

# Sunday July 31, 2022

~A warm welcome to all who worship with us today~

## Prayers:

- The blessing of the Holy Spirit upon our worship today.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind & spirit, the lonely, elderly, widower & widows in our midst.
- A spiritual and enduring transformation of our families, church, nation and our leaders, bringing us back to the Lord and living according to His word
- All those who are persecuted for confessing the name of Jesus Christ.
- For peace in Ukraine; God's special care for His people there.
- For the cause of respect for God given life, from the preborn to natural death.
- For safety as our families travel and have more leisure time.
- Marge Vanden Toorn as she continues to recover at *Pleasant Acres*
- For much needed rain for the crops.
- Thanksgiving for the Villalobos' recovering from Covid.
- Thanksgiving that Linda Van Beek's aneurysm procedure went well.
- For the family of Mrs. Sophie Zomer who passed away at 86 years, John & Stacy, Kip & Annette, and Cal & Amber. Also, for their father and other siblings.

Today: Pastor Elshout serves at 9:30am and 6:00pm.

Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

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

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Elshout serves at 9:30am and 6:00pm.

Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

2nd Offering: Student Support

Note: The family visitation for Mrs. Zomer will be Wednesday 5-7pm at Memorial Funeral Home, Sioux Center. The funeral will be on Thursday at 10am in the Sioux Center NRC.

Note: *The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling* (IRBC) will be sponsoring a Basic Training Class in Reformed Biblical Counseling starting on 8 September 2022 in the following locations: Sanborn, IA, Hull, IA, and Sioux Falls, SD. The class will be held on successive Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. until April 2023. The registration deadline is August 18, 2022. For more information or to register for this class, go online to the following website address ([www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org](http://www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org)) and locate the "Basic Training Course" drop down menu. Participants may take this class for personal growth and not necessarily to become a counselor in any organization.

~

*"If anything makes our pillow easy at death, it will be that we have endeavored to do God's will on earth. Did you ever hear any cry out on their deathbed that they have done God's will too much? No!" ~Thomas Watson, "Lord's Prayer"*

August:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Consistory Meeting, at church 7pm

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>: *Youth Group* meets following the evening service

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>: Pastor Scott Dibbet serves\*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>: PRTS Student Israel Quaresma serves

\*Pastor Elshout serves the *FRC of St. George, Ontario*

## September:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>: *Youth Group* meets following the evening service

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>: Annual Church Picnic

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>: Commemoration of the *Lord's Supper*

## Remember those who are unable to gather with us:

Henrietta Van Beek      Wilma Van Beek      Marge Vanden Toorn  
Charles and Toshika Murphy

## Birthdays:

August 1: Emmett Bailey

August 3: Makailyn Vander Waal

August 6: Marlene Van Hill

## Greeters:

July 31: Brent Bleyenbergh and Hank Rozeboom

August 7: Bruce and Emily Van Beek

## Nursery:

July 31:

AM: Faith G. and Vanessa G.

PM: Annette M.

August 7:

AM: Kerri R. and Olivia VB

PM: Heather VG

## The congregation is gratefully acknowledged for the following June collections:

General Fund: \$6,677.00

Construction Fund: \$2,461.00

Benevolent Fund: \$769.00

PRTS: \$1,289.00

Student Support: \$1,213.00

Note: *"Dear friends, this is written from Central Asia! After a busy month of traveling and giving training, last week Jason flew one of our airplanes back to a warm, exciting, and safe welcome in Central Asia, a much different atmosphere than nearly a year ago. It has been a privilege to observe God working throughout this past year! Praise Him! There are already organizations booking flights with us and many are depending on our transportation to restart their work. After a couple weeks, Jason will be back in Michigan, and we anticipate moving to Dubai at the end of August. We're praying we can return to Central Asia as a family by the end of October. Thank you for your faithful prayers, support, and encouragement through this past year!" Serving Him with you, Jason and Hannah*

~

*"Whenever I see the funeral of another, let me think thus with myself: Why might not I have been that man or woman that is now carried to the grave?"*

~John Shower, "Serious Reflections"

# Heritage Reformed Congregation

Sunday, July 31, 2022

~

*“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.”  
Psalm 84:1& 4*



## *Pilgrims on the Earth*

*“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.” Hebrews 11:13-14*

This is the heart-touching testimony of the great “heroes of faith” of [Hebrews 11](#). The experiences of all these godly men and women of the past are outlined as an example for us as we pass through the years of our own “pilgrimage” on the earth. “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us...run with patience the race that is set before us”  
[Hebrews 12:1](#)

There is another group who also gave their own lives, and the testimony of our text seems appropriate for them as well. Once a year, on Memorial Day, we remember in a special way those who died in defense of our own country. They had seen its promises and embraced them and were willing to die for them. Many of those were also Christians, and they loved their country, especially because of its unique Christian heritage and its freedom to practice and propagate their faith.

One of these was this writer’s younger brother, who died in the jungles of Burma as a young pilot flying the famous “Hump” into China during World War II. Before his death, he had given a faithful Christian witness to many of his buddies as he ran his own race with patience. Many readers of these lines no doubt remember their own friends and loved ones who likewise offered up their lives for God and country.

As we remember them, we surely must remember, with even greater love and appreciation, the One who made the greatest sacrifice of all, “looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” [Hebrews 12:2](#). ~Henry Morris

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

*Hull, Iowa  
712.439.1630*

*Pastor: Rev. Bartel Elshout*

E-mail: [belshout@gmail.com](mailto:belshout@gmail.com) – Cell #: 712-451-9302

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

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

*Bulletin information to [lindamvanbeek@aol.com](mailto:lindamvanbeek@aol.com)*