

# Sunday January 19, 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 entrusted to him.
- For humbled hearts of thanksgiving to the Lord for all his mercies and benefits given unto us.

## Announcements:

**Today:** *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am

Pastor Elshout serves.

Coffee and fellowship follow the morning worship service.

Catechism Class, Sunday School, and Adult Class today at 11:20

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: PRTS

**Next Lord's Day:** *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am.

Pastor Elshout serves. 2nd Offering: General Fund

**Tuesday:** Building Information Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Members, visitors, male and female are welcome. Please see your church mailbox for an information packet.

**PRTS:** Please join the faculty and staff of PRTS in giving thanks for God's faithfulness to the seminary in 2019. Recently, the seminary has extended its reach of training students from a biblical, experiential, and Reformed perspective by opening "campuses" in four different locations around the world with partnering institutions for a Master of Theology (ThM) degree. A fully accredited ThM degree from PRTS is being offered in Brazil, the United Kingdom, Egypt, and Taiwan. This means that the seminary will more effectively train theological students throughout South America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and Southeast Asia. PRTS faculty will teach 50% of the required courses and resident faculty will teach the remaining 50% or course offerings. None of this would be realized if not for the Lord's blessing and your heartfelt support. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial contributions to PRTS. For more information on ways you can partner with PRTS please contact Chris Hanna at 616-432-3407 / [chris.hanna@prts.edu](mailto:chris.hanna@prts.edu).

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*"If my respects to my Saviour be for the loaves and fishes, my heart is carried away with those baskets of fragments; but, if I can love God for His goodness' sake, this love shall out-last time, and over-match death."* Joseph Hall

## January:

Tuesday 21st: Informational Meeting at church, at 7 pm

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

## February:

Sunday 2nd: Dr. Sacha Walicord serves

Wednesday 5th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 5th: *Monthly Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Tuesday 11th: Consistory Meeting at church, at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 26th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

**Monthly sing-a-long:** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, please add your name if you are willing to host a sing-a-long in your home. Thanks!

## Birthday:

January 19: Charles Murphy

January 20: Mindy Vander Waal

January 22: Abby Van Der Brink

January 24: Jaivyn Van Grootheest

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

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

## Greeters:

January 19: Larry and DeeAnn Villalobos

January 26: Bob and Marilyn Groeneweg

## Lunch Schedule:

January 19: Heather VG and Julie P.

January 26: Mary M. and Carolyn B.

**Note:** There is an updated lunch schedule in the kitchen; there are a few changes so please have a look for your assigned date. Thanks to all who help out with serving each Sunday!

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

12/01/19 General - \$1,281

12/08/19 General - \$2,230

12/15/19 General - \$1,436

12/22/19 General - \$914

12/25/19 General - \$1,732

12/08/19 Local Mission - \$1,061

12/15/19 Benevolent - \$1,367

12/22/19 PRTS - \$1,256

12/25/19 Construction - \$11,994

~All the LORD willing~

# Heritage Reformed Congregation

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## The Guarding of the Mind

*“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind . . .”*  
I Peter 1:13

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

Here the apostle sets before us what should be the resolve of every Christian through grace to guard the mind. There is in this evil day a constant, concerted attack upon the minds of Gods people. We are daily exposed to a brainwashing process. Radio, television, videos, the press, and various publications are all instruments hijacked by our subtle enemy to reach our minds. The media constantly presents sin as acceptable in modern society. Drinking, adultery, and unfaithfulness are presented as socially acceptable and the common norm. The unsavoury filth of the world should never be allowed to seep into or sully the mind of the Christian. He must gird up the loins of the mind, as the pilgrim on a journey girded up his robes with a girdle so that he might walk unhindered. So, let us keep our garments unspotted from the world and gird our minds lest they get caught up and entangled in the philosophy and thinking of the worldling.

Paul speaks of loins girt about with truth (Eph. 6:14). Here is the mind girt and encircled with the word of truth and hedged about with the power of truth. Feed your mind and soul on the manna of Christ in His Word. Keep your mind's eye on Christ, and it will not be able to fix itself on the world. Remember, loose thinking must inevitably lead to loose living.



**The same eye cannot both look up to heaven and down to the earth at the same time.**

John Brown

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**Worship Services: 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM**

Online services available on [hullhrc.com](http://hullhrc.com) or [sermonaudio.com/hullhrc](http://sermonaudio.com/hullhrc)

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