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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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The Lord's Day • Sunday, November 19, 2017

Morning Worship Service
Rev. den Hartog

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 #

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17

*Psalter #

Prayer

Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund

*Psalter #

Scripture:

Text:

Sermon: “”
1.
2.
3.

Prayer

*Psalter #

*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 # 134

*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin)

*Psalter # 403

Prayer

Offertory: Covenant Christian, RWH

*Psalter # 371

Scripture: Ephesians 4

Text: Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon: “Called to Keep the Unity of the Spirit”
1. The Meaning
2. The Manner
3. The Motivation

Prayer

*Psalter # 348

*Doxology: Psalter # 197

*Benediction

Postlude

Volunteer Schedule

Nursey this week:
AM: Madelyn Monsma, Zoe Newhof, Gabby Phelps
PM: Cathy Hayes, Melinda Knott, Anna Knott

Thanksgiving Day: Jill Hop, Madri Mahtani

Next Sunday:
AM: Kristi Thompson, Ericka Pastoor
PM: Linda Young, Cynthia Quenga, Lydia Monsma

Greeters this week	*Thanksgiving Day*	Next Week
AM: Jordan & Bethany Whiteley	*Ron & Jackie DeVries*	AM: Rick & Sharon Corson
PM: Jeff & Abby Thompson		PM: Aaron & Melinda Knott

Library this week: Julie Rainey — Next week: Stephanie Vink

Ushers: AM-Caleb & Keagen Flikkema — PM-Roger Meyer, Dwight Quenga

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Newhof as he celebrates his 81st birthday tomorrow, DV.
Congratulations to Mr. Bill Booth as he celebrates his 84th birthday on Thursday, November 23, DV.

First Church News

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

We are privileged to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper this morning. In keeping with the command of Christ to guard the purity of this sacrament, all visitors who desire to partake must receive permission from the consistory before the start of our worship service. The thank offering is for Evangelism.

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

Material for the Across the Aisle is due today, November 19.

The farewell program for the Smit family will be held tonight following the evening worship service. There will be a light lunch served in the basement followed by the program.

Adult Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM. Discussion will begin with I Peter 5:1.

Women's Bible Study will NOT meet this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Our next meeting will be on November 29, the fifth Wednesday of the month.

The Reformed Doctrines Class is canceled this week on account of Thanksgiving Day. The class will meet next on Wednesday, December 13 at Faith Church at 7:45PM

CALL TO WORSHIP: Our annual Thanksgiving service is this Thursday, November 23 at 9:30 AM. *Our monthly song service is BEFORE this service.* Rev. den Hartog will be preaching. The offering is Open/Benevolent.

The Sunday School Christmas program practices are planned to begin after the morning service on Sunday, November 26. Please pick up the program music from your church mailbox today.

Young People's meets next Sunday, November 26. Discussion will be on Acts 6:1ff.

The Christmas Card box for the shut-ins will be in the basement beginning next Sunday, November 26 through December 6.

Next Sunday evening offering: Eastside Christian, Genesis Christian—Alberta

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.

Psalter Revision Surveys are to be submitted to the elders by December 17.

The Reformed Witness Hour Committee thanks you, friends and donors, for your prayers and financial support during 2017. As you plan for your year-end giving, we ask that you prayerfully consider helping with two new costs: broadcasting in the Chicago area (approximately $500 per month) and the re-design of our website. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Announcements

The Young People's Thanksgiving Mass Meeting is today at Grandville PRC 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!

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 Wingham Young peoples will be holding a volleyball tournament December 2 at F.E. Madill Higschool, to raise funds for travel expenses to the convention. The cost is 100 dollars per team. Please come out and support us! If you would like more details, or would like to enter a team, please contact Tyler Kikkert at tylerkikk@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Georgetown PRC Choir will present their Christmas Choir Program on Sunday, December 10 after the evening worship service. Please join us in celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

The new email address for Georgetown PRC is barbschut60@gmail.com.

The second/final installment of Prof. David Engelsma's response to questions submitted after his speech regarding spousal abuse is now available. Please log on to Byron Center's website to find the appropriate link. byronprc.org.

The Hope Heralds 2017 CD entitled, "Our God is God" is available for $10 in the main offices of Covenant Chr. High School (MI) and Heritage Christian School (MI). The CD is also available at the Reformed Book Outlet in Hudsonville, MI and the PR Seminary bookstore. If you are not able to pick up your copy at any of these locations, please call or text Karen Daling (616-662-0784) or Dan VanDyke (616-610-3276) and we will mail the CD for $12.

School News

COVENANT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CD: We are now taking orders for our new Choir CD "Teach Me to Pray", a beautiful selection from the Psalter. The CDs are priced at $10, and will only be available to order through November 26. To place your order, please sign up on the sheet on the table downstairs.

The Thanksgiving issue of the Hope Highlights is available in the back of church today.

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

The Covenant Christian Board meets Monday, November 20 at 7:30 PM.

Heritage Foundation's "Evening of Praise" will be held this Saturday at the Grandville High School auditorium at 7 PM. Tickets for the program (dessert reception included) must be purchased by tomorrow! Contacting Heritage's main office to reserve tickets (616-669-1773 or receptionist@hchr.org). Performers include Heritage's 3rd graders, three generations of the Bruce Lubbers family, 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."

Hope School Circle will be making Pigs-in-the-Blankets on Tuesday Dec 12. Call Joann Klamer at 403-8210 or email at Klamerjo@gmail.com to place your order soon so you don't miss out. At $8.00 per dozen these are a great value and quantities are limited.

Adams Christian School will present their Band/Choir concert on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 PM at Bethany URC. Please join us as we listen to our students praise God with voice and instrument.

50th Anniversary: By God's grace, Covenant Christian High School is celebrating its 50th year of Christ-centered education. We have much to be thankful for in this work of our Father. To that end, the school Board is putting together a program to commemorate this milestone. The planned date for the program is April 27th (program at Fairhaven) and April 28th (dinner and open house at Covenant). We are looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to develop this program. If you are interested, please contact Tim Pipe Jr. (Board liaison to the 50th Anniversary Committee) at 272-6392 (cell) or at tpipe23@gmail.com.

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).