

# Sunday February 23, 2020

~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.
- For humbled hearts of thanksgiving to the Lord for all mercies given unto us.
- 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.
- All those undergoing medical testing, under doctor's care and treatment.
- Those afflicted with seasonal illnesses, and not able to gather in God's house.
- For our nation, that we would be drawn back to God and biblical living. Pray for our president, that he may have godly wisdom for the weighty task laid upon him.

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

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

## Announcements:

Today: *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am. PRTS student, Mr. Jamie Crampton serves.

Coffee and fellowship follow the morning worship service.

Catechism Class, Sunday School, and Adult Class today at 11:20 – 12:10

Mr. Crampton will teach the Adult Class. His topic is "*Jesus as Lord of the Sabbath*", from Luke 6:1-11

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

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

Pastor T. Klaver serves. 2nd Offering: PRTS Fund

Creation: *Reformation Gospel Ministries* will be sponsoring a creation conference on Saturday, March 28 at the Terrace View Event Center, Sioux Center starting at 9:30 am. Speaker is Dr. Robert Carter from *Creation Ministries International*. Go to [www.reformationgospelministries.org](http://www.reformationgospelministries.org) for more information.

Homes: Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent & affordable place to live? *Siouxland Habitat for Humanity* is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for a future home in Rock Valley. Application forms are available at the Habitat for Humanity office (1334 Valley Dr., Rock Valley), Rock Valley City Office, and online at <http://siouxlandhabitat.org/our-programs/homeownership/>. Completed applications are due by March 16. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Franje, 712-476-2804 or email [kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org).

## February:

Sunday 23rd: PRTS student Mr. Jamie Crampton serves

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

Thursday 27th: Singing @ *Royale Meadows* (near George's room) Sioux Center 6:30p

## March:

Sunday 1st: Pastor Terry Klaver serves

Tuesday 3rd: Consistory Meeting at church, at 7:00 pm

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

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

Sunday 8th: Commemoration of annual *Prayer Day*

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

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

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

Wednesday 18th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Saturday 21st: *Monthly Singalong and Prayer*, Bob and Marilyn's home, 7:00 pm

Sunday 22nd: Dr. Adriaan Neele serves

Wednesday 25th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Saturday 28th: Creation Conference, see note

## Greeters:

February 23: John and Stacy Zomer

March 1: Leah VB and Esther VDB

## Lunch Schedule:

February 23: Lavonne S. and Annette M.

March 1: ClaraAnn B. and Esther VDB

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

1/05/20 - General \$2,432.00                      1/05/20 - Domestic Outreach \$1,824.00

1/12/20 - General \$1,843.00                      1/12/20 - Building \$5,322.00

1/19/20 - General \$760.00                      1/19/20 - PRTS \$1,087.00

1/26/20 - General \$2,156.00

~All the LORD willing~

On two graces being joined together in believers: "*They are to believe firmly on God's promise, and yet to be humble in themselves. They are to rejoice, and yet with trembling. When your confidence devours your holy trembling, then take heed of presumption. When you fear devours your faith and joy, then take heed of despair....one cannot work without the other.*" ~Anthony Burgess/excerpt Knowing & Growing in Assurance of Faith, by JR Beeke

# 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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Member Church of HRC Denomination [heritagereformed.com](http://heritagereformed.com)

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The most excellent subject to discourse or write of is *JESUS CHRIST*.

Augustine, having read Cicero's works, commended them for their eloquence, but he passed this sentence upon them: "They are not sweet, because the name of Jesus is not in them." And Bernard's saying is near the same, "If you write, it doth not relish with me, unless I read Jesus there; if you dispute or confer, it does not relish well with me, unless Jesus sounds there." Indeed, all we say is but unsavory if it be not seasoned with this salt. Paul said, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). Paul resolved within himself, before he preached among the Corinthians, that this should be the only point of knowledge that he would profess himself to have skill in; and that, in the course of his ministry he would labor to bring them to. This Paul made the breadth, and the length, the depth, and height of his knowledge; "yea doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8).

In this knowledge of Christ there is an excellency above all other knowledge in the world; there is nothing more pleasing and comfortable, more animating and enlivening, more ravishing and soul contenting. Only Christ is the sun and center of all divine revealed truths. We can preach/teach nothing else as the object of our faith, as the necessary element of your soul's salvation, which doth not some way or other either meet in Christ, or refer to Christ. Only Christ is the whole of man's happiness, the Sun to enlighten him, the Physician to heal him, the Wall of fire to defend him, the Friend to comfort him, the Pearl to enrich him, the Ark to support him, and the Rock to sustain him under the heaviest pressures, "As a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of waters in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isaiah 32:2). Only Christ is the ladder between earth and heaven, the Mediator between God and man, a mystery, which the angels of heaven desire to pry, peep, and look into. He is the blessed Subject indeed; who would not be glad to pry into it, to be acquainted with it? This is life eternal, to know God, and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent. Come then, let us look on this Sun of righteousness: we cannot receive harm but good by such a look; indeed but looking long on the natural sun, we may have our eyes dazzled, and our faces blackened; but by looking unto Jesus Christ, we shall have our eyes clearer, and our faces fairer; if the light of the eye rejoice the heart, how much more when we have such a blessed Object to look upon? As Christ is more excellent than all the world, so this sight transcends all other sights; it is the epitome of a Christian's happiness, the quintessence of evangelical duties, Looking unto JESUS.

~Taken from *Looking unto Jesus*, by Isaac Ambrose