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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, February 21, 2016

Morning Worship Service

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 # 51
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17
*Psalter # 140
Prayer
Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund
*Psalter # 110
Scripture: Genesis 3:14ff
Text: Genesis 3:21
Sermon: "Clothed by Jehovah with Coats of Skins"
1. Necessary
2. Provided
3. Received
Prayer
*Psalter # 283
*Doxology: Psalter # 196
*Benediction
Postlude
* Congregation Standing

Evening Worship Service

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 # 402
*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin.)
*Psalter # 272
Prayer
Offertory: Covenant Christian, PR Special Ed
*Psalter # 44
Scripture: Psalm 86
Text: HC, LD 45
Sermon: "The Chief Part of Thankfulness"
1. Required
2. Beneficial
3. Acceptable
Prayer
*Psalter # 159
*Doxology: Psalter # 197
*Benediction
Postlude

Volunteer Schedule

Nursery this week:

AM: Josie VanderKolk, Rachel Corson, Madelyn Monsma

PM: Shelly VanderKolk, Madri Mahtani

Nursery next Sunday:

AM: Stephanie Vink, Abby/Brook Vink, Andrea Monsma

PM: Kristin Kleyn, MaryAnne Flier

Greeters this week:

AM: Steve & Karen Ophoff

PM: (song service) Dwight & Cynthia Quenga

Next Week:

AM: Alex & Lorelei Thompson

PM: Jeff & Crystal Talsma

Library this week: Stephanie Vink

Next week: Lori Pastoor

Ushers: AM-Rick Corson, Tim Thompson

PM-Ron DeVries, Henry Westra

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Dr. Dwight Monsma who will be 85 on Monday, February 22, DV, and to Mrs. Joan F. (George) Slopsema who will be 88 on Saturday, February 27, DV.

The baptism of infant Clara Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Baldwin, is scheduled for March 13 in the morning worship service.

First Church News

In obedience to the will of Christ that the church through her elders supervise admission to the Lord's Table, only members of the congregation and those who have made request to our elders, and whose request has been granted, are permitted to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us this morning. The thank offering is for Evangelism which has ongoing expenses for our website maintenance, our broadcast of our worship services via the internet, and pamphlet printing.

Young Peoples will meet immediately following this morning's service. **Attention YP Society Members:** Please give your Federation Board dues (\$20) to Josie VanderKolk today.

Material for the Across the Aisle is due today.

Our monthly song service is at 4:45 this evening.

The evening worship service today is an Applicatory service.

Young Adults will meet tonight to continue their discussion on Acts 3:12ff. Keagen Flikkema has refreshments.

Catechism Assignments: Heidelberg– Lesson 48 (memory & written work); Essentials–Lesson 28 (memory); Canons– Head 3/4, A, 16ff; Bible History–Lesson #20. Advance Notice: Catechism classes will not be held on March 7 and 9 due to our annual Prayer Day worship service on Wednesday, March 9.

The Adult Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 PM to discuss Genesis 45 (Joseph Makes Himself Known to His Brothers). Study sheets are in the pamphlet rack.

Women's Bible Study meets this week Wednesday, February 24 at 10:00 A.M. Bible discussion is on The Syrophenician Woman, a woman from Canaan who begged Jesus to heal her daughter, chapter 23. Extra copies of study questions are in the narthex and on the church facebook page. Refreshments: Julie Rainey - baked goods, Stephanie Vink - juice & crackers or fruit. Childcare is provided.

The Reformed Doctrines' Class taught by Prof. Engelsma will meet this week Wednesday evening at 7:45 at Faith Church. The class will begin with opportunity for questions from the class on the truth of the "intermediate state," the study of which doctrine was concluded at the previous class. Then the class will begin to take up the study of the Reformed doctrine of the "millennium," beginning with the importance of knowing the truth of the millennium, in light of the popular, threatening errors of post-millennialism and pre-millennialism. Read in preparation Revelation 20. All ages are welcome to the class.

The Deacons meet Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday evening offering: Eastside Christian, Spokane Bldg. Fund

The Young Calvinists have planned a Talking Points event for all young people and young adults on March 10 at 7:00 p.m. The Young People's Society Grandville PRC plan to host the event. The theme for the speech and discussion is "Praying with and for Each Other." In this speech we will consider the basics of prayer in order to encourage us to be praying Christians. We will also consider the calling Jesus gives us to pray with each other and for each other.

Save the Date: Plan on attending **First Church's Spring Breakfast on Saturday, March 12.**

Announcements

A delegation of Rev. J. Engelsma and Mr. Lee Hoekstra are currently in the Philippines for the annual oversight visit by the calling church (Doon PRC) and FMC. The delegation is visiting there from February 12 to 24. May the Lord bless their work and fellowship with the Kleyns, the local PRCP congregations, and mission contacts on the Philippine Islands.

Psalm choir meets again at Grandville PRC at 2:15pm, new members are welcome.

You are invited to attend the "Missions in India" program this Thursday evening, February 25, at 7:00p.m. at the Kalamazoo Protestant Reformed Church, 4515 Green Acres Drive. Rev. C. Haak and Dean Wassink will feature their recent trip and that of delegates of the Foreign Mission Committee to visit the PRC of Vellore, India. and the Grace Foster Home. Refreshments will be served.

Join us in "Walking By Faith" at the Byron Center PRC Women's Conference March 4 and 5, 2016 to be held at Jamestown Reformed Church. *Registration is extended to February 24.* Call Rachel (616-406-0686) or visit our website <http://bcprcwomensconference.webs.com> for more information or to register.

Southeast PRC Young Peoples Society is hosting a breakfast on Saturday, February 27th from 8:00-10:30am. Come out and join us at Adams Christian School gym for egg casseroles, French toast bakes, sausage, pancakes and baked goods. All proceeds will go to the young people to help defray the cost of the convention. We greatly appreciate your support for our young people.

Please join us in praising our heavenly Father in Grace PRC this Saturday, February 27 at 7 P.M. for our "Night of Music" sponsored by Grace PRC Young People's Fundraisers.

The Faith Church choir will present a concert on Sunday night, March 6 at 8 PM. The concert will be held at Faith PRC. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

Rainbow Grill Fundraiser: The Young People of Providence PRC would like to invite everyone to Rainbow Grill on Tuesday, March 8. Come for breakfast, lunch, supper, and everything in between to either location for good food and fellowship! 10% of sales for the whole day will go to the 2016 Young Peoples Convention Fund!

Join us for a night of ice-skating/hockey Saturday, March 12 at Georgetown Ice Center. Open Skating will be from 6-8 PM. Cost is \$3.00/kid and \$5.00/adult with a family maximum of \$20.00 (Skate rental will be available for an extra \$3 fee). To sign up to play hockey or for more info please

call Shon Griess at 616-437-7871 or sgriess@charter.net. Hockey is open to high school age and older and cost to play is \$20.00. All proceeds from this event benefit Trinity Young Peoples' Society.

The Crete Young Adults Society is hosting a Co-Ed 4-on-4 Volleyball Tournament fundraiser to be held Saturday, April 16 at the PRCS/HCHS gym. Registration is due by March 7. Registration forms can be picked up from the pamphlet rack in the back of church. Applicants must be high school age or older. We are able to accommodate a maximum of 16 teams so please hand in your registration form as soon as possible. A concession stand will be provided and spectators are welcome. Contact Samantha Andringa at (708) 577-0152 or email at samantha.andringa@trnty.edu with any questions.

The Reformed Witness Committee of Hope Protestant Reformed Church invites you to attend a public lecture by Prof. David Engelsma on the topic "The Necessity of Membership in a True Church of Jesus Christ." Please join us on April 22, at 7:30 p.m. in First Jenison Christian Reformed Church or online at SermonAudio.com.

Please plan to attend Southeast PRC Young People's Talent Program on Sunday, April 24 at 7:15 p.m. A collection will be taken to defray the expenses of our young people attending the 2016 Convention.

A Spiritual House Acceptable to God is the theme for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Hope PRC. The Hope congregation invites you to a commemorative program, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. (note new time) at First Jenison CRC, 8360 Cottonwood. Celebrate with us a century of God's preserving grace.

School News

Adams board meets Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 pm.

Hope Soup Supper/Travelogue: Come join us at Hope school starting at 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 12 for the Hope YP's Annual soup supper. Then stay for a classic Don Cooper travelogue put on by the Hope school foundation starting at 7:00 pm.

TASTE OF COVENANT VIII: CCHS Foundation assists Covenant Christian High School in providing our children a distinctly reformed education. Support this cause at TASTE OF COVENANT VIII Thursday, March 17 at Hudsonville PR Church. Punch bowl, featuring CCHS students, is 6:30pm. Dinner follows at 7:15. \$25/person. To make a reservation or sponsor a table, Contact Alyssa Van Baren 616-581-5768 or email your reservation to alyssavb@gmail.com

The annual meeting for the Society for Protestant Reformed Secondary Education will be held on Monday, March 28 at 7:30 pm at Covenant Christian High School.

Adams Christian Garage Sale will be held Saturday April 16, 2016. We are doing a consigners sale once again and looking for consigners. If you would like more information or to sign up, even if you have sold in years past, please call Pam Gunnink at 616-681-0568 or email at kpbbgunn@juno.com.

Save the date! The PRCS/HCHS 5th Annual Spring Sprint is April 30. Registration is at 7:30 am at Crete PRC. We are having a 1 mile, 3K Walk, and a 5K Race. More details to follow. Start training!

Heritage Christian High School & Protestant Reformed Christian Schools of Dyer, Indiana are seeking qualified, Protestant Reformed applicants for a full-time teaching position in the areas of music (choir and band) and English. Interested parties are asked to contact our high school administrator, Mr. Ralph Medema, at (219) 558-2660 or email ralph.medema@heritagechs.org.