January 5, 2025

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Order of Worship

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 31:1, 4, 7 Psalter 235: all

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 350:1, 4, 5
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture

Psalter 65 Prayer

Psalter* 423:6, 7

Sermon Prayer Psalter* 370 Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 187:4

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation* Psalter* 417:1, 3

Reading of Scripture Psalter 23:1, 2, 5, 6 Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Psalter* 254:2, 3, 4

Sermon Prayer

Psalter* 222:4, 6, 8

Benediction*

Doxology - Psalter* 195

*Please stand if you are able.

Sermon: Sermon:

Scripture: Galatians 5 Scripture: Mark 6:1-13 Text: Galatians 5:22a Text: Mark 6:1-13

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 Mrs. Monica Nordyke Mr. Jerry Phillips Mrs. Margaret Pols Mr. Bob Timmer Mrs. Jan Van Grouw

Consistory Members

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

Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

January 5 (Sunday) 2 PM & 3 PM Jail Services at Kent County Jail.

January 7 (Tuesday) 10 AM Dorcas Guild Meeting.

January 7 (Tuesday) 7 PM Evening Ladies Bible Study.

January 8 (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Mr. William McQuade.

January 10 (Friday) Youth Group.

January 11 (Saturday) 8 AM Men's Bible Study.

January 14 (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Morning Ladies Bible Study.

January 14 (Tuesday) 6:45 PM Consistory Meeting. We will meet in the boardroom at PRTS.

January 15 (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Student Carsten Koopman.

January 18 (Saturday) 2 PM Neighborhood Outreach.

Other News

- The Heritage Voices Choir will begin their second semester tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7:30 PM. This will be a fastpaced season, and the concert will take place earlier than normal on March 28. All those with a gift for singing are encouraged to join us. We look forward to seeing you then, the Lord willing.
- Save the Date Ontario Winter Summit: We welcome all young men and women (ages 16-25+) from the Free Reformed and Heritage Reformed churches to attend the first winter summit on Saturday, February 1 at Providence Free Reformed Church in St. George, Ontario. The summit begins with a "soft start" on Friday evening (January 31) at Reformed Book Services to socialize with coffee, browse books, and enjoy a live "Ask a Pastor" session with local pastors. On Saturday, Rev. L. Bilkes will speak on the theme of "Branches of the Vine: Living out of that Vital Union." Following lunch, a men's workshop (Rev. M. Wagenaar) and ladies' workshop (Ms. de Blois) will further expound on this theme alongside a Q&A session. Please visit www.plantsandpillars.net/event to learn more and to register.

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.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 17:24-26

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. David Kranendonk will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our evening worship service.
- The Sunday School & 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 January is **Psalter 140:1 & 3**.
- The Adult Sunday School class will resume after the service this morning.

Meditation

EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED

Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3

In spiritual life it is necessary to become as a child. Christ says, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." So, we need to be converted. We cannot accomplish that on our own, yet Christ says that we have to do it ourselves, because we are responsible for this transformation. Scripture tells us many times to repent. The impenitent one is guilty. We cannot convert ourselves. Still, we must do this. In this lies the mystery. We must, and at the same time, we cannot. A person's inability should never lead him to become complacent. The full responsibility of God's demand is on man.

"Except ye be converted." What needs to be changed? "And ye become as little children." Must a man become a child again? Nicodemus thought this had to happen, but he received the reply, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." To become a child again does not benefit a man because sin is present in the smallest child. Even if we would turn the clock back to the years of our childhood, what would that benefit us?

We need to become as a little child. The text does not say to become little children, but to become as little children. No one shall be saved because he is a child, but those who are as a child shall be saved. It is difficult to become as a child. In fact, it is impossible in our own power. Our totally corrupt existence opposes childlike existence. It is not a small order to change an adult's ways into that of a little child. Only God's Holy Spirit is able to do this. To become as a little child means to become affectionate, dependent, and honest. Something needs to be broken within us. Our own wisdom, righteousness, and ego need to go. Our untruthfulness has to be exposed. We imagine ourselves as kings, but we must be dethroned. Our crown was broken into pieces in Paradise, but we attempt to glue it back together with virtues and duties that we secretly wish to utilize to earn salvation. The crown was broken. Now we need to lose it. The truth is that to become as a child, we need to die to ourselves. Man must die to his own honor, his own virtue, and his own piety. The old man who desires greatness must die.

How is this with you? Do you know something of this? The path to heaven begins and ends with humility. Only in humility is the kingdom entered. Oh, impenitent sinner, except ye converted, except ye be converted!

Sermon Notes

Nursery				
Today	Baby	Toddler		
Morning	Tammy Timmer Naomi Ramos	Ellynne Prince Hannah-Jo Kranendonk		
Evening	Stephanie Vlietstra	Kaylee Roelofs		
Next Week	Baby	Toddler		
Morning	Jen Klaasen Hannah Baum	Bethany Carlson Hannah Roelofs		
Evening	Cheryl Moerdyk	Hope Roelofs		

Ushers			
	Morning	Evening	
Today	Corbin Prince	Seth Bilkes	
Next Week	Dan Vlietstra	Nate Roelofs	

Offerings			
Today	General	Denominational	
Next Week	General	Education	

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