

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY May 3, 2020

“How amiable are they tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.” Psalm 84:1-2

Morning Service 9:30 Guarding Our Tongues

I. The Sin
II. The Duty
III. The Possibility
Read: James 3
Text: Lord's Day 43
Psalters: 71, 40, 159, 90
Offerings: **General Fund**
Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00 The Falling Away of Unbelievers

I. The Unbelievers
II. The Falling Away
III. The Covenantal Wrath
Read: Hebrews 6
Text: Hebrews 6:4-6
Psalters: 350, 55, 160, 138
Offerings: **Building Fund**
Foreign Seminary Student Assistance

FROM THE COUNCIL

We are thankful to resume worship services today following the guidelines adopted by the council which were emailed to the congregation. The worship services will be livestreamed via our YouTube channel. A link is found on our website next to the Sermon Audio livestream.

Offering plates will be placed in the back row by each door for members to drop off their offerings for all the collections being taken today. Members can drop their offerings into the plate on their way into the sanctuary or on their way out. Please clearly designate which cause your offering is intended for. Undesignated funds will go to the General Fund.

There will be no nursery or ushers today. Bulletins and outlines of the sermon will not be

available in church. Please bring your own Psalters and Bibles.

The consistory will meet at church on Monday, May 4, at 7:00 PM.

The deacons will meet Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 PM.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Andrew De Boer submitted to surgery on his left thumb this past week into which they inserted two pins. He may not use the hand for 2 weeks and faces an extended recovery time.

Peter R. Brummel is scheduled to submit to surgery this Tuesday at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls for surgery on his back. We remember Peter and Keisha and their family in prayer through this trial.

CHURCH CALENDAR

The Heidelberg Catechism and Essentials students will meet this week Wednesday evening via Zoom. HC: 7:00 p.m. to study Lord's Day 25. Essentials: 8:00 p.m. to study Lesson 14.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Rev J. Mahtani received the calls from Kalamazoo PRC, Unity PRC, and Hope PRC. He plans to answer these calls today.

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 newest issue.

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: 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 “Encouraged to Persevere” Hebrews 10:23. Next week, the Lord willing, Rev. Kleyn will bring us “Considering and Provoking One Another” Hebrews 10:24.

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

We can be sure that the development of a beautiful Christlike character will not occur in our lives without adversity. Think of those lovely graces that Paul calls the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. The first four traits he mentions – love, joy, peace, and patience – can only be developed in the womb of adversity.

We may think we have true Christian love until someone offends us or treats us unjustly. Then we begin to see anger and resentment well up within us. We may conclude we have learned about genuine Christian joy until our lives are shattered by an unexpected calamity or grievous disappointment. Adversities spoil our peace and sorely try our patience. God uses those difficulties to reveal to us our need to grow, so that we will reach out to Him to change us more and more into the likeness of His son.

However, we shrink from adversity and, to use the terms from the moth illustration, we want God to snip the cocoon of adversity we often find ourselves in and release us. But just as God has more wisdom and love for the moth than its viewer did, so He has more wisdom and love for us than we do for ourselves. He will not remove the adversity until we have profited from it and developed in whatever way He intended in bringing or allowing it into our lives.

-Jerry Bridges (*Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts*)