-669-1773 or receptionist@hchr.org). Performers include Heritage's 3rd graders, a saxophone ensemble, Jim, Nathan, and Brandon Daling, Matthew Fisher, Eric and Crista Phelps, and the Hope Heralds. Join us for a wonderful evening of praise.

All high school and grade school parents are invited to attend a presentation at Covenant Christian High School by Mr. Doug Crawford who represents the "Protect Young Eyes" organization (www.protectyoungeyes.com). "Protect Young Eyes" exists to give busy parents and hyper-connected kids the information and tools they need to use technology in a proper way. Please join us for this timely and

informative presentation. The date is Wednesday, November 29, at 7:30 pm. The presentation will be held in the CCHS gym.

Heritage Christian School's All School program will be held on Thursday, November 30 at 7 PM at Fair Haven Church (2900 Baldwin St, Hudsonville). Join us as our K-8th grade students present a program on "The Comings and Goings of Jesus Christ."

NEW Psalter CD Available! The Covenant Christian High School Choirs have recently recorded their 3rd Psalm CD "Teach Me to Pray", which will be available in time for Christmas! Watch for a sign-up sheet coming next week.

From Heritage Christian School Board: The 2017 fall deficit drive is currently underway, with 3-4 weeks remaining. We would like to thank those who have contributed to the drive, and would ask that everyone keep Heritage Christian and covenant education in your prayers and giving.

Covenant Christian High School's annual support drive continues, with a goal of \$350,000. Please prayerfully consider this cause in your giving, and remember Covenant Christian High School in your prayers.

Adams Christian School continues its fall deficit drive with a goal of \$120,000. 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 prayerfully consider this need and return your gift or pledge to the school by November 30.

The Northwest Iowa Protestant Reformed School in Doon, IA, is seeking a teacher for grades 3 and 4 for the 2018-2019 school year as well as an Administrator. For more information please contact Brent Wynia - 712-470-2757, brentwynia@hotmail.com or Joey Mantel - 712-470-6493, jsmantel@outlook.com.

The Board of Hope Christian School in Redlands, California is seeking applicants for 2 full-time teaching positions for high school grades beginning next school year (2018/2019). All interested persons should contact Ron VanVoorthuysen (909-499-2350, ron.revco@me.com) or Scott Gaastra (909-910-2673, Scott.Gaastra@gmail.com).