

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY July 26, 2020

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

Morning Service 9:30

The God-Given Office of the Women

I. A High Calling

II. An Urgent Instruction

III. A Critical Purpose

Read: Titus 2

Text: Titus 2:3-5

Psalters: 359, 322, 425, 171, 360

Offerings: **General Fund**

Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00

Seek Ye the Lord

I. The Command

II. The Repentance

III. The Promise

Read: Isaiah 55

Text: Isaiah 55:6-7

Psalters: 69, 383, 428, 172, 328

Offering: **Hull PR School**

FROM THE COUNCIL

The sacrament of baptism will be administered this morning to Abel Henry, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Brummel. We thank God for His covenant promises and rejoice in the gift of covenant children.

Crystal Brummel, Jon Van Ravenswaay, Justin Vander Veen, and James Warntjes will make public confession of faith this evening. We thank God for His work of grace in their lives and pray that they look to Him to preserve them in that confession.

The sermon this evening is also preparatory with a view to the administration of the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning, Lord willing.

Shane Kooima and Ethan Van Bommel will make public confession of faith next Sunday evening, August 2, Lord willing.

Family visitation continues this week. Please let Elder Uittenbogaard know of your availability for a visit.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Steven Brummel and Jori Eriks thank the ladies of the congregation for the work put into planning and hosting the shower as well as the thoughtful gifts. We covet your prayers on our behalf as we seek to marry in the Lord and establish a home based on God's love and faithfulness.

“Thank you to the shower committee and the ladies of the congregation for the shower thrown to welcome Shyanne as a member of our congregation. It was such a wonderful evening and such a warm welcome!” – “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another” Romans 12:5

-Jordan, Brianna, & Shyanne Tamminga

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

First PRC in Edmonton has formed a new trio of Rev. J. Engelsma (Doon PRC), Rev. M VanderWal (Wingham PRC), and Rev. R. Kleyn (Covenant of Grace PRC). They plan to call from this trio this afternoon.

Rev. G. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC) accepted the call to Unity PRC. Rev. Eriks will preach his farewell sermon to the Hudsonville congregation on Sunday, August 16, and his installation will be the following week, August 23, during the morning service.

Kalamazoo PRC called Rev. C. Spronk (Faith PRC). He plans to answer this call August 9.

Rev. D. Holstege, one of our missionaries in the Philippines, plans to be on furlough with his family from December of this year into June of next year.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for the Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School will be completed electronically this year. You should have received an email last week with information and a link to the form. Registration is due by July 31. If you have any questions, please contact Joel Westra at 470-1095 or joelwestra1095@gmail.com.

Sign up today to attend the 2020 Calvary Church Picnic! Join us for an afternoon and evening of fellowship and food this Saturday, August 1. Softball tournament (high school-adult), kickball tournament

(ages K-junior high), and picnic sign-up sheets are on a table in the narthex.

The sign-up sheets for WEALTH are on the back table this week yet. Please sign up if you would like to attend this year and also consider filling one of the open volunteer positions.

Lord willing, we will have another short conference for Protestant Reformed Singles (geared towards those ages 25+) on September 25-27 in Grand Rapids, MI. Rev. Jonathan Mahtani and Rev. Stephan Regnerus will be the speakers. To register, please email prcsinglesconference@gmail.com or find us on Facebook. Registration forms are due by September 7.

Offerings next week: AM: General & Benevolent Funds
PM: Building Fund & Domestic Missions

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday @ 8:00 A.M. KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM – Today, Rev. Audred Spriensma continues his series on the covenant with “A Smoking Furnace and a Burning Lamp” Genesis 15:17-18. Next week, Rev. Spriensma will bring us “God's Everlasting Covenant” Genesis 17:7-9.

Ushers: July AM: Craig VV, Justin VV, Zach VG
PM: Tyler VE, Brian VM, Daniel VM
August AM: Jordan VM, Harrison VM, Kevin VM
PM: Terry VM, Lyle VR, Jon VR

Sound Booth: Today: Jordan VM
Next week: Logan C

Nursery: There will not be nursery attendants.

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

Approaching the baptized children as elect, regenerated children is not a presumption that must function as the basis of their baptism, but the manner of rearing them that arises from faith in the covenant promise.

This is the approach that officebearers take toward the congregation. Although Reformed officebearers know that hypocrites are invariably mixed with believers and their children, they view the congregation as the elect, believing, confessing church of Christ. The minister addresses the church, not with a cold, “congregation,” or with a secular, “dear friends,” or even with an analytical, “beloved saints and cursed sinners,” but with the warm, Christian, believing, “beloved congregation in the Lord Jesus Christ.” This is the biblical approach. So Paul addressed the congregations (cf. I Cor. 1:2ff.).

This is true to everyday life, which is a parable of heavenly life. The farmer calls his field of ripening grain and rank weeds, “my wheat field.” Even if there are more weeds than grain, he calls it the wheat field. This is his view of it. And this determines his approach to the field in fertilizing, cultivating, irrigating, and harvesting. The weeds do not determine his activity in the field, but the wheat. Much less does the farmer allow the admitted presence of weeds to cause him to doubt that the wheat is truly wheat and even to regard the wheat as weeds, until the wheat proves differently.

Herman Hoeksema called this the “organic idea” of the covenant. Believers and their true, spiritual children form the living body of the covenant people of God. In the sphere of the covenant as the covenant takes form historically are also to be found adult hypocrites and the reprobate, carnal seed of believing parents. Their presence is acknowledged and dealt with. But the covenantal election of God “calls the shots.”

Such an approach blesses and comforts the elect, regenerated children. This is the main purpose of the covenant Christ: “Feed my lambs” (John 21:15).

For the covenant children it is certainly true, as it is true for every elect believer, that they attain assurance of their election by observing in themselves the fruits of election, chief among which is true faith in Christ (Cannon, 1/12). This is only to say that one's assurance of salvation is by faith alone in Christ as promised in the Word. We teach our children this.

-D. Engelsma (“The Approach to Covenant Children” *The Standard Bearer* Issue: 8, 1/15/1991)