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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.



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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, December 3, 2017

Morning Worship Service  
Prof. Cammenga

Evening Worship Service  
Rev. Eriks

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 # 159  
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17  
\*Psalter # 279  
Prayer  
Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund  
\*Psalter # 299  
Scripture: Hebrews 2  
Text: Lord's Day 6, Q. A. 16-18  
Sermon: "The Mediator of the Covenant"  
1. His Humanity  
2. His Divinity  
3. His Work  
Prayer  
\*Psalter # 199  
\*Doxology: Psalter # 196  
\*Benediction  
Postlude  
\*Congregation Standing

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 # 350  
Prayer  
Offertory: Eastside Christian, Foreign Missions  
\*Psalter # 305  
Scripture: Acts 2:1-13; 37-47  
Text: Acts 2:42-47  
Sermon: "The Church Living in Unity"  
1. Worship  
2. Fellowship  
3. Growth  
Prayer  
\*Psalter # 371  
\*Doxology: Psalter # 197  
\*Benediction  
Postlude

Nursey this week:  
AM: Mary Baldwin, Nancy Talsma  
PM: Deb Baldwin, Heather Pols, Andrea Monsma

Next Sunday:  
AM: Crista Phelps, Kristin Kleyn  
PM: Nicky Pastoor, Lorelei Thompson, Kalyssa Corson

Greeters this week: AM: Dave & Kim Monsma  
PM: Brian & Debbie Baldwin

Next Week  
AM: Tom & Greta Newhof  
PM: Jeremy & Hannah Monsma

Library this week: Lori Pastoor  
Ushers: AM- Amos Herring, Jason Corson  
PM- Dan Pastoor, Mark Voortman

Next week: Cheryl Corson

Transportation for Mark Voortman in December: Rog Meyer

Our Church Family

First Church News

Prof. Cammenga and Rev Eriks are preaching for us today. Let's welcome them to our pulpit. Next Sunday Prof. Cammenga and Rev. VanOverloop are scheduled to preach for us.  
Coffee is served downstairs after this morning's service.  
It's time to make the new coffee schedule if you would like your name added or removed please let Cathy Hayes know as soon as possible.  
The Sunday School Christmas program practice will start immediately after the morning service, concluding at 11:50am. Children grades 3-8 should gather in the sanctuary, and children PreK-2nd grades should gather downstairs. Memory verse assignments will be sent home today.  
Adult Bible Study is Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 PM. Discussion will begin at I Peter 5:5.  
The Christmas Card box for our elderly saints will be in the basement until December 6th. The list of names can be found in the Across the Aisle that comes out this morning and next to the box.  
Consistory meets Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 PM.  
Please join us THIS Friday for caroling to our elderly saints. We begin at 6:30 in the basement of church and break off into groups. We visit members of our church either at their homes or nursing homes, and often sing to larger groups in the common areas. If you desire, feel free to bring treats to add to our goodie plates that we deliver that evening, and some to share at church. If time permits we often stay at church and visit with snacks afterward. What a wonderful way to begin celebrating the season of Christ's Birth. We look forward to seeing many of you.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG ADULTS: The Young Calvinists are inviting all High-School/Young Adult aged members to Sunset Manor Auditorium on Saturday December 9 from 2:00-3:30 for an afternoon of singing! Song books will be provided but please bring a Psalter and a friend! Refreshments will be available after singing. Sunset Manor address: 725 Baldwin St, Jenison, MI 49428. Contact Dan Langerak at (616) 633-5031 if you have any questions.  
Next Sunday evening offering: Hope Christian School, Sem Student Asst. Fund  
Next Sunday, December 10, everyone is invited to stay after the evening service and sing songs celebrating the birth of Christ. There will be a light lunch and fellowship time beforehand.

The Council has formed a trio of Revs. C. Griess, J. Mahtani, and Candidate D. Noorman from which to call as our new minister. The agenda for the Congregational meeting on December 14 has been placed in the mailboxes

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. Retiring Elders are Randy Corson and Steve Ophoff and Deacons are Brian Baldwin and Aaron Knott. The Congregational meeting is scheduled for 8 pm on December 14.

Please submit the survey regarding the Psalter revision to any of the Elders before December 17.

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#### Announcements

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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.

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 choir of Faith PRC will present a concert on Sunday night, December 17 at 7:45 PM. All are invited to join us as we give thanks to God in song!

The Voices of Victory will be hosting a Christmas Singspiration on Sunday night, December 24. The Singspiration will be held at Faith PRC beginning at 7:45 PM (those who cannot make it by then are more than welcome to arrive late). Join us as we joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior together in song!

The Voices of Victory will be holding their annual Old Year's concert on Sunday evening, December 31. Please note that the concert location has changed - instead of at Hudsonville Reformed Church the concert will be held at Bethel United Reformed Church - 8360 Cottonwood Dr., Jenison, MI 49428 (formerly First Jenison CRC). As in previous years, you are invited to come and go as you please at any time between 8 and 11 PM. Refreshments will be served. A freewill offering will be taken for Georgetown Harmony Homes. Join the Voices of Victory and their guests, the Sacred Harmonies quartet, and participate in joyful audience singing throughout the evening! Any questions, email Karen Daling at [thedalings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thedalings@sbcglobal.net) or call her at 616-662-0784.

The Psalm Choir will begin its new season on January 10, 2018. Please join us in singing psalms of praise to our God!

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.

Beacon Lights Christmas Special: Beacon Lights is running their Christmas Special again this year! Buy one subscription, and you'll get another for free to gift to someone else! Beacon Lights magazine makes a great gift for anyone, but especially it is filled with edifying articles, devotionals, poems, and more! Take advantage of this amazing offer today!

Did you know that the Reformed Free Publishing Association has a blog? Our writers publish edifying, relevant content several times each week—content that is not published anywhere else. By reading the blog, you will stay up-to-date on current church issues like antinomianism and covenant views. You will also have access to insightful book reviews and to articles on topics such as social constructionism, seminary life, and spiritual disciplines. Sign up today for our mailing list at the bottom of our homepage ([www.rfpa.org](http://www.rfpa.org)) and every blog post will be delivered straight to your email inbox.

The Student Council of Covenant Christian High School is again sponsoring its Gift Certificate Drive (November 27-December 19) to help those who have need in our area Protestant Reformed churches. To participate, you can send money or gift certificates/ cards to grocery stores, gas stations, etc. to Covenant, care of Student Council. If you have any questions, call Jennifer Knott at Covenant (616-453-5048) or email her at [jknot@covenantchristianhs.org](mailto:jknot@covenantchristianhs.org). Thank you!

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](mailto: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.

The Protestant Reformed Student Orchestra (PRSO) will hold a concert on January 25, 2018 at the St. Cecilia Music Center. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Eastside Christian School is currently holding its 2017-18 Operating Fund Drive. Our goal this year is \$134,000. Please prayerfully consider helping us reach this goal with a donation of any amount. For more information, contact Phil Kleyn at [phil.kleyn@speedwrench.com](mailto:phil.kleyn@speedwrench.com) or call him at 616-293-1376.

Future Protestant Reformed Teachers: Every year *the Federation of Protestant Reformed School Societies* puts together a list of individuals who are currently in school to be a teacher. This list is very helpful for schools as they plan for their future hiring needs. If you are currently in college to be a teacher and would like to have your name on this list, please go to <http://www.prcs.org/teachers/prospective-teachers/> and fill out the brief online survey linked to the top of that web page. If you have any questions, please direct them to Rick Mingerink, executive director of the Federation ([rickmingerink@gmail.com](mailto:rickmingerink@gmail.com)).

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](mailto:tpipe23@gmail.com).

Heritage Christian High School & Protestant Reformed Christian School of Dyer, IN are seeking applications from qualified, Protestant Reformed individuals for a full time position in our Discovery Center (Resource Room.) Please contact either administrator, Ralph Medema, [ralph.medema@heritagechs.org](mailto:ralph.medema@heritagechs.org), or Ryan VanOverloop, [ryan.vanoverloop@dyerprcs.org](mailto:ryan.vanoverloop@dyerprcs.org).

Adams Christian School, a K-8 school located in Wyoming, MI, is in need of teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. We encourage all interested individuals to contact Rick Mingerink, school administrator ([rickmingerink@gmail.com](mailto:rickmingerink@gmail.com)) (616-531-0748) for more information.

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