

Sunday December 16, 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

We welcome all who worship with us today

Prayer Needs:

- God's blessing on Word and sacrament today, may we all experience the saving grace of the Advent Saviour.
- 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.
- For revival of God's work in our country, for uprightness among our leaders.
- The persecuted church throughout the world
- George Rus, Clarice's father, as he undergoes further testing related to the cancer diagnoses.
- Our widows, widower and the lonely, who keenly feel the loss of loved ones during the Advent and Christmas season.

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman George & Chris Vonk Wilma Koedam

"And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him." Hebrew 1:6

Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves. Coffee & fellowship following the morning service.

No Catechism, Sunday School or Adult Class today

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: Benevolent Fund

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Elshout serves. 2nd Offering: Domestic Outreach/
Student Support

Lord's Supper will be administered this morning. All members who are needy sinners and find their hope alone in Jesus Christ are encouraged to remember the death of the Lord at His table. All non-members who desire to partake should first contact the consistory.

Concert: Organist Pieter Heikoop from Yerseke, from the Netherlands, will play an evening of Psalter music and singing at the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University, Monday, December 17 at 7:30 PM. An offering will be taken for "*Ezra for Israel*" and their mission work in Israel.

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"Jesus the vision of thy face hath overpowering charms! Scarce shall I feel death's cold embrace, if Christ be in my arms. When flesh shall fail, and heart-strings break, Sweet will the minutes roll! A mortal paleness on my check, but glory in my soul." Song of Simeon

December:

Sunday 16th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service

Tuesday 25th: Christmas Day, morning worship service at 9:30 am

Sunday 30th: New Year's Eve commemorative service, evening worship

January:

Tuesday 1st: New Year's Day, morning worship service at 9:30 am

Wednesday 2nd: Church Family Evening, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 16th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 23rd: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 30th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Birthdays:

December 17: Anthony Rozeboom

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December 20: Harvey Spaans

Senior Birthday:

Wilma Van Beek, 91 years on December 17

Anniversary:

Dick and ClaraAnn Bleyenbergh, 55 years on December 17

Greeters:

December 16: Mitch and Paige C.

December 23: John and Stacy Zomer

Lunch Schedule:

December 16: Mary M. and Misty D.

December 23: Emily VB and Linda VB

Nursery Schedule:

December 16: Morning: Faith G. and Ciana Z.

Evening: Emily P. and Mylie Z.

December 23: Morning: Julie P. and Madelynn Z

Evening: Kerri R. and Rayna M.

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

11/04/18 General - \$941.00 11/04/18 Construction - \$1,182.00

11/11/18 General - \$1,691.00 11/11/18 HRCS - \$5,356.00

Thanksgiving General - \$16,662.00 Parsonage - \$10,099.00

11/18/18 General - \$732.00 11/18/18 Building - \$1,214.00

11/25/18 General - \$808.00 11/25/18 Local Mission - \$793.00

~All the LORD willing~

Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

The closet and solitary prayer is a necessary duty, and a profitable one. It does much for the enlargement of the heart. When a man seeks to deal most earnestly with God, he should seek retirement, and be alone. Christ in his agonies went apart from his disciples. It is notable that when Jacob sought to wrestle with God, it is said, 'And Jacob was left alone' (Gen. 32:24). When he had a mind to deal with God in great earnestness, he sent away all his company. A hypocrite finds a greater flash of gifts in his public duties; but he is slight and superficial when he is alone with God. Usually God's children are able to most affectionately pour out their hearts before him in private. Here, they find their affections free to wrestle with God. Here, one finds most communion with God, and enlargement of heart. In private we are wholly at leisure to deal with God in a child-like liberty. Now, will you omit this duty where you may be most free, without distraction, to let out your heart to God? The sweetest experiences of God's saints are when they are alone with him. Without seeking God often, the vitality of the soul is lost. We may as well expect a crop and harvest without sowing, as living grace without seeking of God. God is first cast out of the closet, and then out of the family, and within a little while, out of the congregation. Omit secret prayer, and some great sin will follow. A man who is often with God, does not dare to offend him so freely as others do. Religion, as it were, dies by degrees. Whatever else is forgotten, God must not be forgotten. Make God a good allowance. Make a prudent choice yourselves, and consecrate such a part of time as will suit with your occasions, your course of life, and according to your abilities and opportunities.

Thomas Manton

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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