

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY December 15, 2019

“O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God.” Isaiah 40:9

Morning Service 9:30 (Baptism)

Children: A Gift from God

I. The Meaning

II. The Manner

III. The Implication

Read: Psalm 127, 128

Text: Psalm 127:3

Psalters: 52, 278, 425, 210, 359

Offerings: **General Fund**

Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00

The Must of Good Works

I. The Opposition

II. The Possibility

III. The Necessity

Read: Ephesians 2

Text: Lord's Day 32

Psalters: 128, 381, 87, 326

Offerings: **PR Scholarship Fund**

Emeritus Fund

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. Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth.

FROM THE COUNCIL

The sacrament of baptism will be administered this morning to Tracen Eric, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Brandyn Brummel. We pray God's blessings on them and all our parents as they seek to fulfill their covenant obligation by God's grace. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the service.

Pastor Brummel will be leading chapel at Pleasant Acres this afternoon at 2:15 PM.

The Foreign Mission Committee will meet Tuesday at 7:00 at Hull PRC.

The consistory approved changing the time of our second service next Sunday, December 22, to 2:00 PM in order to accommodate the singspiration that evening in Edgerton at 7:00 PM.

The consistory approved the request of Mr. Chad Hoekstra to have his membership papers sent to his home.

The consistory approved the transfer of Mr. Heath Heynen's confessing membership from Hull PRC. We welcome Heath and pray God's blessings upon him and Sara in their marriage and as members in Calvary. Heath's phone number is (712) 348-1235.

Committee appointments for the coming year will soon be made. If anyone has a desire to be on a specific committee, please inform Mr. Glenn Kooima, the vice-president of the council.

With thanksgiving to God, the offerings for November were the following: General Fund \$19,868.88, Benevolent Fund \$3,784.10, Building Fund \$9,123.25, Hull Protestant Reformed School \$13,713.25, Trinity Christian High School \$2,908.25 and the Reformed Witness Hour \$427.50.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday: Today will be the last practice for the Christmas program. We will be practicing until noon today.

Young People's Society will meet this morning to continue their study on Romans.

Pre-confession class will meet this morning to continue their discussion of *A Reformed Worldview*.

Tuesday: Bible History Classes: Lesson 14

Wednesday: HC: Lord's Day 14

Essentials: Lesson 9

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our Christian sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kooiker, Jacob Kooiker, and family in the passing to glory of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Joyce Kooiker this past week. Visitation will take place today at Oolman Funeral Home in Hull from 5-8 PM, and the funeral will be held at Hull PRC tomorrow morning at 10:30 AM. "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." Isaiah 40:1

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Kalamazoo PRC called Rev. E. Guichelaar (Randolph PRC). Rev. M. DeVries (current pastor) plans to become emeritus at the end of the year.

The newly organized Unity PRC has formed a trio of Rev. J. Engelsma (Doon PRC), Rev. E. Guichelaar (Randolph PRC), and Rev. R. Van Overloop (Grace PRC – Grand Rapids, MI). They plan to call from this trio on December 18.

Immanuel PRC (Lacombe, AB) announced a trio of Rev. H. Bleyenbergh (Providence PRC- Jenison, MI), Rev. N. Langerak (Crete PRC) and Rev. A. Stewart (CPRC-Northern Ireland).

Cornerstone PRC has formed a trio from which to call a new pastor of Rev. J. Engelsma (Doon PRC), Rev. G. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC), and Rev. R. Kleyan (Covenant of Grace PRC - Spokane, WA). They decided to postpone calling a pastor until January 5.

Rev. Jon Mahtani preached his farewell in Cornerstone PRC last week and will be installed as minister-on-loan to CERC, our sister church in Singapore, at a special service in Grandville on December 29. He and his family hope to leave for Singapore in early 2020.

REQUESTED ANNOUCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors to Calvary and thank you for being here. If you would like more info about Calvary, we ask that you please sign the guest book. We would love to hear from you.

The winter edition of the Highland Park Review from the Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School is available today and will be in your mailbox. Please limit one copy per family.

The board of Trinity Christian High School will meet Wednesday, December 18, at 7:30 PM.

The Calvary Sunday School Christmas program will be held this Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 PM. Parents, please have your children at church by 6:50 PM. The program will be live-streamed that evening.

The Edgerton YPS invites you to its annual Christmas singspiration next Sunday, December 22. It will be held at First Reformed Church in Edgerton at 7 PM. A collection will be received to offset costs of attending the 2020 YP convention.

Offerings next week: AM: General & Benevolent Funds
PM: Trinity Christian High School

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday @ 8:00 A.M. KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM –Today, Rev. Wilbur Bruinsma continues his series on "Women of the Bible" by bringing us "Abigail Pleads with David" I Samuel 25:28-31. Next week, the Lord willing, Rev. Bruinsma will bring us "Elizabeth's Inspired Revelation" Luke 1:39-45.

Ushers: Dec AM: Ben B, Toby B, Darrin B
PM: Dillon B, Evan B, Kyle B

Nursery: Today AM: Andria DR, Lisa S, Whitney W
PM: Missy D, Brianna T, Malachi B
Next week AM: Cassidy E, Phyllis U, Aubyn B
PM: Lori E, Lindsey VB, Alyce B

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

They sing beautifully; and at Christmas time the air is filled with the delightful music of the carols. Trained voices of the very best musical quality will sing of God's covenant Head, Christ Jesus Himself, and of His coming in our flesh. They will "sacrifice" their talents on the altar of His worship. In every city of an appreciable size the "Messiah" of Handel will be sung with varying degrees of artistry. We will sing along in our hearts. We will thrill at the music and also at the message. But will God "sing" along with them? By the way we never read of God singing, do we? Jesus sang an hymn with His disciples at the last Passover. But, then, will God approve of all this singing which is of the lips and does not come from the heart? He certainly will not! For whatsoever is not of faith is SIN, and sin He will punish! He never approves of sin. And these do not please Him, but definitely in all this displease Him. He will find no reason to hire or import these trained and gifted singers into the Hallelujah Chorus of the new Jerusalem, not simply because He will create a people that will be able to sing more wonderfully from a musical point of view, but also because He is always reading the heart and cannot have before His face those who in their hearts hate Him.

-J. Heys ("A Song in the Heart" *The Standard Bearer* Issue: 7, 1/1/1969)