

Sunday February 24, 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.
- For all those suffering from seasonal illnesses.
- Gayle Neels in her diagnosis of breast cancer. (also see note)

Announcements:

Today: Mr. Simon Yin serves. Coffee & fellowship following the morning service. Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class at 11:20 am.

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

Mr. Simon Yin is from China. He started his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) studies at PRTS in 2013, and has finished that degree. He is currently pursuing a Master of Theology (Th.M.) degree at PRTS. He is also an elder at HRC Grand Rapids, and co-leads the Chinese outreach ministry within the HRC of Grand Rapids. Simon lives in Grand Rapids with his wife, Chunzi, his daughter, Olivia and his son Joshua.

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

Friends, Here is a brief update on Gayle's condition. We received good results of the scans taken last week. The cancer has not spread to other organs! Today (Friday) she is having a bone scan to make sure it has not spread to the bones. Please keep her in your prayers during this time of uncertainty, and also for the surgery scheduled for March 7. It can be overwhelming at times facing an uncertain future, but we trust that our gracious Lord will continue to supply our needs day-by-day. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, text messages, emails, phone calls, etc.

Dear Friends,

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.



February:

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

Wednesday 13th: Prayer Day, evening worship service at 7:00 pm

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

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

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

Birthdays:

March 2: Paige Claussen

March 2: Matthew Post

Greeters:

February 24: Les and Heather Van Grootheest

March 3: Alan and Amanda Gentry

Lunch Schedule:

February 24: Mary M. and Carolyn B.

March 3: Emily VB and Linda VB

Nursery Schedule:

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

Evening: Julie P. and Rayna M.

March 3: Morning: Kerri R. and Eliana P.

Evening: Leah VB and Olivia VB

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~

Heritage Reformed Congregation

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

Psalm 150:1a

"Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee." Psalm 5:10

No less than 20 of the psalms contain what are known as "imprecations"—that is, prayers to God to judge and destroy the wicked—and this verse is the first of them. As such, it sets the pattern, helping us to understand why the Lord would include such vindictive prayers in His inspired Word. At first, they seem incongruous with a God of love and mercy who has told us to love our enemies, but they help us to understand that God also must judge sin—especially the sin of rebellion. In them, we are taught to see the sin of rebellion in its true light—through the eyes of a loving Creator who has been rejected to the point of no return.

It is one thing to commit an act of wickedness when overcome by temptation; it is quite another thing for men to deliberately rebel against God Himself, seeking by their "counsels" to turn others against Him, and even, if it were possible, to destroy Him and His Word altogether.

This is the age-long sin of Satan, as well as that of the leaders of both ancient paganism and modern evolutionary humanism. Like the psalmist David, we must pray for God to defeat them and their counsels, for otherwise they will continue to lead multitudes of others into their own transgression. There is still room for forgiveness of individual sinners, of course—even among such as these—if they come in true repentance, but most such rebels are already irrevocably hardened against God and His Word. The appropriate prayer in such a case is (as David prayed in another of the imprecatory psalms): "Scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. . . . let them even be taken in their pride" (Psalm 59:11-12).

~Dr. Henry M. Morris

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