

# Sunday November 17, 2019

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

## Prayer Needs:

- God's indispensable blessing on the preached word, may the Holy Spirit draw us all to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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.
- For our nation, that we would be drawn back to God and biblical living. Pray for our president in the weighty task given to him.
- Dr. Miskin, thanksgiving that he is improving and gaining strength after being gravely ill with a heart attack and additional artery stenting.
- Thanksgiving for the harvest thus far, pray for the farmers who are still working to bring in their crops.

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk Nellie Fintelman Mrs. Joan Maassen

## Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves.

Following the morning service there will be coffee and fellowship. Catechism, Sunday School, and the Adult Class commence at 11:20 am.

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: HRC Mission Fund

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

Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong: Please see sign up sheet in the narthex for food and drink items.

Practice dates for our young people to sing (ages 4-12) will be on Sunday 12/1 and 12/8 in the sanctuary, directing following the morning service.

New this year: We would like to invite anyone who can play the piano, or another instrument to play at the soup supper for the beginning of our evening as background music. Young people are encouraged to help us out with this too! See the sign-up sheet in narthex. Any questions can be directed to the committee members. (Kip & Annette, Steve VV, Esther VDB, Lee & Kerri, Pete & Linda)

Notifications: Bob Groeneweg manages *One Call Now* for the congregation. When necessary, he will send a recorded phone message to the congregation regarding announcements, event reminders, and cancellations. This past Wednesday, he sent a recorded phone message notifying the congregation that *Church Family Night* was cancelled. If you did not receive this message, and would like to be added to the list, please contact Bob.

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On repentance: "A repenting man is more angry at his own heart that consenteth to sin than he is at the devil who did tempt him to sin."  
Samuel Rutherford

## November:

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

Thursday 28th: *Thanksgiving Day*, morning worship at 9:30 am

## December:

Sunday 1st: First Congregational Prayer Session @ 9:00 am

Tuesday 3rd: Consistory Meeting at church at 6:00 pm

Wednesday 4th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 4th: *Monthly Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Tuesday 10th: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

Wednesday 11th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Thursday 12th: *Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong*, Faith Reformed Church, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

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

Wednesday 25th: *Christmas Day*, morning worship service at 9:30 am

## January:

Wednesday 8th: *Monthly Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 15th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 22nd: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

## Birthdays:

November 19: Taiven Vander Waal

November 22: Leah Van Beek

November 23: Jason Davelaar

## Greeters:

November 17: Karlin and Carolyn Bleeker

November 24: Harvey and Lavonne Spaans

## Lunch Schedule:

November 17: Clarice E. and Amber Z.

November 24: Heather VG and Julie P.

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

10/06/19 General - \$1,094.00	10/06/19 Inheritance Publishers - \$895.00
10/13/19 General - \$1,336.00	10/13/19 HRC Denominational Fund - \$947.00
10/20/19 General - \$1,861.00	10/20/19 Student Support - \$1,667.00
10/27/19 General - \$727.00	10/27/19 General - \$1,777.00

~All the LORD willing~

## *Diversity of Gifts*

*“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So, we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us.” Romans 12:4-6a*

The image of the church as Christ’s body signified two things: what it is to be a member of the church, and that the church is a unity (one body). But it also signifies something else, and that is *diversity in unity*. It is what Paul is chiefly talking about in Romans 12.

Paul calls the parts of the body “members.” We are those members. So the image teaches that Christians have different gifts and are to function differently from others in the use of these gifts, while nevertheless being a part of the body and contributing to the body’s unity.

Different gifts! It is hard for many of us to recognize this and accept it, because we are always wanting other Christians to be like us and function like us, or be cogs in our machine rather than contributing to another Christian’s work. Paul knew Christians who had this trouble too, but he tells everyone that we must accept this diversity if the church is to function as it should.

*Charismata* is based on the word *grace* (*charis*) and actually means “a grace gift.” It is something given to the people of God by God or, as can also be said, by Jesus Christ. Since grace is God’s unmerited favor, the word indicates that spiritual gifts are dispensed by God according to his pleasure and that the gifts will differ. Every Christian has at least one gift, like the people who received talents in Christ’s parables. Moreover, since these are given by God, they are to be used for his glory and according to his plans rather than to enhance our own glory or further our plans. This is where the thrust toward unity comes in. Each member of the body is to work toward the well-being of the whole so that when one member does well all the others do well and when one member suffers the entire body suffers.

Another way of saying this is to say that we not only belong to Christ, we also belong to one another. John Murray says of Christians, “They have property in one another and therefore in one another’s gifts and graces.” It would be correct to add that you, as a Christian, have a right to the gifts the other members of the body have been given, and they have a right to your gift. You cheat them if you do not use it, and you are poorer if you do not depend on them. ~ James M. Boice

What are spiritual gifts? Rom. 12:6b-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30; Eph. 4:11; 1 Pet. 4:11.

# *Heritage Reformed Congregation*

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



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