

Sunday December 30, 2018

We warmly welcome all who worship with us today

Prayer Needs:

- God's blessing on the preached Word today, may we all experience the saving grace of the Saviour, and His boundless mercy as we enter a new year.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- 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.
- Our widows, widower and the lonely, who keenly feel the loss of loved ones during the holiday season. Also for those who have lost loved ones in the year gone by.

"For thou wilt light my candle; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him." Psalm 18: 28-30

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman George & Chris Vonk Wilma Koedam George Rus

Announcements:

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

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

For the Christmas break, Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class will not meet today. Classes will resume next Sunday, January 6.

Sunday Evening: Special commemorative service for the end of the year

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Elshout serves. 2nd Offering: Construction Fund

Tuesday: New Year's Day worship service at 9:30 am. Offerings: 1st General Fund

Wednesday: *Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm. The Adult Bible Study will be discussing chapter 15 in the book "Glory Veiled and Unveiled"

80th Birthday Open House for Henry Rozeboom. Saturday, January 5, 2-4 pm., at the Doon City Office Meeting Room. 103 3rd Ave., Doon, IA. No gifts please. If you are unable to attend, please send card to Hank @ PO Box 342, Doon IA 51235



"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure." Psalter 247, Psalm 90

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

Sunday 13th: Pastor M. Kelderman serves

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

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

Saturday 19th: Church Visitation with Pastor Klaver

Sunday 20th: Pastor T. Klaver serves

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

February:

Tuesday 5th: Consistory Meeting at church at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 6th: Ladies' bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 6th: *Church Family Evening*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 13th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 20th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 27th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Bradenton Fellowship services for the winter months will be held again from January thru March. This provides pastors from the HRC and FRC with a restful break as well as provide for preaching services for those visiting the area. This ministry is organized by Pastor Kelderman and overseen by the Grand Rapids HRC. Any donations to help with providing these services, please note your donation and give it to the deacons. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Greeters:

December 30: Emily P. and Leah VB

January 6: Pastor and Clarice E.

Lunch Schedule:

December 30: Emily VB and Barb G.

January 6: Paige C. and Misty D.

Nursery Schedule:

December 30: Morning: Amber Z. and Olivia VB

Evening: Kenzie Z. and Haley VV

January 1: Paige C. and Alexa Z.

January 6: Morning: Lexi D. and Ava Z.

Evening: Misty D. and Brynlie Z.

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~

Heritage Reformed Congregation

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The Triune Comforter

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

One of the titles of the Holy Spirit, especially as used in the King James Version, is His beautiful identification as "the Comforter." The Greek word is *parakletos*, meaning literally "one who is called alongside to help." A familiar verse is John 14:26: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things." He is our teacher, our guide, our helper, our Comforter.

The same word is also translated "advocate," meaning an attorney for the defense. In this capacity, it is applied to the Lord Jesus Christ. "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). Though we are guilty and lost sinners, He takes our side before the Judge, pleading the sacrificial offering of His own blood for our sins, and we are saved (1 John 2:2).

Even the Father is our "paraclete," according to the verses cited above. He is "the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort" (Greek *paraklesis*), and as we pray to our heavenly Father, He indeed does provide great consolation in every hour of trouble and sorrow.

Thus, each person of the Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—serves as Comforter ("paraclete") to the believer, as needed, who also has access to the "comfort of the scriptures" (Romans 15:4). But there is still another "comforter." Each believer receives such comfort so that we ourselves "may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

Dr. Henry M. Morris



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

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