

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY December 8, 2019

“Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.” Ecclesiastes 5:1

Morning Service 9:30

Grateful for Jehovah's Goodness

- I. The Overflowing Goodness
 - II. The Enduring Mercy
 - III. The Grateful Response
- Read: Psalm 136
Text: Psalm 136:1
Psalters: 402, 169, 319, 378

Offerings: **General Fund
Benevolent Fund**

Evening Service 6:00

Malachi: Restoring Right Worship

- I. The Formalism
 - II. The Demand
 - III. The Promise
- Read: Malachi 3
Text: Malachi 3:7-12
Psalters: 137, 127, 141, 311

Offering: **Hull PR 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. Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth.

FROM THE COUNCIL

We welcome Rev. Engelsma to our pulpit this morning. Pastor Brummel is preaching in Doon PRC.

At the annual congregational meeting this past week, Mr. Wayne De Jong and Mr. Mike Van Bommel were elected to the office of elder, and Mr. Jeff Uittenbogaard and Mr. Kyle Van Der Brink were elected to the office of deacon. These men will be installed into their respective offices on Sunday morning, January 5, providing there are no objections. Also, the congregation approved the 2020

budget as presented which involves \$262.19 per month or \$61 per week per family for the General Fund and \$100 per month for the Building Fund. The congregation also approved the proposal to install two rows of pews in the rear of the sanctuary for a cost of \$9,600 to come from the Building Fund.

The council will meet this Tuesday evening, December 10, at 7:00 PM at church.

The consistory approved the baptism request of Mr. and Mrs. Brandyn Brummel for their son, Tracen Eric. The sacrament will be administered next Sunday morning, Lord willing.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday: Sunday School children are asked to meet today after the morning service to practice for the Christmas program. Practice will last 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 discuss chapter 8 of *A Reformed Worldview*.

Tuesday: Bible History Classes: Lesson 13

Wednesday: HC: Lord's Day 13
Essentials: Lesson 8

WEALTH will not meet again until January.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. Carl Vande Kamp submitted to surgery on Tuesday to clean the site on his left shin that was not healing. We remember him in prayer as he continues his recovery.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Kalamazoo PRC called Rev. E. Guichelaar (Randolph PRC).

Cornerstone PRC has formed a trio from which to call a new pastor of Rev. J. Engelsma, Rev. G. Eriks, and Rev. R. Kleyn. They plan to call from this trio today.

The newly organized Unity PRC has formed a trio of Rev. J. Engelsma, Rev. E. Guichelaar, and Rev. R. Van Overloop. They plan to call from this trio on December 18.

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.

Trinity Christian High School will present its Fall/Winter Concert on Monday, December 9, at the high school beginning at 7 PM. The band and both choirs will be performing, and the program will conclude with combined choir numbers. A collection will be taken for Trinity Christian High School. Join the musicians as they sing and play music glorifying their Savior!

This Thursday, December 12, will be the annual Christmas caroling for the church. Plan to be at church at 6:30 PM in order to divide into groups and head to the allotted destinations to sing. After everyone is finished, we will meet back at church for hot chocolate, hot cider and snacks. Please bring a goodie tray or two to hand out while we are caroling. If you are able, bring a snack to share for afterwards. We are also looking for 2-3 volunteers to help in the nursery. Sign-up sheet for the nursery will be in the back of church.

The Calvary Christmas program will be held on Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 PM.

The Edgerton YPS invites you to its annual Christmas singspiration on 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: PR Scholarship Fund & Emeritus Fund

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 “Hannah’s Prayer for a Son” I Samuel 1:9-18. Next week, the Lord willing, Rev. Bruinsma will bring us “Abigail Pleads with David” I Samuel 25:28-31.

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

Nursery: Today AM: Kim DJ, Kelly W, Colton W
PM: Becky DJ, Tonia W, Marissa W
Next week AM: Andria DR, Lisa S, Whitney W

PM: Missy D, Brianna T, Malachi B

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

Why do we attend the public worship? Is it because we were brought up to go to church? Or do we go to hear the minister, merely to enjoy the sermon? We may seek to be edified and strengthened in the faith, but is that all? Or do we go with the thought foremost in our minds of worshipping our God?

Do we begin the service with a sincere prayer for a blessing that we may worship our God to His praise and that we may be spiritually edified and equipped to serve Him from day to day throughout the week?

Do we indeed worship God in spirit and in truth throughout the service? For example, are we singing from the heart when we enter the presence of the Lord with that powerful: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"? Does that zeal remain with us in all our singing, in our prayers, in the giving of our gifts, and the listening to what Christ says to us through the minister, even to the final doxology?

The Sabbath on the first day of the week is a day of rest. That does not mean that it is a day of idleness or of resting from the strenuous toil of the week of preparing for another week of hard work. But it is the Lord's day, a holy day to be devoted in a special way to the service of God. That means that we attend public worship to devote ourselves to God and hear Christ speak to us by His Spirit and Word through His servant, the minister. It means also that we busy ourselves in serving God by being busy in the things of the kingdom, in fact, so busy that we have time only for necessary duties. Thus in thankfulness we experience a foretaste of the eternal rest that remains for the people of God.

That may require so much activity that it even tires us. A minister, for example, not only preaches twice, but often also performs pastoral duties on the Sabbath day. This may require all His time, yet at the close of the day he may be called upon to spend the late hours of the day at a deathbed and comforting the bereaved. This is his rest, for we rest in the Lord, in the enjoyment of the blessed privilege of preparing for the week before us in His service.

-C. Hanks ("All to God's Glory" *The Standard Bearer* Issue: 4, 11/15/1998)