

Sunday, October 27, 2024

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

Prayers:

- God's blessing on the preached Word today.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of body, mind & spirit, the lonely, the widower & widows. All who are unable to worship with us
- For us to grow in grace, and the knowledge of the Lord, and for opportunities to use our time and talents in serving God and others.
- Thanksgiving for a safe and plentiful harvest thus far for our farmers.
- For much needed rain.
- A national spiritual revival, pray for God to have abundant mercy on our country. Pray for the upcoming elections in just over a week as well.
- God's blessing on the Reformation Day topic event to be held this week. (see note)

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Today: Pastor van der Hoek serves at 9:30am and 6:00pm
Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.
Catechism and Sunday School at 11:20am

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

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Vander Zwaag serves* at 9:30am and 6:00pm

Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

Catechism and Sunday School 11:20am to 12:10pm

Youth Group will meet following the evening service

2nd Offering: Facilities Fund

*Pastor van der Hoek will serve the Burgessville HRC

Reformation Day: We are hosting a *Reformation Day* event with Rock Valley URC this Thursday, October 31, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, at our church. Join us as we reflect upon God's faithfulness in preserving His church with presentations on the Life of John Calvin, Pastor van der Hoek, Preaching and Evangelism After the Reformation, Pastor Caleb Castro and Evangelism in our Communities, Pastor Elijah Anderson. Soli Deo Gloria!

Note: There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those willing to bring refreshments for the Reformation Day event. Thanks to all who can help out!

ART OF PARENTING RETREAT | Nov 15-16 | \$50 Per Couple

Come to this extended weekend retreat at Inspiration Hills to learn more about parenting. The weekend will include guided video sessions and engaging discussions. You'll be equipped to make faith the core of your parenting through intentional, Biblical instruction and Christ-centered plans that aim children's hearts toward God. Parents will finish the study with renewed confidence in parenting, fresh insights on parenting children of different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifts. REGISTER ONLINE at inspirationhills.org/parenting

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Our confidence in Christ does not make us lazy, negligent, or careless, but on the contrary, it awakens us, urges us on, and makes us active in living righteous lives and doing good. There is no self-confidence to compare with this. *Ulrich Zwingli*

October:

Thursday 31st: Reformation Day meeting, at church, 7:00pm

November:

Sunday 3rd: Pastor Vander Zwaag serves

Sunday 3rd: Youth Group meets following the evening service

Tuesday 5th: Ladies' Bible Study, 1:30pm at church

Wednesday 6th: Church Activity Evening, 7:00pm at Hope Haven

Thursday 7th: Confession of Faith class, 7:30pm at church

Saturday 9th: Singalong and Prayer gathering, 7:00pm

Monday 11th: Consistory Meeting, 7:00pm at church

Sunday 17th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service

Sunday 17th: Youth Group meets at the parsonage following the evening service

Tuesday 19th: Ladies' Bible Study, 1:30pm at church

Thursday 21st: Confession of Faith class, 7:30pm at church

Thursday 28th: Thanksgiving Day, worship service at 9:30am

Birthdays:

October 30: John Zomer

Remember those who are unable to worship with us:

Henrietta Van Beek Wilma Van Beek Dee Ann Villalobos

Lunch:

October 27: Hanneke vdH and Heather VG

November 3: Barb G. and Julie P.

Greeters:

October 27: Karlin and Carolyn Bleeker

November 3: John and Barb Groeneweg

Nursery:

October 27:

AM: Shanae VdW, Ashtyn C. & Brynlie Z.

PM: Ciana Z. and Miylie Z.

November 3:

AM: Heather VG, Mikiah C. & Olivia VB

PM: Ellie P. & Rayna M.

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All the Lord willing

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"So, when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is, there I shall be also!" *Martin Luther*

"True humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue." *Martin Luther*

“O Lord, God of heaven, hear the prayer your servant is praying.”
Nehemiah 1:5-6

Andrew Murray, the late pastor and noted author on prayer has a stirring challenge for us to consider today. He writes: "So much of our prayer is vague and pointless. Some cry for mercy, but do not take the trouble to know exactly why they want it. Others ask to be delivered from sin, but do not name any sin from which a deliverance can be claimed. Still others pray for God's blessing...on their land or on the world, and yet have no special field where they can wait and expect to see the answer. To everyone the Lord says, 'What do you really want, and what do you expect Me to do?' "

Murray's challenge is especially timely for us today on the need of intercessory prayer for America. Nehemiah's prayer for his homeland is a model any godly person in any generation can imitate. It meets all the criteria Murray named. There is nothing vague or pointless about it. Nehemiah named the sin Israel was guilty of - acting wickedly and failing to obey the Law God gave through Moses. Nehemiah wasn't clueless as to why he wanted God's mercy. The city of Jerusalem was in ruins, and Nehemiah knew that the rubble gave God's enemies a chance to defame His name and character. Finally, Nehemiah didn't stammer around when it came to the specifics of what he wanted God to do (Nehemiah 1:11).

Like Moses, Nehemiah was a great intercessor. Nehemiah put himself squarely in the middle of his sinful people and identified with them completely in their deep spiritual need. This prayer draws us away from the tendency to take an "us and them" mentality as we pray for national restoration. There are many evil people doing many evil things in our country, but we all stand before God in need of forgiveness. Nehemiah was arguably the most righteous Israelite of his generation. But he didn't point the finger at others. He went before God on behalf of his own needs as well as on behalf of the nations. Nehemiah's humility and repentant heart gave his prayer a unique power. We need to study this prayer and make it our own.

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*“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of
the LORD.” Psalm 122:1*



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

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