

Sunday November 20, 2022

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

Prayers:

- God's blessing on the preaching of His holy word today.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind & spirit, the lonely, elderly, widower & widows in our midst.
- Those under doctor's care and going through medical tests.
- For the people of Ukraine suffering under a war. (see note)
- 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.
- For God's people throughout the world who are persecuted for being Christians.
- The family of Mrs. Gloria Van Beek who passed away this past Tuesday @ 80 yrs. She was a sister-in-law to Pete and Linda VB, Pastor and Clarice E., and an aunt to Joel and Mindy VW
- Annette Maggert, as she will need heart surgery in the near future to replace her aortic valve. She has a clinic appointment with the surgeon this week.

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

Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class meet at 11:20am to 12:05pm

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

Next Lord's Day: Student Daniel Xue serves at 9:30am and Pastor Elshout at 6:00pm
Fellowship following the morning service. Catechism & Sunday School at 11:20am
2nd Offering: HRC Mission Fund

Thursday: *Thanksgiving Day*, worship service at 9:30am. Student Daniel Xue serves.
Collection: Construction Fund

Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong is planned for Thursday December 1 @ 6:30pm, at Faith Reformed Church, RV. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex to add your name for food. Committee: John & Stacy Zomer, Mitch & Paige Claussen, Cal & Amber Zomer, Harvey & Lavonne Spaans, should anyone have questions.

COAH: The situation in Ukraine is challenging! A large-scale missile attack on critical infrastructure has been carried out. More than 12 regions are partially or entirely without electricity, water & heat. Temps drop below 32F. People can freeze without heat. Pray for heat to be restored soon. Russia does not want peace. Due to problems with the energy system, issues have arisen in Moldova (in some areas, there is no electricity) and in Hungary (oil pumping through the Druzhba pipeline has been stopped). During the missile strike, we were delivering winter care boxes; the need for them has become urgent. We brought people flashlights, heaters, candles & anything that can help in this challenging situation. People were very grateful to receive the gifts. Thanks to all who supported this project. So far, we have helped more than 45 families; our plans are to increase assistance. We see that the enemy is cunning, wanting to leave us in the cold without light or water. Our task is to help people survive this winter. May God keep each of you. Prominent greetings from your friends from Ukraine!

November:

Thursday 24th: Thanksgiving Day, worship service at 9:30am

Tuesday 29th: Consistory Meeting, at church, 7:00pm

December:

Thursday 1st: Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong, see note

Wednesday 7th: *Congregational Activity Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50pm

Sunday 11th: Dr. Kuivenhoven serves

Sunday 11th: *Youth Group* will meet following the evening service

Sunday 18th: *Lord's Supper*, morning worship service

Sunday 25th: Christmas Day

Note: Dear congregation, your annual book gift is in your mailbox. This year we are sharing *Our God* by Octavius Winslow. It includes 10 short chapters on how the perfections of God meets the varied conditions of His people, most particularly in Jesus Christ. We pray the reading of it will be for your spiritual profit. Please note there are extra copies on the narthex table if you are interested but do not have a mailbox. With love, The Consistory.

Birthdays:

November 23: Jason Davelaar

Remember those who are unable to gather with us:

Henrietta Van Beek Wilma Van Beek DeeAnn Villalobos

Greeters:

November 20: Chris and Becky Van Der Brink

November 27: Pastor and Clarice Elshout

Lunch:

November 20: Barb G. and Linda VB

November 27: Amber Z. and Stacy Z.

Nursery:

November 20:

AM: Kerri G. and Rayna M.

PM: Heather VG

Thanksgiving Day: Haidyn VW and Eliana P.

November 27:

AM: Kyla VW and Mikiah C.

PM: Jacie VW

The congregation is gratefully acknowledged for the following October collections:

General: \$9,266.00

Construction: \$4,278.00

Facilities: \$743.00

Emeritus: \$1,261.00

Student Support: \$1,549.00

~All the Lord willing~

The Duty of Rejoicing

"But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee." Psalm 5:11

It may seem strange to think of rejoicing as a Christian duty, but the Scriptures do contain many commands to rejoice, and many of these are given in circumstances of grief or danger, as is the case of our beautiful text verse.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" Philippians 4:4 Paul wrote from a Roman dungeon. In the upper room the night before He was to die on a cross, the Lord Jesus said to His disciples: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:1. And then He said: "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." John 16:2 But then He said again: "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24

If David could rejoice while fleeing from murderous enemies, if Paul could rejoice while chained unjustly in a Roman prison, if the disciples could experience fullness of joy while facing martyrdom, and if the Lord Himself "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame." Hebrews 12:2, then our Christian duty of rejoicing in all circumstances may not be such an unseemly command after all.

We can rejoice, as our text reminds us, "because thou defendest them." Furthermore, He Himself provides the joy, for "the fruit of the Spirit is...joy." Galatians 5:22 It is not that the Christian will never know sorrow, for Christ Himself was "a man of sorrows." Isaiah 53:3 But He also was a man of joy and, in Him, we can be like Him— "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing." 2 Corinthians 6:10 ~Dr. H. Morris

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*"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*



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

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