

Sunday March 3, 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, as she is scheduled to have surgery this week Thursday, for the treatment of breast cancer.

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman George Rus Carolyn Gacke Wilma Koedam
George and Chris 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 Outreach/ Student Support

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

The Gideons International will give a presentation to our congregation of what God is doing in the world today through this ministry. Please join us on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM at Hope Haven in Rock Valley. Additional details will follow.

Friends, Here is a brief update on Gayle's condition. We received good results of the scans taken recently. The cancer has not spread to other organs! 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.

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"Whoever is truly humbled- will not be easily angry, nor harsh or critical of others. He will be compassionate and tender to the infirmities of his fellow-sinners, knowing that if there is a difference – it is grace alone which has made it! He knows that he has the seeds of every evil in his own heart. And under all trials and afflictions – he will look to the hand of the Lord, and lay his mouth in the dust, acknowledging that he suffers much less than his iniquities have deserved."

John Newton

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 6:00 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 Senior Center*, at 6:30 (see note)

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

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

Sunday 31st: Dr. Michael Barrett serves

Whispering Heights: The time and date will remain the same, but the location will be in the *Senior Center*. So, those coming should enter *Whispering Heights* through the usual doors, turn right and go to the *Senior Center*.

April:

Wednesday 3rd: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 3rd: Church Family Evening, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 10th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time (last time for the season)

Friday 19th: Good Friday, evening worship service at 7:00 pm

Sunday 21st: Easter Sunday

Birthdays:

March 3: Ely Van Beek

March 4: Barb Groeneweg

March 4: Daniel Gentry

March 8: Torii Van Beek

March 9: Hannah Spaans

Greeters:

March 3: Alan and Amanda Gentry

March 10: Dick and ClaraAnn Bleyenbergh

Lunch Schedule:

March 3: Emily VB and Linda VB

March 10: Stacy Z. and Barb. G.

Nursery Schedule:

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

Evening: Leah VB and Olivia VB

March 10: Morning: Amber Z. and Haley VV

Evening: Kenzie Z. and Alexa Z.

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

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

Psalm 150:1a

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