

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY April 26, 2020

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” James 1:2-4

Morning Service 9:30

Thou Shalt Not Steal

- I. The Principle
- II. The Sin
- III. The Duty

Read: Proverbs 11

Text: Lord's Day 42

Psalters: 152, 97, 228

Offerings: **General Fund
Benevolent Fund**

Evening Service 6:00

Admonished to Eat Strong Meat

- I. The Dull of Hearing
- II. The Contrast
- III. The Perfection

Read: Hebrews 5:1-6:3

Text: Hebrews 5:11-14

Psalters: 92, 153, 304

Offering: **Hull PR 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 consistory will next meet on Monday, May 4.

The deacons will meet Tuesday, May 5, at 7 PM.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM Pastor will be hosting a Bible Study on Psalm 27 for all those willing to join via Zoom. An invitation link will be emailed out along with study questions.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. Trent Van Bommel was hospitalized in Sioux Falls this week for difficulty breathing due to blood clots in his lungs. The treatments to dissolve the clots have been successful, and he is experiencing relief, and he returned home Saturday. We remember the brother and his family in our prayers through this trial.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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

Rev. J. Laning (Hull, IA) declined the call from First PRC, Edmonton.

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).

First Edmonton PRC announces a trio of Rev. Guichelaar (Randolph, WI), Rev. Spronk (Faith-Jenison, MI), and Rev. M. VanderWal (Wingham, ON). They plan to call on May 3.

REQUESTED ANNOUCEMENTS

Hull PRCS kindergarten round up: Due to the circumstances, kindergarten round up at Hull PRCS will take place in a different manner this year. Mrs. Mooy instead will be holding parents' meetings at school the evenings of May 5 and May 6. The number of attendees will be limited to comply with social distancing. If you prefer to participate through Zoom, there will also be a meeting done this way on the evening of May 7. Please call Mrs. Mooy at 970-402-2984 to schedule with her which time you would like to attend.

Hull PRCS is seeking applicants for a Teachers Aid for the 20-21 school year to help with the incoming Kindergarten class. Kindergarten will meet

three full days per week. For more information please Contact Mr. Travis Groeneweg at (712) 470-1499 or Mr. Loren Gritters at (712) 439-2490.

During this time of the COVID outbreak, the *Standard Bearer* continues to be available free online to subscribers and non-subscribers. When printers again are allowed to produce the magazine, all paused issues will be printed and mailed. In the meantime, please enjoy the magazine online. The May 1 issue is a special edition with all articles related to concerns believers face regarding death and dying. This issue is now available online at <https://rfpa.org/pages/the-standard-bearer>.

Due to our printer not being able to print the magazine right now because of COVID-19, we have decided to put the May issue of *Beacon Lights* on our website, free of charge, for anyone who wishes to read the month's issue. Visit us at beaconlights.org to read the issue, which will be published on May 1!

Two 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.

Sadly, given the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus (in God's sovereign decree), the British Reformed Fellowship (BRF) Conference has been rescheduled to (basically) the same week next year. Thus, the BRF Conference will not be taking place in 2020. Instead, it is rescheduled to July 10-17, 2021. See <https://www.britishreformed.org/> for more on the BRF conference.

Offerings next week: AM: General & Benevolent Funds
PM: Building Fund & Foreign
Seminary Student Assistance

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 “Draw Near to God” Hebrews 10:22. Next week, the Lord willing, Rev. Kleyn will bring us “Encouraged to Persevere” Hebrews 10:23.

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

The fruit of all Satan's temptations that God uses to try our faith is patience.

Patience is endurance. The word used here has the basic meaning of “remaining under.” It emphasizes the idea that, instead of casting off a burden that you are carrying, you remain under it and continue to carry it. Patience is endurance, staying power, perseverance under a heavy burden.

Patience has especially two elements.

First, it is the ability to bear up under suffering and disappointment. Many are crushed by suffering; their spirit is destroyed and they are brought to the point of despair. One that has patience is able to hold up under suffering, bravely facing obstacles with utmost courage and confidence.

Second, patience is the ability to remain faithful to the Lord in the face of suffering. Suffering causes some to turn in bitterness from God, as the devil tempts them to do. Patience, rather, leads one to be faithful to God, persevering in the way of godliness.

According to James the trial of our faith works this patience.

It is rather striking that James indicates that trials work patience. We would expect him to say that meeting trials requires patience. And this is true. However, James emphasizes that the trial of our faith also works patience. It produces and builds up the patience we already have as God's people.

-J. Slopsema (“Joy in Affliction” *The Standard Bearer* Issue: 5, 12/1/2014)