# ~ Sunday July 28, 2019 ~ ~We welcome all who worship with us today~

#### **Prayer Needs:**

- ➤ God'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.
- The Holy Spirit's work in our congregation drawing all of us unto the Lord Jesus Christ in saving faith.
- God's blessing on all the work done for children at this past weeks' Vacation Bible School.
- Safety as we travel for vacations and spend more leisure time with our families.

#### Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk

#### **Announcements:**

Today: Pastor Bart Elshout serves.

Following the morning service there will be coffee and fellowship.

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

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

<u>Grand Rapids Reformed Interdenominational Conference</u>: Singles and couples, married or dating, in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend a Reformed interdenominational conference <u>August 9-10, 2019</u>. Participating ministers are Pastor J.A. Vanden Berg (Providence Reformed Church), Pastor Ian Macleod (FRC), and Dr. G.M. Bilkes (FRC). Registration closes Friday, August 2: <a href="http://bit.ly/GRRIC2019registration">http://bit.ly/GRRIC2019registration</a>. If you have questions, please contact Christina Vergunst (cell: 920–757-8699); <a href="mailto:christinavergunst@gmail.com">christinavergunst@gmail.com</a>).

HRC Youth Camp Topics can now be accessed on sermonaudio.com. Search by speakers, Rev. Armen Thomassian (2 topics), Dr. Gerald Bilkes, Dr. Maarten Kuivenhoven, and Rev. William Boekestein. Each talk on the theme "The Battle for Your Soul", is very worthwhile for our youth and adults alike.

PRTS Conference: Sign up before July 31 for this year's Puritan Reformed Conference and save \$25.00 per person. Early bird pricing is just \$75.00 for the entire event. Conference dates are August 22-24. Additional options are available for youth and select sessions. Visit <a href="http://bit.ly/prtsconference2019">http://bit.ly/prtsconference2019</a> to register online or call the seminary at (616) 977-0599. Out of town guest speakers include Dr. Tom Nettles, Dr. Joseph Pipa, and Pastor Rob Ventura. It's been said that a conference like this is "an oasis for the soul."

Warmest Regards, Chris Hanna, Director of Development & Marketing/PRTS

<u>Love Inc.</u>: Thanks to all who brought food donations for the VBS outreach. Donations may be brought through <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 4</u>.

<u>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></u>: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm <u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></u>: Annual church picnic, more details to follow

#### September:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Consistory meeting @ Interstates, Sioux Center at 6:00 pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>: First time for season of Church Family monthly meetings

Sunday 8th: Catechism Sunday School, and Adult Class begin for the season

Sunday 15th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service

Tuesday 17th: Singing at Whispering Heights, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

Friday 13th: Serving the evening meal at The Banquet, Sioux Falls, details to follow

Friday 27th, Saturday 28th: Tri-State Bible Conference, see note

Sunday 29th: Rev. J. Beeke serves

<u>Save the date</u>: On Sept. 27 & 28, 2019, the first *Tri-State Bible Conference* will be held in Northwest Iowa. Speaker" Dr. J. R. Beeke. Conference theme: <u>"Blessed Assurance: Can I have It?"</u> Location: B. J. Haan Auditorium, Dordt University. For further details, see the conference website: <u>www.tristatebibleconference.com</u>

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> "Thanks to all who were involved with VBS this past week, parents, children, Pastor E., helpers, and the VBS Committee. Pray that the Holy Spirit would bless it and apply the seeds sown to the hearts of everyone involved"

#### **Birthdays:**

<u>July 28</u>: Bradyn Davelaar <u>July 28</u>: DeeAnn Villalobos <u>August 1</u>: Emmett Bailey

#### **Greeters**:

<u>July 28</u>: Hank R., Toby M. and Brent B. August 4: Bruce and Emily Van Beek

#### **Lunch Schedule:**

<u>July 28</u>: Stacy Z. and Barb G. <u>August 4</u>: Paige C. and Misty D.

### Nursery Schedule:

<u>July 28</u>: Morning: Emily P. and Alexa Z.

Evening: Julie P. and Ava Z.

<u>August 4</u>: Morning: Kerri R. and Brynlie Z. Evening: Amber Z. and Cianna Z.

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

 June 09: General - \$1025.00
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 June 16: General - \$898.00
 June 16: Benevolent - \$1148.00

 June 23: General - \$711.00
 June 23: Student Support - \$2310.00

 June 30: General - \$987.00
 June 30: Construction - \$3349.00

~All the Lord willing~

# 8 Things You Won't Find in Heaven

Heaven is so heavenly that it's often hard for earthly creatures to understand what it will really be like. That's why the Bible often describes heaven in terms of what will not be there. For example, the last two chapters of the Bible tell us eight things that will not be there:

- **1. No Sea** (Rev. 21:1): Does not necessarily mean that there will literally be no sea. Rather "sea" is a common biblical metaphor for the storms of life, the mysteries of life, and the barriers and distances that separate us in life.
- **2. No Tears** (21:4): Why? Verse four tells us, there will be no more pain or death. Imagine, we will never cry or hear a cry ever again.
- **3. No Temple** (21:22): "Yes! No churches!!" says an unbeliever. But it's no churches because everything is church; everything and everywhere is worship. Here we often experience churches without God. There we will experience God without churches. How? Because "the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."
- **4. No Sun or Moon** (21:23): Again, not necessarily literal but a biblical symbol for time. No more time pressure, no more stress of having too much to do and too little time to do it. No sun and no moon also mean no shadows, no fluctuations in life, no ups and downs. How can this be? "For the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."
- **5. No Locked Gates** (21:25): Because no threats and no thieves. All is at peace and all is at rest. Perfect and total security.
- **6. No Night** (21:25): Meaning, no ignorance. The smallest child in heaven knows more about God than the greatest theologian on earth. No night also means no spiritual drowsiness and sleepiness.
- **7. No Sin** (21:27): All the causes, acts, and effects of sin will be abolished. Impossible to even think a sinful thought.
- **8. No Curse** (22:3): Not just no curses from men and women. Also, no evidence or experience of any curse of God on us or the environment. Because Christ became a curse for us (Gal. 3:13), not one atom in us or our new world will have any trace of the divine curse.

These eight things will not be there.

The question is, will you be there?

~ David Murray

# Heritage Reformed Congregation

Sunday July 28, 2019

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker." Psalm 95:6



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