

Sunday February 17, 2019

We warmly welcome all who worship with us today

Prayer Needs:

- The Holy Spirit's blessing on the preached Word today.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely, elderly, widowers and widows in our midst.
- Godly wisdom for our nation's leaders, and a revival of the work of the Holy Spirit throughout our country.
- For God's people throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith.

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman George Rus Carolyn Gacke Wilma Koedam
Gayle Neels George and Chis Vonk

Announcements:

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

Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class at 11:20 am.

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: Domestic Inheritance Publishers

Next Lord's Day: Mr. Simon Yin serves. Mr. Yin is a HRC student studying at PRTS. 2nd Offering: Parsonage Fund

Dear Church Family,

"I wish to express my warmest thanks to you for the love you have shown me this past week in connection with my 70th birthday (actual day: Wednesday, Feb. 20). Thank you for all the wonderful cards and the loving wishes expressed in them! It was truly a delight for Clarice and myself, as well as for my children, to receive you into our home and to experience your warm fellowship. It is my prayerful wish and desire that the Lord would give me health and strength, so that I may serve you yet for some years to come." With love, Your Pastor

Dear Friends,

We are planning a fall tour to New England to take in its spectacular colors in mid-October and to visit numerous historical sites related to Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, numerous Puritans, the Pilgrims, etc. We would love to have some of your members join us. Due to us only taking one bus of fifty people on this year's tour, if anyone would like to join us, we urge them to sign up as soon as possible, as we believe this tour will fill up quickly. Warmly, Joel Beeke
Please see the brochures in the narthex for additional information on this trip.

Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent & affordable place to live? *Siouxland Habitat for Humanity* is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for a future home in Orange City. Application forms are available at the Orange City Office, Orange City Library and online at <http://siouxlandhabitat.org/our-programs/home-ownership/>. Completed applications are due by March 4. Contact Kurt Franje, 712-476-2804 or email kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.

February:

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

Sunday 24th: Student Simon Yin serves

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

March:

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

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

Sunday 10th: First Sunday of the Passion Season

Tuesday 12th: Consistory Meeting at church at 7:00 pm

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

Tuesday 19th: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley, at 6:30 pm

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

Wednesday 27th: Ladies Bible study, same place and time

Sunday 31st: Dr. Michael Barrett serves

Birthdays:

February 20: Pastor Bart Elshout

February 21: Kerri Rozeboom

Membership: Mrs. Esther Van Der Brink has been received as a member of our congregation. We warmly welcome Esther into our church family; we pray that she will both be blessed, and be a blessing among us.

Greeters:

February 17: Harvey and Lavonne Spaans

February 24: Les and Heather Van Grootheest

Lunch Schedule:

February 17: Heather VG and Julie P.

February 24: Mary M. and Carolyn B.

Nursery Schedule:

February 17: Morning: Marilyn G. and Ciana Z.

Evening: Faith G. and Mylie Z.

February 24: Morning: Emily P. and Madelynn Z.

Evening: Julie P. and Rayna M.

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

1/06/19 General - \$1,856.00 1/06/19 Construction - \$13,202.00

1/13/19 General - \$696.00 1/13/19 Building - \$991.00

1/20/19 General - \$804.00 1/20/19 Parsonage - \$931.00

1/27/19 General - \$1,524.00 1/27/19 Banner of Truth Tract - \$831.00

~All the LORD willing~

The Foolishness of Preaching

It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching.
1 Corinthians 1:21

An earnest young Christian prayed that the Lord would bless his pastor, for it pleased God by the preaching of foolishness to save. That unconscious mistake is near the truth in many pulpits today.

It is a preaching of foolishness that exalts a human, mutable philosophy and neglects the life-saving Word of God. Likewise, when the cardinal doctrines are omitted or buried under a mass of human tradition. It is foolish preaching where everything is a mist and a haze and the unfortunate sinner has no idea from his preacher of the way to heaven. Preaching that never mentions the name of God, or the Holy Spirits essential regenerating work, or justification by faith alone, or redemption by the shed blood, is foolishness indeed.

But Paul speaks in our verse of the foolishness of preaching, and in so doing he gives the worlds view of the preaching of the cross. Why should it be seen as foolishness in the eyes of the world?

Perhaps because ordinary people receive it. There is a snobbery of intellect that believes its superiority could not stoop to something as simple as the gospel of Christ. The gospel does not come by human speculation, but by divine revelation. Proud man does not like to acknowledge that fact.

The world regards preaching as foolish because it punctures man's pride. He does not like to be told that he is nothing and a nobody. Yet that is exactly what the gospel does to the pride of man. Not many mighty are called, but God has called the weak, the foolish, the base, and the despised into His kingdom.

Proud man wants to retain some of his glory, but the Bible shows us that man has nothing to glory in save the cross of Christ. That which is foolishness to the world is wisdom with God. And it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth (Rom 1:16).

We have the truth and we need not be afraid to say so.

J. C. Ryle

Heritage Reformed Congregation

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"Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary."

Psalm 150:1a

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