

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY April 19, 2020

**“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”
Joshua 1:9**

Morning Service 9:30

Maintaining Chastity

- I. The Meaning
- II. The Manner
- III. The Purpose

Read: I Corinthians 6:18-7:40

Text: Lord's Day 41

Psalms: 151, 143, 384

**Offerings: General Fund
Benevolent Fund**

Evening Service 6:00

Entering into the Rest

- I. The Rest
- II. The Entrance
- III. The Warning

Read: Hebrews 4

Text: Hebrews 4:9-11

Psalms: 150, 239, 348

Offering: Trinity Christian High School

FROM THE COUNCIL

Due to the continued restrictions on gathering for worship, the consistory authorized the livestreaming of messages at our regular church times on our Calvary PRC YouTube channel. The service will include a message, prayer, and the singing of Psalter numbers. Go to the YouTube channel and pursue the link that states that it is live. We pray that God's name be glorified in this way and that His saints are nourished spiritually.

The deacons encourage the congregation to continue to remember the causes of the Kingdom in your giving. Your offerings can be dropped off with a deacon or with Pastor at church or be mailed to the church mailbox: PO Box 343, Hull, IA 51239

The Foreign Mission Committee will meet this week Tuesday.

CHURCH CALENDAR

All church activities including family visitation and catechism remain on hold.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Rev. M. McGeown (Limerick, Ireland mission) accepted the call from Providence PRC.

Rev. J. Laning (Hull, IA) plans to answer the call from First PRC, Edmonton today.

Rev J. Mahtani received the calls from Kalamazoo PRC, Unity PRC, and Hope PRC. We pray that God will give Him to know His will.

Grandville PRC has a new trio for minister-on-loan to Singapore: Rev. G. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC), Rev. E. Guichelaar (Randolph PRC), and Rev. R. Kleyn (Covenant of Grace PRC).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board of Trinity Christian High School will meet Wednesday, April 22, at 7 PM.

Hull Prot. Ref Chr. School is seeking applicants for a Teachers Aid for the 20-21 school year to help with the incoming Kindergarten class. Kindergarten will meet 3 full days per week. For more information please Contact Travis Groeneweg at (712) 470-1499 or Mr. Gritters at (712) 439-2490.

Due to printing restrictions related to COVID-19, the RFPA is temporarily unable to print and distribute hard copies of *The Standard Bearer*. Once these restrictions have been lifted, the RFPA will print and mail out all postponed issues of the magazine. In the meantime, these issues will be available for free online as they are produced. You can find the April 15 issue at <https://rfpa.org/pages/the-standard-bearer>.

2 NEW books from the RFPA: 1) *Unfolding Covenant History* Vol. 6 (From Samuel to Solomon) by Prof. Engelsma will be sent to book club members and those who ordered it. 2) *Letters from Katie Luther: A Novel* by Shirley Casemier will be sent to Gold Star members and others who ordered it. While we are facing delays in the delivery of some of these books, we are working with your church's book club agent to get them to you as soon as possible. If you would like to order either book, visit rfpa.org, email mail@rfpa.org, or call (616) 457-5970. Your book

club agent will deliver your book as soon as they are able.

Perspectives in Covenant Education announcement: Subscribers, due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the Perspectives is unable to be printed and distributed on time. We still plan on producing new issues, which will be printed and sent to you once these restrictions are lifted. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SPRING DRIVE – At this time we are not putting drive letters/envelopes in church member mailboxes as normal due to the state of Michigan's stay-at-home orders. The drive letter can be found at www.prspecialeducation.org, click on the "Funding" page link. If you are able to contribute to our spring drive, there are a couple payment options now. You can send a check noted "Spring Drive" to PR Special Education, 6340 Autumn Drive, Hudsonville, MI 49426. There is also now an option to pay online via Tithe.ly This can be found on the Funding page as well. Thank you!

Offerings next week: AM: General & Benevolent Funds
PM: Hull PR School

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday @ 8:00 A.M. KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM – Today, Rev. Rodney Kleyn brings us "Our Greatest Privilege" Hebrews 10:19-21. Next week, the Lord willing, Rev. Kleyn will bring us "Draw Near to God" Hebrews 10:22.

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

It is not just "coronavirus," it is coronavirus and the King. And if it feels even more out of control next week than it did this week, take the perspective you gained from the control tower into what feels like the chaos of your world. And remember, even if you cannot see from down here in the midst of it all, it is all ordered for the good of His church and the glory of His name.

You and I must go through a time of coronavirus antithetical to the way the world does. With caution, yes. With care, to be sure. That is our calling. But not with dread terror, as though the Lion/Lamb did not take the book and is not opening the seals thereof. Instead, with a certain calm in the face of chaos, knowing coronavirus has a King.

Furthermore, we ought to go through this time with worship in our hearts and on our lips. "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb.... And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy..." (vv. 8-9). Coronavirus has been made to serve us.

One day, when it and all other pains and sorrows are not needed as servants anymore, it will be taken away like so much scaffolding from the building. And with a freedom and fullness unknown to us even now, all creation, angels, and just men made perfect, will join with one voice crying, "Worthy is the Lamb, our King!"

-C. Griess ("Coronavirus and the King" *The Standard Bearer* Issue: 14, 4/15/2020)