April 13, 2025

Order of Worship

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 76:1, 2, 4 Psalter 266: all

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Praver

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter* 263

Reading of the Law Reading of Scripture

Psalter 110

Prayer Psalter* 47:1. 4. 7

Sermon Prayer

Psalter* 427:5, 6 Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 277:1, 8

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Praver

Votum and Salutation* Psalter* 386:1, 2, 3, 4 Reading of Scripture Psalter 140 (second tune)

Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Psalter* 439:2. 3

Sermon Prayer Psalter*235 Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 183:2, 4

Sermon: Sermon:

The Savior Unable to Save Himself

Scripture: Mark 15:21-39

Text: Mark 15:31-32a

Absolute Need of Prayer

Scripture: Luke 18:1-14

Text: Luke 18:1; Lord's Day 45

Church Family

Homebound:

Mrs. Rieka Bouwer (Kok) Mrs. Joyce Kik (Cummings) Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Betty Kooyers Mrs. Marilyn Nederveld (Elzinga) Mrs. Esther Richards (Faasse) Mr. Teunis VanderGraaf

Remember in Prayer:

Ionathan Carlson Mrs. Judy Kwekel Mrs. Jo Maartense Mr. Jerry Phillips Mr. Bob Timmer Mrs. Ian Van Grouw Mr. Rick VanderVeen

We extend sympathy to Rev. & Mrs. Ray and Linda Lanning, with the recent loss of Linda's mother.

We also express condolences to the Neele family with the loss of Dr. Neele's father this past Tuesday. May the Lord give much comfort to the grieving families in the days ahead.

Consistory Members

Elders:	Jason Beeke (Chairman)	District 5
	Ron VanderBoon (Vice-Chair)	District 1
	Henk Kleyn (Clerk)	District 3
	Dr. David Kranendonk	District 3
	Larry Roelofs	District 4
	Dick Spaans	District 2
Deacons:	Ty Joseph (Chairman)	District 3
	Dan Roelofs (Vice-Chair)	District 5
	Tyler Prince (Treasurer)	District 4
	Kenny Remijn (Secretary)	District 2
	Kevin Walkotten (Asst. Treas.)	District 1

^{*}Please stand if you are able.

Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

April 15 (Tuesday) 7 PM Evening Ladies Bible Study.

April 18 (Friday) 7 PM Good Friday Service led by Dr. Donald John Maclean.

April 19 (Saturday) 2 PM Neighborhood Outreach.

April 20 (Sunday) 2 PM & 3 PM Jail Services at Kent County Jail.

April 20 (Sunday) 4 PM Youth Group Meeting at church.

Lesson: Summary & Conclusion Snack:

April 22 (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Morning Ladies Bible Study. This will be our last meeting for the season.

April 23 (Wednesday) 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal in the GCA Gym.

April 24 (Thursday) 6:45 PM Elders Meeting. We will meet in the consistory room at church.

April 26 (Saturday) 8:30 AM Annual Spring Clean-up of the church and parsonage grounds.

Other News

- The Hosanna Choir will present a concert on Friday, April 25 at 7:30 PM at Mayflower Congregational Church. Tickets are available through Grace Christian Academy for \$12 per person/\$40 per family. If any tickets remain, they will be available at the door on the night of the concert.
- Come Over & Help Dessert Evening Friday, April 25 at GCA
 The Lord is building His church and gathering His people in Eastern
 Europe and Central Asia. Mr. Raymond Roth, Director of Projects at Come
 Over & Help, will give a brief update on the ministry generally, and Pastor
 Denis Boris of Almaty Bible Church, Kazakhstan, will share about life and
 ministry in this remote Muslim central Asian country. Doors open at 7 PM.
- All women are cordially invited to the 56th annual Ladies' Conference of the Free Reformed Churches on Wednesday, May 7, D.V., in Mitchell Ontario. Pre-registration is required and the deadline to register is April 28. Please see the bulletin board for more details.
- We invite all single and married young adults, aged 18 to mid-thirties, to a topic night and panel discussion on Friday, May 16 at Providence Reformed Church. Please see the bulletin board for more information.
- PRTS is hosting the ICRC Conference (International Conference of Reformed Churches) from June 11-13. The seminary is looking for families to host international members of this conference for these days. Billeting may include driving to and from the seminary. Meals other than breakfast are provided by the seminary. If you are willing to host, or have any questions, please contact Luke Ingles at communications@prts.edu.

Congregational Life

- Today, Dr. David Kranendonk will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our evening worship service.
- Next week, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Michael Barrett will lead our evening worship service.
- The Sunday School and Catechism classes (Beginner 6th Grade) will meet upstairs this morning for a combined opening. We will have a collection for our sponsor child at this time. The Psalter of the Month for April is **Psalter 69:1 & 2**.
- The Adult Sunday School class will meet after the service this morning. Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead the class today. We will look at "The Lord Reduces Gideon's Strength" from Judges 7:1-8.
- There will be a Good Friday Service in our church this Friday, April 18 at 7 PM. This service will be led by Dr. Donald John Maclean.
- There will be a Fellowship Meal on **Wednesday, April 23 at 5:45 PM** at Grace Christian Academy. Please RSVP to Michelle Roelofs at 616.430.8662 **by April 21** with how many people from your family will be attending. Thank you!
- From the Deacons: Our collection on Good Friday will be for a fund we are calling "Charitable." This fund will be used to support many of the funds we don't collect for on a regular basis, including Bonisa, Come Over & Help, Pregnancy Resource Center, Trinitarian Bible Society, Word & Deed, and others. If you have any questions regarding this, please ask any of the deacons.
- From the Building Committee: The Annual Spring Clean-up of the church and parsonage grounds will take place on Saturday, April 26. We plan to begin at 8:30 AM. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. Please bring your own tools (wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, etc.). Coffee, juice, and donuts will be provided. Rain date will be Saturday, May 10.
- From the Dorcas Guild: Our project for the month of April will be collecting items for Mel Trotter Ministries. You may place your donations in the bin in the narthex. Also, we invite all ladies to save the date for our Dorcas Guild Ladies Evening, scheduled for Thursday, May 8 at 6 PM.
- Miss Julia Timmer has requested that her membership papers be sent to her, as she is worshipping elsewhere. May the Lord bless her in her new church home.

Meditation

THE CAPTIVE CARRYING CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE

Then the band and the captain and the officers of the Jews took Jesus and bound him, and led him away to Annas first...And Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas.

John 18:12, 13, 24

Now draw near and see this great sight. He to whom the Father saith, 'Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever;' He who is the mighty Lord and unto whom belong the issues from death, is made a prisoner by His own creatures, beings whose life is in His hand and whose destinies obey His will. Recklessly seized and [bound]; rudely borne off in triumph, with every degrading accompaniment of violence and tumult; forsaken by His friends; alone in His reproach and shame - how infinitely marvelous is this sight! Might we not say with Moses, 'I do exceedingly fear and quake?' Behold the Lamb of God! He is led like a lamb to the slaughter. He is taken from prison and from judgement, and who shall declare his generation? Behold how He loved them, loved the guilty sons of men! He will be a captive prisoner for their sake! He will wear these fetters of a malefactor, that He may draw them with 'bands of love and with cords of a man' even though in doing so He finds them all forsaking Him and fleeing, 'ashamed of the prisoner' and 'ashamed of his chain' (2 Timothy 1:8, 16). 'Then took they him, and bound him, and led him away to Annas, and Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas.' What shall we say to these things? This humiliation of the God of glory passeth all understanding: and the love that reconciled Him to it and made it welcome, passeth knowledge and adoration and praise. Praise is silent for thee, O God, in Zion. Though in the form of God, thou humbledst thyself!

But 'he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.' And this great principle of the kingdom of grace finds its seal and noblest illustration in the Head himself. 'Because he humbled himself, God also hath highly exalted him' (Philippians 2:8-9).

What portion, then, of His glorious recompence and exaltation shall we set over against the shame of these chains with which He is bound and led away as a prisoner to trial? What is the precise element in his reward – the exact counterpart joy set before Him – on which His soul may rest in full assurance and complacency, while wending his way, an insulted prisoner, to the city? What shall be a due solace and recompence for the dark night of His captivity? What, but the glorious prediction concerning Him: 'Thou hast ascended on high; thou hast led captivity captive.' Here is the singularly satisfying arrangement which His Father's righteousness hath made for Him. The shame of His chains shall be obliterated by the triumph decreed for Him. The captive Jesus shall carry captivity captive.

Sermon Notes

Nursery				
Today	Baby	Toddler		
Morning	Courtney Prince Aubrey Klaasen	Melanie VanderBoon Kaylee Roelofs		
Evening	Jamie Beeke	Esther DeMeester		
Next Week	Baby	Toddler		
Morning	Karen Carlson Emma VanderBoon	Maria Van Seters Paula Roelofs		
Evening	Sarah Walkotten	Mckinley Remijn		

Ushers				
	Morning	Evening		
Today	Greg Oliver	Josh Roelofs		
Next Week	Josh Nagelkerke	Josh Scholten		

Offerings				
Today	General	Benevolent		
Good Friday: Charitable				
Next Week	General	Education		

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