

*Sunday October 14, 2018*

*We welcome all who worship with us today*

**Prayer Needs:**

- For the Holy Spirit's blessing on the preached Word today.
- For the suffering among us, those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely and the elderly.
- Our widows and widower, pray for God's presence in their lives.
- For revival of God's work in our country, for uprightness among our leader
- A blessing of favorable weather for harvest, and for safety for our farmers.
- For those suffering after the hurricane that hit in Florida., those who have lost loved ones and those who have lost most or all of their possessions.
- Thanksgiving for Pastor Andrew Brunson's release from a Turkish prison, where he was unjustly held for two years.
- Arthur Villalobos, Larry's father, who is seriously ill, also for Larry and DeeAnn as they travel to Arizona this week

**Announcements:**

**Today:** PRTS student Mr. Justin Nobel\* serves. Coffee and fellowship following the morning service. Catechism, Sunday School and Adult Class at 11:20 am.

1<sup>st</sup> Offering: General Fund    2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: HRCS Fund

\*Pastor Elshout serves the Chatham, Ontario Free Reformed Church

**Next Lord's Day:** Pastor Elshout serves. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: Building Fund

**Wednesday:** Mr. William Greendyk of the *Trinitarian Bible Society* (TBS) will do a PowerPoint presentation about his recent trip to Africa, entitled ***The Word of God in Africa***. This event will be at Hope Haven (gym/SE entrance), at 7:00 pm. There will be an offering for TBS. TBS literature will be available and refreshments will be served. Please plan to join us for this informative evening on the work of the Lord in Africa.

**Wycliffe Associates Dinner** on Thursday, October 25 @ 7:00 PM at *Terrace View Event Center*, Sioux Center. "Just as water brings the parched earth to life, the power of God's Word brings dead and dry souls new life." Join banquet host Noel Davis as he shares the story of a village that heard the Scripture in their heart language for the first time. Call 1-888-599-7551 for reservations [www.wycliffeassociates.org](http://www.wycliffeassociates.org)

**Conference:** Operation Auca was an attempt by five American missionaries to bring the gospel to the Waorani people in Ecuador. On January 8, 1956, all five men – including Jim Elliot & Nate Saint, – were attacked and speared by a group of Waorani warriors. A few years later, the widow & young daughter of Jim Elliot, Elisabeth & Valerie, and the sister of Nate Saint returned to the same jungle tribe as missionaries, eventually leading to the conversion of many.

Hear Valerie Elliot Shepard, the daughter of Elisabeth Elliot, & her husband, Walt Shepherd, speak in Orange City on November 2 & 3, with a men's breakfast event (\$7, 9-10:30AM) and women's conference (\$12, 9AM -2PM), lunch included. Get tickets before prices go up this Tuesday! Visit your local Radio Shack (and save \$2) or [shepards.eventbrite.com](http://shepards.eventbrite.com) by tomorrow night. Also mark your calendar for the free session Friday night, 11/2 at the Unity Knight Center 7-8:30; freewill offering.

**October:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>:** Singing at *Pleasant Acres*, Hull at 2:15 pm

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Trinitarian Bible Society* presentation, see note

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>:** *Reformation Day*, will be commemorated at a special service on Sunday, November 4., during the morning worship service.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

**November:**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>:** *International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>:** Family Evening, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Thanksgiving Day, morning worship service at 9:30 am

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>:** *Word and Deed Dinner*, Main Street Plaza, Rock Valley

**Members and friends with ongoing needs:**

Nellie Fintelman          George & Chris Vonk          Wilma Koedam

**Birthdays:**

October 15: Janice Davelaar

October 19: Stacy Zomer

October 20: Brynlie Zomer

October 20: Mylie Zomer

**Greeters:**

October 14: Bruce and Emily Van Beek

October 21: Dean and Mary Maassen

**Lunch Schedule:**

October 14: Emily VB and Linda VB

October 21: Stacy Z. and Barb G.

**Nursery Schedule:**

**October 14:** Morning: Amber Z. and Mylie Z.

Evening: Kenzie Z. and Madelynn Z.

**October 21:** Morning: Paige C. and Rayna M.

Evening: Lexi D. and Eliana P.

**Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:**

8/05/18 General - \$2,303.00

8/05/18 HRCS - \$6,997.00

8/12/18 General - \$638.00

8/12/18 Denominational Outreach - \$989.00

8/19/18 General - \$804.00

8/19/18 HRCS - \$1,275.00

8/26/18 General - \$1,684.00

8/26/18 Emeritus - \$1,006.00

**HRCS:** Account balance: (\$9,273.05)

## *Jesus is only precious to believers*

*"Unto you therefore who believe--He is precious!"* 1 Peter 2:7

Every believer VALUES Christ. Let others think of Him as they may--all who are taught of God, think highly of Him. They can never *honor* Him as they wish, or *enjoy* Him to their full satisfaction.

Every believer feels their NEED of him. No *weary traveler* ever felt his need of rest, no *hungry laborer* ever felt his need of food, no *drowning mariner* ever felt his need of a life-boat--as the believer has felt his need of Christ! They need to be *saved*--and only Christ can save them. They need to be *happy*--and only Jesus can make them happy. They need His *blood* to cleanse them from sin, and procure their pardon. They need His *righteousness* to clothe their souls, and justify them before God. They need His *Spirit* to sanctify their nature, and make them fit for Heaven. They need His *intercession* to secure them from evil, and procure for them good things. They need His *fullness of grace* to supply all their needs, from earth to Heaven.

Every believer discovers the exact SUITABILITY of Christ to them. He **is** just what they need--He **has** all that they need! They are *foolish*--and He has wisdom. They are *unrighteous*--and He has righteousness. They are *unholy*--and He has holiness. They are *weak*--and He has strength. They are in *bondage*--and He has redemption. They are *lost*--and He has salvation. In a word, they are led to see that God has stored up everything in Jesus--and that possessing Him, they have all things!

Every Christian believes on Him to the saving of the soul. They trust Him to procure their pardon, peace with God, and everlasting life. Their *heart* goes out to Him, they repose *confidence* in Him, they *commit* their souls to Him, they *build* on Him--as God's foundation; they *hide* in Him--as the sinner's refuge; and they *trust* themselves with Him--as the almighty Savior. "Unto you therefore who *believe*--He is precious!"

But **Jesus is only precious to believers**. Others do not feel their *need* of Him, do not see His *adaptation* to them, and do not *depend* on Him for pardon, peace with God, and everlasting life.

Beloved, do you have this saving faith--which renders Christ so precious? If so, admire the *sovereign and distinguishing grace of God*, which has conferred so great a blessing upon you--for not all are given saving faith. If so, realize the *importance of this faith*--which renders Christ so precious. It is the *eye*--which sees the beauty of Christ. It is the *foot*--which travels to Christ. It is the *hand*--which lays hold of Christ. It is the *mouth*--which tastes the sweetness of Christ. It is the *inward principle*--which clings and cleaves to Christ.

Avoid therefore whatever weakens faith, or interrupts its exercise; and prize whatever strengthens it, and makes it vigorous!

James Smith

# Heritage Reformed Congregation

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*"To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary."  
Psalm 63:2*

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