

Sunday September 18, 2022

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

Prayers:

- The blessing of the Holy Spirit upon our worship.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind & spirit, the lonely, elderly, widower & widows in our midst.
- 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.
- 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
- Student Daniel Xue as he labors in our midst
- Pastor Elshout, as he lays the call to serve the Kalamazoo Church before the Lord.
- For Linda Van Beek, thanksgiving for recovery from a small stroke; pray for continued strength and improvements in vision and reading.
- God's blessing on the instructional season of Sunday School, Catechism Class, and the Adult Class as we begin a new season today
- God's blessing on the TriState Bible Conference next week, may the subject of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament be a rich blessing to every person who attends.

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Today: Pastor Elshout serves at 9:30am and Mr. Daniel Xue at 6:00pm.
Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

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

Instructional classes will begin today. Everyone should gather in the sanctuary at 11:20 for an opening meditation by Pastor Elshout, after which our children and youth will be dismissed to their respective classrooms.

Next Lord's Day: Dr. M. Barrett serves at 9:30am and Mr. Daniel Xue at 6:00pm.
Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

2nd Offering: General Fund

Classrooms:

K thru 2 nd grade	Elder Villalobos	room off Narthex
3 rd thru 5 th grade:	Deacon Brent Bleyenber	basement classroom
6 th thru 8 th grade:	Elder John Groeneweg	Fellowship Room
9 th thru 12 th grade:	Elder Doug Post	Consistory Room
Adult Class:	Pastor Elshout	Sanctuary

September 26 and 27: The Annual Tri-State Bible Conference will be held next week Monday and Tuesday at 7pm at Dordt University. Dr. Barrett will be the speaker, on "Jesus Christ: The Focus of the Old Testament". Please come and hear from a PRTS Old Testament instructor on a very worthwhile topic!

For details go to www.tristatebibleconference.com

Congregational Activity Evening: Please see the sign up for snacks in the narthex. Our first meeting for the activity nights will be Wednesday, October 5.

September:

Sunday 18th: Commencement of Catechism and Sunday School season

Sunday 25th: Dr. Barrett serves, morning worship

Sept 26 & 27th: Tri-State Bible Conference (see note)

October:

Sunday 2nd: Youth Group will meet following the evening service

Tuesday 4th: Consistory Meeting at church, 7pm

Wednesday 5th: Congregational Activity Evening, Hope Haven at 6:50pm

Birthdays:

September 19: Becky Van Der Brink

September 19: Clarice Elshout

September 21: Heather Van Grootheest

September 22: Brielle Maassen

September 22: Elliet Claussen

Note: "A sincere thank you to the congregation for the many expressions of sympathy in the loss of our mother, Marge Vanden Toorn. Thank you also to Pastor Elshout and Clarice for the faithful visits over the years. The yearly care baskets and visits by the Heritage Youth Group and their trip to see her at River View were especially meaningful." Warmly, Karlin and Carolyn Bleeker

Note: "Dear friends, We are HOME. After three weeks in Dubai awaiting the official ok to return, we were able to move back to our previous home with our housemates & teacher! Praise God with us for the joy & peace that he has gifted us here; our hearts are so content to be back. Pray for wisdom as we resume life, work, and relationships here. Pray for the kids as they continue in their schoolwork. They were able to start school with our teacher in Dubai; they will resume here after we unpack & set up the school. Thanks for all your prayers and support this past year as we worked towards and anticipated this moment! God is good." Serving Him, Jason and Hannah

Remember those who are unable to gather with us:

Henrietta Van Beek Wilma Van Beek DeeAnn Villalobos

Greeters:

September 18: Harvey and Lavonne Spaans

September 25: Lee and Kerri Rozeboom

Nursery:

September 18:

AM: Misty D. and Ashtyn C.

PM: Marilyn G.

September 25:

AM: Kerri R. and Eliana P.

PM: Annette M.

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Heritage Reformed Congregation

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*Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. -
Psalm 73:24*

The Psalmist felt his need of divine guidance. He had just been discovering the foolishness of his own heart, and lest he should be constantly led astray by it, he resolved that God's counsel should henceforth guide him. A sense of our own folly—is a great step towards being wise, when it leads us to rely on the wisdom of the Lord. The blind man leans on his friend's arm and reaches home in safety. Just so, should we give ourselves up implicitly to divine guidance, nothing doubting; assured that though we cannot see—it is always safe to trust the All-seeing God!

"You shall," is a blessed expression of confidence. He was sure that the Lord would not decline the condescending task. There is a word for you, O believer; rest in it. Be assured that your God will be your Counselor and Friend—He shall guide you—He will direct all your ways. In His written Word, so that you have this assurance in part fulfilled, for holy Scripture is His counsel to you. Happy are we to have God's Word always to guide us! What would the mariner be—without his compass? And what would the Christian be—without his Bible! This is the unerring chart—the map in which every dangerous shoal is described, and all the channels from the quick sands of destruction to the haven of salvation, mapped and marked by one who knows all the way. Blessed are You, O God, that we may trust You to guide us now, and guide us even to the end!

After this guidance through life, the Psalmist anticipates a divine reception at last, "and afterward receive me to glory!" What a thought for you, believer! God Himself will receive you to glory—you! Wandering, erring, straying—yet He will bring you safe at last to glory! This is your portion; live on it this day; and if perplexities should surround you—go in the strength of this text straight to the throne!

~Charles H. Spurgeon

*"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*



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