

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY

December 9, 2012

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

Morning Worship 9:30

Answering Questions About Prayer

- I. How to Pray
 - II. Why to Pray
 - III. What to Pray
- Scripture: Matthew 6:1-13
Text: Lord's Day 45
Psalms: 55, 64, 60, 72

Offerings: **General Fund**
Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00

Theology For the Glory of God (4)

Total Depravity

- I. The Meaning
 - II. The Denial
 - III. The Glory of God
- Read: John 15:1-11
Text: John 6:44, 65-66
Psalms: 90, 110, 33, 142

Offerings: **Trinity CHS**
Free Chr. School

We welcome you into the House of the Lord this Lord's Day. It is our prayer that you may experience the bond of God's love with us as we worship His Holy name. If you are a visitor, please sign the guestbook on the stand in the lobby.

FROM THE COUNCIL

The evangelism committee will meet Monday at 8pm.

The consistory will meet Tuesday at 7pm.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday: Creeds class and young people's society will meet after the morning service.

Tuesday: Catechism Lesson 13

Wednesday: WEALTH does not meet for the rest of December. We will resume our study on January 9 with Lesson 13.

7:00-Heidelberg catechism-Lord's Day 40

8:00-Essentials-lesson 23a

All these things the Lord Willing

CONCERNING THE CONGREGATION

Mike and Kim DeJager received a child from the Lord on Monday. Maeva Jean and her mother are doing well. We give thanks to God for His mercies. *Psalm 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

Gary Westra had surgery on Friday to help his breathing. The surgery went well, but Gary is in a lot of pain. Continue to care for him and the family by bringing his cares before the Lord.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Faith PRC has a new trio of Rev. Cory Griess (Calvary), Rev. Carl Haak (Georgetown), and Rev. Clay Spronk (Peace)

Hope PRC announces a new trio, which consists of Rev. C. Haak (Georgetown), Rev. N. Langerak (Crete, IL), and Rev. D. Overway (Doon, IA). The congregation will vote to call a pastor at their annual congregational meeting on Dec. 12.

Randolph PRC voted on Nov. 11 to extend a call to Rev. W. Langerak.

REQUESTED ANNOUCEMENTS

Sunday School: please stay after the morning service to practice for the Christmas program. Practice will last until approx. 12:00

There will be a young people/grandparents game night on Wednesday, January 2, at Calvary PRC at 7:00. Girls, please bring a dessert and boys, please bring 2 - 2 liters of pop. If there are some "young at heart's"

who don't have grandchildren in Calvary, but would still like to come and play games, you are very welcome to join us!

Dordt Bible Study will meet on Tuesday December 11 at 7:00 in Room 1316 in the classroom building. All college age young adults, not just Dordt students, are welcome and encouraged to come. We will be studying of Article 20 of the Belgic Confession.

WEALTH is in need of a volunteer to be in the Twinkling Stars (2 yr. old) room every other week. If you are willing to help out please let Melinda Van Maanen know.

Trinity Christian High's Christmas program will be Monday evening, December 10, beginning at 7pm, at Trinity's gymnasium. Trinity's band and choirs will be performing general anthems of praise to our Lord and Christmas music. A collection will be taken for Trinity's music department. Join us for an evening filled with praise to our Savior and King.

All high school girls are invited to the parsonage for a Christmas cookie bake on Thursday, December 13th immediately after school. Please bring a few dollars for pizza and any cds of Christmas music to sing along to while we work. Hope to see you then!

The Edgerton Young Peoples invite you to our Young Peoples Christmas Singspiration next week, December 16, beginning approximately at 7:50pm. Come join us in commemoration of Christ's birth. A free will offering will be taken to help the young people attend next summer's convention.

There are still some 2012 Denominational Directories available. To place an order, please contact Laura Huizinga at 616.453.6858 or by email at hopeprcdirectory@hotmail.com.

Save the Date: Byron Center PRC's next women's conference will be held March 8 &

9, 2013 in Hudsonville, MI. Visit our website, <http://prwomensconference.webs.com> for more information or to contact us.

Young Adults' Retreat: Registration for the Colorado young adults' retreat opens Monday, December 10, and will be open until January 10. Spots are limited, so register quickly! The retreat website can be found under "Upcoming Events" at www.prc.org. The link can also be found on our facebook page, so look us up! The retreat will be held March 18-21, 2013 at Glenwood Canyon Resort in Glenwood Springs, CO. The speakers are Rev. Key and Rev. Eriks, and the retreat text is Philippians 3:10-16. Post-high to age 30 are encouraged to attend!

Offerings next week: a.m. General and Benevolent Fund p.m. Hull PRCS & Covenant PR School-Lynden

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday-8:00 A.M.. KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM. Rev. Bruinsma brings to us "The Mystery of Marriage." Next week "God's Command to Husbands and Wives".

Letters to servicemen:

Jade Vande Kamp- Jeff Uittenbogaard

Ushers: December: a.m.- Jesse Van Donge, Brandon Van Engen, Brian Van Maanen p.m. - Nathan Van Maanen, Lyle Van Ravenswaay, Daryl Warntjes

Nursery: today a.m.- Lisa BD., Emily VV., Ashley P. p.m.- Becky DJ., Wendy VD., Caitlin VE. Next week a.m.-Missy D., Janae VM., Carlie H. p.m.-Lori E., Kathy VM., Cassidy E.

What do you think your song will be, when you come to heaven? "Blessed be God, that He gave me free-will; and blessed be my own dear self, that made a good use of it"? O no, no. Such a song as that was never heard in heaven yet, nor ever will while God is God and heaven is heaven. Look into the Book of Revelation, and there you will find the employ of the blessed, and the strains which they sing. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying: *Thou art worthy, for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God, by Thy Blood, out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation* (Revelation 5:10).

--*Augustus Toplady*

If any man ascribes anything of salvation, even the very least thing, to the free will of man, he knows nothing of grace, and he has not learned Jesus Christ rightly. —
Martin Luther

If heaven were by merit, it would never be heaven to me, for if I were in it I should say, "I am sure I am here by mistake; I am sure this is not my place; I have no claim to it." But if it be of grace and not of works, then we may walk into heaven with boldness. --*C.H. Spurgeon*