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**Reformed Witness Hour  
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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.

To listen to the service live, visit [sermonaudio.com/firstprc](http://sermonaudio.com/firstprc)

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# The Lord's Day • Sunday, February 11, 2018

## Morning Worship Service

Rev. Slopsema

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 # 375  
 Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17  
 \*Psalter # 335  
 Prayer  
 Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund  
 \*Psalter # 72  
 Scripture:  
 Text: Acts 20:26 & 27  
 Sermon: "Declaring All the Counsel of God"  
 1. The Meaning  
 2. The Difficulty  
 3. The Responsibility  
 Prayer  
 \*Psalter # 49  
 \*Doxology: Psalter # 196  
 \*Benediction  
 Postlude  
 \*Congregation Standing

## Evening Worship Service

Rev. Griess

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 # 217  
 Prayer  
 Offertory: Eastside Christian, Building Maint.  
 Fund  
 \*Psalter # 260  
 Scripture: I Kings 3:3-12; 2 Chronicles 1:1-12  
 Text: I Kings 3:3-12  
 Sermon: "Solomon's Humble Request"  
 1. An Attitude of Humility  
 2. A Wise Request  
 3. A Wonderful Answer  
 Prayer  
 \*Psalter # 198  
 \*Doxology: Psalter # 197  
 \*Benediction  
 Postlude

### Nursey this week:

AM: Deb Baldwin, Jill Hop

PM: Stephanie Vink, Abby Thompson, Kalyssa Corson

### Next Sunday:

AM: Heather Pols, Melinda Knott

PM: Cathy Hayes, Lorelei Thompson, Abby Vink

### Greeters this week

AM: Alex & Lorelei Thompson

PM: Brad & Ericka Pastoor

### Next Week

AM: Rick & Sharon Corson

PM: Aaron & Melinda Knott

### Library this week: Julie Rainey

### Next week: Stephanie Vink

Ushers: AM- Roger Meyer, Mark Voortman

PM- Philip Rainey, Dwight Quenga

### Our Church Family

Mrs. George (Joan) Slopsema passed last Sunday morning. We express our sympathy to George Slopsema and family as well as Evie Pastoor and family.

As a family we would like to express our deepest thanks for all the acts of service and kindness shown to us in the process of moving and getting settled. We appreciate all the work done to ready the parsonage and move our belongings, the meals and groceries stocked up for us, and the thoughtful gifts we have received. We already feel a bond of love developing between minister's family and congregation, and for that we thank our gracious heavenly Father. May the Giver of all good gifts bless us with continued love and growth in grace as we serve Him together. Psalm 133:1-3 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Sincerely, the Griess family.

Congratulations to Mrs. Theresa Hofman as she celebrates her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday, Sunday, February 18, DV.

### First Church News

The installation of Rev. Griess will take place during this morning's service.

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

Young Adults and Young People will meet today after the morning service discuss Acts 15 starting at verse 13. Joe has refreshments.

Women's Bible Study meets this Wednesday, February 14, at 10:00 AM. Bible discussion will be on Contentment, chapter 4. Extra study questions are in the narthex. Refreshments: Stephanie Vink - baked goods, Crista Phelps - juice & crackers or fruit. Nursery is provided. Preschoolers' story: Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt.

The Reformed Doctrines Class taught by Prof. Engelsma will meet this week Wednesday, February 14, at Faith Church at 7:45pm. The subject will be the break-up of the Antichristian world power at the very end and the dramatic confrontation between Christ and Antichrist that brings history to a close. All of all ages are welcome to attend.

First Church will be having game night Friday February 16 starting at 6:45. Please bring a snack to share and come enjoy some fellowship together!

Communion will be held on Sunday AM, February 25, with preparatory on Sunday PM, February 18.

Next Sunday evening offering: Covenant Christian, PR Special Ed

### Announcements

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

Hope PRC Young People invite you to Rainbow Grill (Grandville and Hudsonville) on February 15 from 4PM-9PM for a cup of coffee, a delicious meal and one of their yummy desserts! Rainbow Grill has graciously decided to donate 10% of their sales from 4-9 with proof of fundraiser to help the young people with the cost of convention registration. Please bring in a hard/digital copy of any PR bulletin, a school newsletter or a flyer for your bill to count towards the fundraising total. Thanks in advance for your support!

Young Calvinists is inviting all young people and young adults to join us at the Special Needs Bible Study. The Bible study will be held at Faith PRC at 6:30 on February 15. There will be a brief Bible study followed by a time of games and refreshments. Bring a game and a friend.

Join us on Saturday, February 24 for Southeast's Young People's Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 8:00-10:00 am at Adams Christian School. You can enjoy pancakes and sausage straight from the griddle, delicious breakfast casseroles, homemade cinnamon rolls and baked goods! Proceeds will help our young people go to this year's convention. We hope to see you there!

Grace Night of Music is scheduled for March 10 at Grace PRC. If you would like to participate, please contact Cindy Stoel (403-8427) by February 15.

Psalm Choir - The latest CD, Volume 20, 'Sweet Refreshment' is now available. There are over 25 selections from the past two seasons. CDs are available to purchase at the Reformed Book Outlet or visit the website [www.psalmschoir.com](http://www.psalmschoir.com) to order.

Future Teachers and Ministers: Information for the 2018 PR Scholarship Fund essay competition is now available. Please email [prscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:prscholarship@gmail.com) to receive the essay topics and submission requirements. Completed essays must be submitted by May 31st.

Chaperone & nurse registration for 2018 Young People's Convention hosted by the five Midwest churches is now open! The convention is planned for August 13-17, 2018 at Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, MN. To register, go to [www.prconvention.com](http://www.prconvention.com), and follow the instructions under the Chaperone or nurse tab. If you have any questions, email us at [Chaperone@prconvention.com](mailto:Chaperone@prconvention.com).

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#### School News

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Hope School Circle will be making Pig-in-the-Blankets on Tuesday, Feb 13. Please pick up your orders between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm at school as freezer space is limited. Thanks so much!

The Eastside Promoters invite you to a presentation entitled "The Renaissance and the Reformation". Mr. Pete Adams will be demonstrating the relationship between these two most significant movements in Western civilization as they are an outflow from the history of Genesis 6. The date is February 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Hope School's Auction is March 3. Silent Auction Begins at 4:00 p.m. with the first table closing at 5:30p.m. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:30 with homemade dessert and coffee following while you browse. Live Auction begins at 7:00p.m. Keep up to date with all of our auction items at [www.facebook.com/hopecsauction](http://www.facebook.com/hopecsauction) or [hopeauction.wordpress.com](http://hopeauction.wordpress.com).

Faith Christian School of Randolph, WI is seeking one full-time teacher for a high school position in 2018-2019. There is the possibility of teaching some 7th & 8th grade classes depending on the applicants abilities and preferences. All interested individuals should contact Board Chairman Jack Regnerus ([jackbuiltregs@gmail.com](mailto:jackbuiltregs@gmail.com) or 920-296-3529) or Administrator Mike Vander Veen ([mvanderveen@randolphcs.org](mailto:mvanderveen@randolphcs.org) or 920-296-4406) for more information or to apply.

Trinity Christian High School of Hull, IA, is seeking a Bible/church history teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. The position involves other courses, and the school will try to be flexible according to the applicant's areas of expertise. The successful applicant will be a member of the Protestant Reformed Churches and willing

to seek Iowa certification. To find out more information or to apply for the position please contact principal Jim Regnerus ([jregnerus@trinitychs.org](mailto:jregnerus@trinitychs.org) , 712-470-0424) or education committee chairman Craig Hoksbergen ([crghoks@outlook.com](mailto:crghoks@outlook.com) , 712-441-6139).

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

CCHS 50th Anniversary: The video committee for the 50th anniversary is looking for any video and picture materials regarding Covenant. The subject matter can include the student life, building, athletic events, extracurricular events like class trips or Fall Festivals, etc.. We would love to see material from all the generations from 1968 – 2018. Please contact Nick Kleyn for further information at [nick@kleynelectric.com](mailto:nick@kleynelectric.com) or cell 616-291-4647. Please drop off your items at Covenant clearly labeled with the owner's name and 50th anniversary video. We will be making digital copies and returning the originals to the owner

Heritage Christian School in Hudsonville, MI is seeking to fill an immediate opening for a full time custodian and general facility maintenance. If interested please contact Brent DeYoung at 616-292-7659 or [bdeyoungbldr@gmail.com](mailto:bdeyoungbldr@gmail.com) by Wednesday, February 14.

Loveland PRC School is seeking applicants for full-time personal assistant and teacher for Carlyn Poortinga for the 2018-2019 school year. All applicants are asked to send notice of interest to B.J. Mowery at [bj.mowery@gmail.com](mailto:bj.mowery@gmail.com).

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) and 1 full-time junior high (7/8) 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))."

Heritage Christian School (Hudsonville, MI) is accepting applications for 3 teaching positions. They include: a full time elementary position; a full time junior high/curriculum director position; and a 2 day Resource Room position. To apply, or to ask questions, please contact Brian Kuiper, Administrator (616-350-1830, [bkuiper@hchr.org](mailto:bkuiper@hchr.org)) or John VanUffelen (Education Committee Chairman (616-218-2772, [jgvanuffelen@gmail.com](mailto:jgvanuffelen@gmail.com)) by February 5.

Adams PRCS Building for Generations 2.0 Update: With thanksgiving to God, the capital campaign committee is pleased to report we have received pledges and gifts of \$394,000 from our generous supporters. Our goal is \$750,000 to fund our planned 2019 classroom expansion. This campaign will run through the summer of 2019, and we ask for your continued support and prayerful consideration. We would welcome one-time gifts or incremental gifts, whichever works best for your budget. Please contact Matt Velthouse with questions at [matt.velthouse@gmail.com](mailto:matt.velthouse@gmail.com) or 616-826-8356.

The Covenant Christian Craft Show is accepting handmade booth applications for our show to be held Saturday, October 27, 2018. Application deadline is April 1, 2018. Please visit [www.covenantchristiancraftshow.org](http://www.covenantchristiancraftshow.org) for more information and to download an application. Questions? Email [covenantchristiancraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:covenantchristiancraftshow@gmail.com) or call/text Heather Buiter 616-204-6027 or Lydya Hulst 616-647-7181.

The Covenant 4-on-4 volleyball fundraiser tournament will not be held this year. Instead we will be hosting a co-ed 4-on-4 league on Tuesday nights in May and June for 6 weeks. This league will be open to Seniors in high school and older. The cost is \$120 a team. For more information or to register your team, please contact Courtney Peterson at [courtneyp10@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyp10@gmail.com). The deadline to register is March 5.