

*Sunday, March 2, 2025*

*~We welcome all who worship with us today~*

**Prayers:**

- Blessing on the preaching of the gospel today.
- For the lonely, and cross bearing members and those unable to worship with us.
- For prodigal children and loved ones, pray for them to be drawn into Christ's fold.
- For much needed rain for the dry land in our area.
- For Jason, Hannah and family as they serve in Central Asia. (see note)
- Bruce & Emily Van Beek with the loss of Emily's grandfather, Mr. Clarence Hellinga
- Dick Bleyenbergh, home from the hospital. Pray for restoration of health and strength
- John Groeneweg, thanksgiving for his hip replacement surgery going well, pray for full healing.

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**Today:** Pastor van der Hoek serves at 9:30am, and at 6:00pm Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

Catechism, Sunday School and Adult Class at 11:20 am

*Youth Group* will meet following the evening service.

**1<sup>st</sup> Offering:** General Fund     **2<sup>nd</sup> Offering:** Disaster Relief Fund (see note below)

**Disaster Relief Fund:** On January 7, 2025, a series of deadly fires broke out in Los Angeles, resulting in the loss of more than 1,100 structures and the displacement of over 70,000 people. Many families in *Grace Community Church* have been directly impacted and have immediate need for temporary housing and basic living supplies and will have a long-term need for resources for the repair and rebuilding of their homes. The elders will use donated funds to work with these families to help meet these needs. <https://www.gracechurch.org/news/posts/3851>

**Next Lord's Day:** Pastor van der Hoek at 9:30am and 6:00pm Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class at 11:20am

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering:** Local Mission

**Guiding Star:** Please return the fund drive baby bottles by next Sunday. Thank you!

Hello friends, We pray God's blessings for you in this new year. Praise God our new team leader and country director has arrived this past week! He and his wife are an answer to two and a half years of prayer. For most of this new year, Jason has been serving as interim country director as well as director of maintenance and chief pilot. It has been a lot of responsibility. Thankfully, he can pass back the country director role this week and refocus on flight and maintenance operations. There have been some security and political rumblings the past couple months that have caused us to tighten our security procedures, including not having any locals over for a few weeks. This week we are allowed to resume seeing our friends face to face, but our female co-workers are still unable to come in and work in-person. Pray for our relationships that we have and are building with our local friends and neighbors, that they won't suffer during this time of uncertainty. And pray for our female friends and co-workers - this is a difficult environment to live in, especially as they try to support their families! We are grateful for your prayers and partnership with us as we serve here. ~Jason, Hannah and family

**March:**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Youth Group* meets following the evening service

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Consistory Meeting, 7:00pm at church

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, 1:30pm at church

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>:** Church Activity Evening, 7:00pm at Hope Haven

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>:** *Confession of Faith Class*, 7:30pm at church

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>:** First Sunday of the Passion Season

**Wednesday 12:** VBS Planning Meeting, 7:00pm at church

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Bible Study, 7:30pm at church

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>:** *Confession of Faith Class*, 7:30pm at church

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>:** Singalong & Prayer gathering, Paul & Jen VW's home at 7:00pm

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Klaver serves

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Bible Study, 1:30pm at church

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Bible Study, 7:30pm at church

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Bible Study, 7:30pm at church

**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup>-Sat. 29<sup>th</sup>:** Shepherd's Way Mental Health Conference (see flyer in narthex)

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Mark Kelderman serves, evening service

**Remember those who are unable to worship with us:**

Henrietta Van Beek     Wilma Van Beek     Dee Ann Villalobos

**Birthdays:**

**March 2:** Paige Claussen

**March 2:** Matthew Post

**March 3:** Ely Van Beek

**March 4:** Barb Groeneweg

**March 5:** AJ Vander Waal

**March 8:** Torii Van Beek

**Lunch:**

**March 2:** Marilyn G. & Esther VDB

**March 9:** Mary M. & Becky VDB

**Greeters:**

**March 2:** Mitch & Paige Claussen

**March 9:** Paul & Jen Vander Waal

**Nursery:**

**March 2:**

**AM:** Jen VW, Myla VM & Ellie P.

**PM:** Olivia VB & Lois vdH

**March 9:**

**AM:** Kyla VW, Ashtyn C. & Haidyn VW

**PM:** Makailyn VW & Haley VV

**VBS planning:** In order to get started with the planning for this summer's VBS we hope to have a meeting on Wednesday March 12, 7 pm in the consistory room. Anyone willing to help out is welcome to join! For any questions contact Hanneke.

**Mission Trip:** Young people please see your email for a quick survey regarding a proposed mission trip to Mexico for spring 2026. If you did not receive the email and you are ages 14 to 22 years, please use this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/vBw7Ax2w6f>

OUR CHILDREN: THE PREY OF THE PORNOGRAPHY INDUSTRY Join us as international speaker, columnist and activist Jonathon Van Maren addresses this difficult but important topic. The presentation will be hosted by Hills United Reformed Church on Monday, March 10 at 7:30 pm in our church building at 410 S. Central Ave., Hills, Minnesota. PLEASE NOTE: This presentation will contain mature content. It is not recommended for children under 13 years.

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### *Consistent Killing of Sin*

*"... ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart"*  
*Romans 6:17a*

You cannot mortify a specific lust that is troubling you, unless you are seeking to obey the Lord from the heart in all areas. If a man finds a particular lust that is powerful and violent and it takes away his peace and troubles him, and if he sets himself against it, prays against it, groans under it, and sighs to be delivered; but in the meantime, perhaps, in other duties and in other ways he is loose and negligent, he will not be able to gain the victory over that troubling lust. This is a common condition among the sons of men in their pilgrimage. If we seek to correct a coarse or filthy outbreak of sin in the soul, but neglect the basic duties that promote our spirituality, we labour in vain, for it has a bad foundation. We must hate all sin, as sin, and not only because it troubles us. Love for Christ because he went to the cross, and hate for sin that sent him there, is a solid foundation for true spiritual mortification. To seek mortification only because a sin troubles us proceeds from self-love. Why do you seek to mortify this sin?— Because it troubles you and takes away your peace. Yes, but you have neglected prayer and reading. Neglect of these is just as sinful.

Christ bled for these also. If you hate sin as sin, you will be watchful against everything that grieves the Spirit. Do you think God will help you in such a hypocritical effort? Do you think he will free you from this so you can commit another sin that grieves him? 'No, says God, If I free him from this lust, I will not hear from him any more, and he will be content in his failure.' We must not be concerned only with that which troubles us, but with all that troubles God. God's work is to have full victory, and universal obedience, not just the sins that trouble our soul.

*FROM: Voices from the Past – Puritan Devotional Readings*

# *Heritage Reformed Congregation*

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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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