

Sunday November 24, 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.
- Our farmers as they finish up the harvest season.
- For truly humble hearts of thanksgiving to the Lord for all his mercies and benefits given unto us.
- Marge VandenToorn, as she fell and broke three ribs. Pray that she will heal with no complications and get her strength back.

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: Student Support Fund

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

The first Congregational Prayer Time will be held next Sunday at 9:00 am. See the pastoral letter for more details.

Thursday: *Thanksgiving Day*, morning worship service at 9:30 am. Collections will be for the General Fund and for the Construction Fund

Note: Since it's the week of Thanksgiving Day, there will be no Ladies' Bible Study this week.

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)

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"Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today." Martin Rinkart

November:

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

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

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

Senior Birthdays:

Mrs. Chris Vonk, 88 years on November 27

Greeters:

November 24: Harvey and Lavonne Spaans

December 1: Les and Heather Van Grootheest

Lunch Schedule:

November 24: Heather VG and Julie P.

December 1: Mary M. and Carolyn B.

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~

True Nonconformity

Learn not the way of the heathen.
Jeremiah 10:2

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*

No command was more frequently given to the children of Israel than this. Moses and Joshua strongly impressed it on them as they began to take possession of Canaan. The prophets constantly called them back to the same standard. Yet no command was more disregarded. Even in the days of Moses there were flagrant violations. Israel made a golden calf and worshipped it, an imitation of Egyptian heathen religion. At Baal-peor the people fell into fornication and idolatry with the Midianites. Throughout the period of the Judges there were multiplied regressions into heathen religion and practice. In the end, it was learning the way of the heathen that led both Israel and Judah into captivity.

All this proves one thing very clearly: consistent separation unto the Lord is the heart of true holiness and yet is the most difficult thing for us to maintain. We are under strong and constant pressure to conform to the spirit of the age. We are bombarded by the heathen ideas and practices of the ungodly. The temptation is to try to come to terms with all this and not appear too extreme. That is fatal, as many a believer has found out.

Conformity to the world is killing the effectiveness of most churches because it is killing their holiness. The old saying, I looked for the church and I found it in the world; I looked for the world and I found it in the church, is truer today than ever. Christians have learned the way of the heathen in their appearance, their actions, their entertainment, their families, and even their religion. The price they have to pay is enormous, for they lose their joy, their power, and very often their children all sacrificed on the altar of conformity to the heathen.

Be not conformed to this world is the Lord's call to us (Rom. 12:2). Oh! for such a sight of Christ that we would be overcome with a desire to be like Him. The more we are like Christ, the less we will be like the heathen. This is true holiness.

**Unless you are content with having God as your teacher you
will necessarily go astray.**

John Calvin



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