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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.

# First Protestant Reformed church

2800 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

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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](http://sermonaudio.com/firstprc)

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# The Lord's Day • Sunday, January 7, 2018

## Morning 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 # 116  
 Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17  
 \*Psalter # 384  
 Prayer  
 Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund  
 \*Psalter # 223  
 Scripture: Ecclesiastes 8  
 Text: Ecclesiastes 8:1-5  
 Sermon: "Honoring Ecclesiastical Authority"  
 1. The Calling  
 2. The Reasons  
 3. The Blessedness  
 Prayer  
 \*Psalter # 36  
 \*Doxology: Psalter # 196  
 \*Benediction  
 Postlude  
 \*Congregation Standing

## Evening Worship Service

Rev. Koole

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 # 327  
 \*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin)  
 \*Psalter # 94  
 Prayer  
 Offertory: Adams Christian, Foreign Sem.  
 Student Asst.  
 \*Psalter # 1  
 Scripture: Psalm 1  
 Text: Psalm 1:1,2,6  
 Sermon: "What's Key to the Blessed Life"  
 1. Eshewing the Way of Sinners  
 2. Finding One's Delight in God's Law  
 3. Considering the Two Contrasting Ends  
 Prayer  
 \*Psalter # 236  
 \*Doxology: Psalter # 197  
 \*Benediction  
 Postlude

### Nursey this week:

AM: Mary Baldwin, Nancy Talsma  
 PM: Deb Baldwin, Stephanie Adams, Gabby Phelps

### Next Sunday:

AM: Lisa Vandersloot, Lorelei Thompson, Josie Vandersloot  
 PM: Kristin Kleyn, Nicky Pastoor, Kalyssa Corson

### Greeters this week

AM: Amos & Julia Herring  
 PM: Tim & Jill Hop

### Next Week

AM: Tom & Amy Flikkema  
 PM: Jeff & Abby Thompson

### Library this week: Cheryl Corson

### Next week: Julie Rainey

Ushers: AM-Ron DeVries, Darren Vink PM-Vance & Noah Hayes

Transportation for Mark Voortman in January: Dwight Quenga

### First Church News

Prof. Cammenga and Rev. Koole are preaching for us today. Let's welcome them to our pulpit. Next Sunday Prof. Cammenga and Rev. Haak are scheduled to preach for us.

The service for installation of Dan Monsma and Carl Veltman as Elders, and Bryan Pastoor and Brad Pipe as Deacons is scheduled to take place this morning.

Coffee is served downstairs after this morning's service.

Elders Veltman and Dykstra will be our delegates to Classis East this Wednesday at Hudsonville. Elders Adams and Monsma are the alternates.

Women's Bible Study meets this Wednesday, January 10, at 10:00 AM. Bible discussion is on A Humble Heart (Chapter 3.) Extra copies of the study questions are in the narthex. Refreshments: Katlyn Tanis - baked goods, Abby Thompson - juice & crackers or fruit. Nursery is provided. Preschool story: Joseph.

The Reformed Doctrines Class, taught by Prof. Engelsma, will meet this week Wednesday, January 10, at Faith Church at 7:45PM. The subject will conclude the class's study of Antichrist (who and what Antichrist will be), and begin a study of the Great Tribulation.

The Council meets Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday evening offering: Covenant Christian, Wingham Prot. Ref. School

Young People, please pay your dues of \$20 and fill out your roster. This money will go to convention travel subsidy fund, the Scholarship Committee, and the Beacon Lights

### Announcements

The Psalm Choir will begin its new season on TODAY. *Practices will be held at Hudsonville PRC, beginning at 2:00 p.m.* Please join us in singing psalms of praise to our God!

Prof. Dykstra's Monday night Bible class will resume tomorrow (in Hope PRC) at 7:30, D.V. See the Facebook page for information on the discussion of I Timothy.

Advice for Elders on Family Visitation. Hudsonville PRC is hosting this winter's Classis East Office bearers' Conference on Tuesday evening, January 9, at 7:30PM. We have asked Prof. Gritters to speak on our practice of Family Visitation. We want to keep this beloved practice as our Church Order requires, but how will we do it most profitably for all our homes? After explaining the important principles of family visitation, Prof.

Gritters will address questions like: Should there be a theme or special topic each year? What is the difference between family visitation and a Bible study? How much should elders speak and how much should they listen? How to ask questions so that the people speak? At the end of the speech, there will be time for questions and discussion. Everyone is welcome, both office bearers and members. *The speech will be livestreamed on Hudsonville PRC's web-site.*

Zion PRC Young Peoples' Society invites you to enjoy a meal at Rainbow Grill on January 11, from 4-9PM. Both locations (Grandville and Hudsonville) are generously donating 10% of their profits towards the convention costs of our YP society members. Stop in before or after the game for dine in or a takeout order! **\*\*Please Note!\*\*** you must show your server this paper or digital copy of this announcement for your bill to count towards the fundraising total. Thanks in advance for your support!

The church choir of Faith PRC will begin meeting next week Sunday, January 14 under the direction of Dan VanDyke. Basses, tenors, altos, and sopranos are welcome to join us. We meet on Sunday afternoons at Faith Church from 2:15 until 3:30 PM. For our spring session, we will meet 11 times, giving a final concert on Sunday, March 25 at 7:30 PM. Join us in praise to God!

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#### School News

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Adams Tasting Bee: Thursday, January 18, at Adams Christian School. The final plans are being made for the tasting bee! We would like to encourage ladies to carpool if possible. Once parking is filled at Adams there will be a shuttle bus running from Bethany URC (just north of school) to Adams. Appetizers and punch bowl begin at 6:30 PM with the rest of the event beginning at 7 PM. If you are making food for this night, your recipes/instructions were sent home last week. Also, extra cookbooks will be available for purchase that night for \$15. Please contact Melissa Lubbers at 616-583-0015 or Rebecca Kleyn at 616-532-1075 if you have any questions. Looking forward to an enjoyable evening!

The Protestant Reformed Student Orchestra (PRSO) will hold a concert on January 25 at the St. Cecilia Music Center.

Hope PRC School in Grand Rapids, Michigan is seeking Protestant Reformed applicants to fill a lower elementary teaching position for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Ron Koole, school administrator ([rkooole@hopeprcschool.org](mailto:rkooole@hopeprcschool.org) or 616-453-9717) if interested.

With thanksgiving to God, Adams Christian School is pleased to report that we have reached our Support Drive 2017/18 goal. Thank you to all who have supported our school by means of this drive. Please continue to remember Adams Christian School and the ongoing *Building For Generations 2.0* capital campaign in your giving and in your prayers.

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))."

