

April 6, 2025

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## Order of Worship

### Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 74: all  
Psalter 265: all

### Morning Worship – 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 417:1, 3  
Reading of the Law  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 164:2, 3  
Prayer  
Psalter\* 221  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Psalter\* 421:5, 6  
Benediction\*  
Doxology – Psalter\* 241:5, 6

### Evening Worship – 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 221  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 60:3, 4, 5  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayer  
Psalter\* 235  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Psalter\* 297  
Benediction\*  
Doxology – Psalter\* 199:4, 5

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

Sermon:

**The King of the Cross-Glory**  
*Series: The Gospel of Mark (19)*

Scripture: Mark 9:1-13; Luke 9:28-36  
Text: Mark 9:1-13

Sermon:

**I Want You to be Saved**

Scripture: Romans 10  
Text: Romans 10:1-13

## 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:

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

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## 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

## Calendar

*"The Lord willing" James 4:15*

**April 6** (Today) 2 PM & 3 PM Jail Services at Kent County Jail.

**April 8** (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Morning Ladies Bible Study.

**April 8** (Tuesday) 6:45 PM Consistory Meeting. We will meet in the boardroom at PRTS.

**April 9** (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Dr. David Kranendonk.

**April 12** (Saturday) 8 AM Men's Bible Study.

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

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

**April 19** (Saturday) 2 PM Neighborhood Outreach.

## Other News

- The Reach the Forgotten Dinner will take place on **Thursday, April 24**. This event supports the jail ministry in our area. If you would like to attend, or have questions, please reach out to Bill & Cheryl Moerdyk.
- The Hosanna Choir will present a concert on **Friday, April 25 at 7:30 PM** at Mayflower Congregational Church. Ticket will be available through Grace Christian Academy beginning on Monday, March 31 for \$12 per person/\$40 per family. If any tickets remain, they will be available at the door on the night of the concert.
- All women are cordially invited to the 56<sup>th</sup> 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 in Grand Rapids. 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](mailto:communications@prts.edu).
- Andre Knevel, concert organist from Canada, will return to Grand Rapids and play for an evening of audience singing of Psalms, hymns, and various organ solo selections. The concert will be held at the Heritage Reformed Church on **July 11 at 7:30 PM**. We hope you can join us!

## Welcome

We welcome you to our worship services today. May the Lord bless His Word to each one of us. If you have any prayer needs, or if you would like to know more about our church, the elders would be glad to speak with you.

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The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

*Psalm 34:15*

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## Congregational Life

- Today, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Maarten Kuivenhoven will lead our evening worship service.
- Next week, Dr. David Kranendonk will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. A. Neele will lead our evening worship service.
- There will be *no Sunday School or Catechism classes* today due to spring break.
- There will be a *Good Friday Service* in our church on **Friday, April 18 at 7 PM**. This service will be led by Dr. Donald Maclean.
- **From the Consistory:** Pastor Macleod has accepted our call to be our pastor. May God guide all things in the days ahead and bring the Macleod family here safely in due time.
- **From the Dorcas Guild:** Our project for the month of April will be collecting items for Mel Trotter Ministries. A list of items needed is in your mailbox. 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**. More information will be coming soon!
- Brian and Mary Jo Haab, with their five daughters, have joined Grace Immanuel Reformed Baptist Church. We wish them the Lord's blessing in their new church home.
- We welcome into full membership, Brad and Kate Baker, with four baptized children, Nicholas, Margaret, Calvin, and Jocelyn. May the Lord bless them as they join with us.

# Meditation

## ONE WHO FULFILLS THE LAW

*The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.*

*John 19:7*

The Jews said to Pilate: *"We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."* According to Jewish law, whoever claims equality with God is subject to punishment by death. Christ makes an oath before Caiaphas that he is the Son of God and according to Jewish law that makes Him a candidate for death.

Claiming to be God is the ancient sin. In the garden, Adam desired to be equal to God. We all have that same desire. The Jews accused Jesus, but they do not realize that they are also guilty of the sin. They considered themselves to be righteous. They did not acknowledge their own guilt and their absolute need for this very act of Jesus to occur for the covering of their sins. Jesus came to earth as a man to die for those who wanted to be autonomous. In their autonomy, mankind was destined to die. Jesus steps into creation to bear man's punishment.

*"We have a law."* We can say this also. We have the same law as the Jews. It is the law that originated in the probationary command in the Garden of Eden. We have a law that was in place for the first man and applies to every man because he is human.

Have we torn our clothes in sorrow? We must mourn, not in self-willed pity as Caiaphas, but because we are conscious that we are worthy to be condemned to death.

According to the law placed before us, we must die, for we have gone beyond the limit that has been appointed to us by God. We have rejected His commandments. We have determined the boundaries ourselves. He who issues his own laws wants to be equal to God. And according to the divine decree issued in Paradise, such a one must die. Christ must, therefore, be sentenced to death in the likeness of sinful flesh. He, the perfectly righteous One, must die this death as if He had dishonored God's glory. He must not only become a man, but He must also bear the curse of man. Do you understand the curse of the law? Have you recognized your guilt? Has your pride to be as God become a burden to you? Do you know the pain of being a blasphemer?

Here then is the gospel of the suffering Surety. He permits Himself to be condemned as if He Himself had offended the majesty of God. According to God's own law, He must die. He is made to be sin for us. The transgression of the first Adam is placed on Him, and He becomes the second Adam.

There is still salvation for him who blasphemes God. In the person of the second Adam he may eat freely of every tree of the garden of God's grace. The more he is renewed after God's image, the less desire he has to look at that one tree. He is delivered from his sin of pride because of the work of the humble servant, Jesus Christ. According to the law you must

die. In your place, Christ is condemned before the tribunal of God. Therefore, child of God, you need not only say: "*We have a law,*" but you may also say that we have One who fulfills the law! *Frans Bakker*

# Sermon Notes

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<b>N u r s e r y</b>		
Today	Baby	Toddler
Morning	Margaret Kleyn Laynee Roelofs	Hannah Kaptein Jenna Carlson
Evening	Katelynn Bazen	Natalie Roelofs
Next Week	Baby	Toddler
Morning	Courtney Prince Aubrey Klaasen	Melanie VanderBoon Kaylee Roelofs
Evening	Jamie Beeke	Esther DeMeester

<b>U s h e r s</b>		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Dan Vlietstra	Nate Roelofs
Next Week	Greg Oliver	Josh Roelofs

<b>O f f e r i n g s</b>		
Today	General	Denominational
Next Week	General	Benevolent

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