## November 2, 2025

## Order of Worship

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 169: all Psalter 328:1, 2, 4

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 259:1-4 Reading of the Law

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 239

Prayer

Prayer

Psalter\* 273:1-4

Sermon

Psalter\* 182:1, 2, 6, 7

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 420:3

**Evening Worship - 6:00 PM** 

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 230:1-5 Reading of Scripture

Psalter 138 Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Psalter\* 161:1-5

Sermon Prayer

Psalter\* 220:1, 3, 4, 5

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 318:3, 7

### \*Please stand if you are able.

Sermon: Sermon:

The Beauty of Holiness Let us Kill the Heir

Scripture: Song of Solomon 4 Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7;

Mark 12:1-12

Text: Song of Solomon 4:1-7 Text: Mark 12:1-12

## Church Family

#### Homebound:

Mrs. Rieka Bouwer (Kok)
Mrs. Joyce Kik (Cummings)
Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Betty Kooyers
Mrs. Marilyn Nederveld (Elzinga)
Mrs. Esther Richards (Faasse)
Mrs. Jan Van Grouw (Vander Have)

Mr. Teunis VanderGraaf

#### Remember in Prayer:

Pastor Lawrence Bilkes Jonathan Carlson Mrs. Joyce Kik Mrs. Judy Kwekel Mr. Jerry Phillips Bill & Kathy Pols Mrs. Esther Richards

Dr. Kranendonk is preaching for Hamilton FRC and Bornholm FRC today.

Miss Rachel Mack and Mr. Stephen Roelofs will be united in marriage in our church on Saturday, November 8 at 12 PM, with Pastor Macleod officiating. The congregation is invited to witness the ceremony and wish them the Lord's blessings as they begin married life.

We would like to thank the congregation for the many tokens of love shown to us after the passing of our father, grandfather, greatgrandfather, and great-grandfather. "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15

Jim & Mary VanderGraaf

### Consistory Members

Pastor: Pastor Ian Macleod (Chairman - Consistory)

Elders: Ron VanderBoon (Vice-Chair) District 1
Henk Kleyn (Clerk) District 3
Dr. David Kranendonk District 3
Corbin Prince District 4
Larry Roelofs District 5
Dick Spaans District 2

#### Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

November 2 (Today) 2 PM & 3 PM Jail Services at Kent County Jail.

November 4 (Tuesday) 10 AM Dorcas Guild Senior Ladies Tea.

**November 5** (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Pastor Macleod.

November 5 (Wednesday) 8:30 PM Confession of Faith Class.

**November 7** (Friday) 6 PM Youth Group.

**November 7** (Friday) 5:30 PM Mack/Roelofs Rehearsal.

November 8 (Saturday) 12 PM Mack/Roelofs Wedding.

November 11 (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Morning Ladies Bible Study.

November 11 (Tuesday) 7 PM Evening Ladies Bible Study.

**November 11** (Tuesday) 7 PM Consistory Meeting. We will meet in the boardroom at PRTS.

**November 12** (Wednesday) 5:45 Fellowship Meal at Grace Christian Academy.

**November 12** (Wednesday) 8 PM Confession of Faith Class. *Please note the change of time for this class.* 

**November 15** (Saturday) 8 AM Men's Bible Study. *Please note the date change.* 

November 15 (Saturday) 2 PM Neighborhood Outreach.

#### Other News

- The Mattaniah Male Choir will return to Grand Rapids HRC on Friday, November 7 at 7:30 PM for an evening of singing. Tickets for the concert may be purchased at Grace Christian Academy or at the door.
- Word & Deed International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church: November 2 is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. As many as eight countries that Word & Deed partners with suffer from ongoing persecution or live in areas that are under the threat of persecution. Often, instead of asking for relief from persecution, our partners ask for boldness and opportunity to share the Gospel message with their persecutors. Please join us in praying for protection, boldness, and a peace that passes understanding together with the experience of a rich harvest of souls by God's grace for our partners who face the daily threat of persecution.

Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself. So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80:14-19

# Congregational Life

- · Today, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services.
- · Next week, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services.
- The Sunday School & Catechism classes (Beginner 6<sup>th</sup> 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 October is Psalter 266:1 & 2.
- The Christmas Program will be distributed to the Sunday School and Catechism teachers today (Beginners – 6th Grade). A packet will be sent home with the oldest child of each family, which will include the songs they will be singing, as well as the verses they will be saying.
- The Adult Sunday School class will meet in the sanctuary after the morning service today.
- The Combined Consistories South will meet this coming Tuesday, November 4 in St. Thomas FRC in Ontario. Our delegates are Dr. Kranendonk and Pastor Macleod. Elder Spaans is an alternate.
- There will be a Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, November 12 at 5:45 PM at Grace Christian Academy. Please RSVP to Michelle Roelofs at 616.430.8662 by November 10 with how many people from your family will be attending. Thank you!
- From the Deacons: We thank the Lord for the gracious gifts and offerings you give in support of God's church. As you continue to pray for the needs of our church, we commend today's collection for the Benevolent Fund to you. We have been blessed to support many families in need this season, but as the funds become short, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this important fund to assist our church families.
- From the Dorcas Guild: Please return filled Operation Christmas Shoebox boxes to church today. Thank you!

### Meditation

#### UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

Sona of Solomon 4:6

We suffer a serious loss when we dwell so much in the region of present clouds, and so little in the meridian of future glory. We look too faintly beyond the midnight of time, into the daylight of eternity. We are slow of heart to believe that all is revealed of the bliss that awaits us, and do not sufficiently realize that in a little while – oh, how soon! – the day will break, the shadow will flee away, and we shall bathe our souls in heaven's full, unclouded, endless light.

And when does this day begin to break, and the shadows flee? Go and stand by the side of that expiring believer in Jesus; the daybreak of glory is dawning upon his soul! He is nearing heaven. He will soon be there, in a few hours, perhaps moments, and what wonders, what glories, what bliss will burst upon his emancipated spirit! Listen to how he exclaims to the loved ones who try to detain him here a little longer: "Let me go, for the day breaketh" (Genesis 32:26). Oh blessed day, now opening upon his view, as shadow after shadow is dispersed, revealing the wall of sapphire, the gate of pearl, the jasper throne, and Him who sits upon it, of the New Jerusalem, all inviting and beckoning him away.

But the height of splendor on this day of glory will be at the second coming of our Lord in majesty and great power, to gather together His elect and perfect the bliss of His Church. "He shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe" (2 Thess 1:10). While the death of His saints is precious in the sight of the Lord, and their departure will be blissful to the saints themselves, yet not our death, but the Redeemer's glorious appearing, is the hope set before us in the Scriptures. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). Suffering Christian, look to this blessed hope of the perfect day instead of the gloomy passage through the dark valley. "I will come again," says your gracious Lord, "and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3). Let our hearts respond, "Come, Lord Jesus, come guickly."

Where shall we resort until then? Listen to the text: "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense." The Lord has fragrant places of safety and repose for His people until He comes to fetch them to glory. What a "mountain of myrrh" is Jesus, in whom we may abide and to whom we may run in all lowering clouds "until the day break, and the shadows flee away." Until we see Him face to face, let us cling closer and closer to Christ, whose name is "as ointment poured forth" to the Lord's faint and weary ones.

And oh, how fragrant are these "hills of frankincense" the Lord has provided for His people in the means of grace, to which He invites them, and where He meets them and communes with them "until the day break, and the shadows flee away." Such are the secret place of prayer, the place

of social prayer, the place of public prayer, where the incense of devotion and love ascends, so precious, cheering, and strengthening to the weary. And what is the ministration of the truth and the Word of God, but the "hill of frankincense" to which we are privileged to take ourselves until our Lord comes to us or we go to Him? To these fragrant hills of safety and repose let us constantly repair.

Octavius Winslow

S	s e r m o n	Notes

Nursery				
Today	Baby	Toddler		
Morning	Courtney Prince Kennedy Remijn	Jen Klaasen Emma Vlietstra		
Evening	Cora Beute	Hope Roelofs		
Next Week	Baby	Toddler		
Morning	Ellynne Prince Hannah Baum	Brittany Vergunst Paula Roelofs		
Evening	Stephanie Vlietstra	Hannah-Jo Kranendonk		

Ushers				
	Morning	Evening		
Today	Matt Bazen	Nate Carlson		
Next Week	Jon Roelofs	Rick Van Seters, Sr.		

Offerings				
Today	General	Benevolent		
Next Week	General	Education		

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