

Sunday March 1, 2020

1st week of the Passion Season

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 in the weighty task of leading our county.

Announcements:

Today: *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am. Pastor Terry Klaver serves.

Coffee and fellowship follow the morning worship service.

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

Pastor Klaver will present a topic, "*The Sabbath Day*", to the Adult Class.

1st Offering: General Fund **2nd Offering:** PRTS

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

Pastor Elshout serves. **2nd Offering:** Construction Fund

Wednesday: Our monthly *Church Family Night* will be this Wednesday, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm. The adult group will be discussing chapter 24 in our book.

PRTS: Please join us in giving thanks for God's faithfulness to PRTS. Not only is He providing for our every need, He is blessing the work of the faculty in training the next generation of ministers and Bible teachers to herald the unsearchable riches of Christ to people groups throughout the world. There is an ever growing, international, interest among young Christian men wanting to be trained for the ministry at PRTS. Your prayers and financial support are vitally important to this effort. If not for your ongoing commitment to PRTS, we would not be able to offer biblical, Reformed, and practical theological instruction at an affordable cost. Pray that the Lord would keep us faithful to His Word and that we would rightly steward the resources entrusted to us. Pray too that the Lord will continue to raise up additional churches and individuals whose hearts resonate with the mission and vision of the seminary and who are willing to partner with us in prayer and through their charitable giving. If you have questions about the seminary or supporting it, please contact Chris Hanna at 616-432-3407 / chris.hanna@prts.edu.

Note: Please find a copy in your mailboxes of the Security Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The purpose of this information is to maximize safety in the event of a church "shooter incident." We recommend that the head of each household explain to his family what to do in the event that something should happen.

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*, Terrace Event Center, 9:30 am

April:

Wednesday 1st: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 1st: Monthly *Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 8th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Friday 10th: Good Friday, evening worship at 7:00 pm

Sunday 12th: Easter Sunday

Thursday 16th: Singing at *Royale Meadows*, Sioux Center at 6:30 pm

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

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

Birthdays:

March 2: Paige Claussen

March 2: Matthew Post

March 3: Ely Van Beek

March 4: Barb Groeneweg

Greeters:

March 1: Leah VB and Esther VDB

March 8: Pastor and Clarice E.

Lunch Schedule:

March 1: ClaraAnn B. and Esther VDB

March 8: Marilyn G. and Kerri R.

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

2/02 **General** - \$2,565.00

2/02 **Construction** - \$2,815.00

2/09 **General** - \$1,279.00

2/09 **Banner of Truth Tract** - \$1,183.00

2/16 **General** - \$777.00

2/16 **Student Support** - \$1,357.00

2/23 **General** - \$1,080.00

2/23 **HRC Mission** - \$1,539.00

~All the LORD willing~

Question: "What is the importance and value of group prayer?"

Answer: Group prayer among Christians is important and rewarding. It has been this way from the beginning of the church. In Acts 2, when the disciples by the power of the Spirit were preaching and thousands were being saved, the church had a plan, and they carried it out in community. "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). Group prayer was important in the early church as something that bound them together as they carried out the Great Commission.

In Acts 4:31 group prayer is noted again, "And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness." God gave boldness to the whole group in their witness, in response to their prayer. They needed this power, as they were facing persecution.

In Acts 6:3-4, "But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Prayer was one of the highest priorities of the church leadership.

The Holy Spirit is always praying in and through us "through wordless groans" (Romans 8:26), and Jesus taught the importance of personal prayer in secret in the inner room (Matthew 6). But group or corporate prayer has a place as well. Group prayer knits believers together and encourages the burdened. When a group of believers pray together, the result is unity, humility, thanksgiving, confession of sin, intercession, and discovery of God's will.

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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