November 3, 2024

Order of Worship

Song Service - 5:50	PΜ
Psalter 4:1, 4, 5	
Psalter 210:1, 3, 5	

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM	Evening Worship - 6:00 PM	New Address:
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer	Mike & Iane Rinzema
Votum and Salutation*	Votum and Salutation*	2164 Arbor Trail NW
Psalter* 94	Psalter* 87	Grand Rapids, MI 49534
Reading of the Law	Reading of Scripture	
Reading of Scripture	Psalter 401:3	
Psalter 100	Apostles' Creed	Dear Congregation,
Prayer	Prayer	I would like to thank you for the
Psalter* 145	Psalter* 400:2, 3, 5	other love shown to me in the red
Sermon	Sermon	merciful and gracious. Psalm 27:
Prayer	Prayer	
Psalter* 369	Psalter* 429:2	
Benediction*	Benediction*	We want to thank those who cam
Doxology – Psalter* 314	Doxology – Psalter* 199:4, 5	with gifts, and continue to suppo
	(second tune)	meeting our little one. We are so

*Please stand if you are able.

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:

Mrs. Judy Kwekel Mrs. Jo Maartense Mrs. Monica Nordyke Mr. Jerry Phillips Mr. Bob Timmer Mr. Bas Van't Voort Mrs. Betty Van Dyke Dr. & Mrs. Tony & Jan Van Grouw

I would like to thank you for the many prayers, cards, calls, visits, and other love shown to me in the recent months. The Lord has been merciful and gracious. Psalm 27:1 Bas Van't Voort

We want to thank those who came to our baby shower, spoiled us with gifts, and continue to support us in prayer as we anticipate meeting our little one. We are so blessed!

Carsten & Nadia Koopman

Sermon:

Thou Shalt Not Kill

Scripture: 1 John 3:11-24 Text: 1 John 3:11-24; LD 40 Sermon:

What Do You Want Me to Do For You? Scripture: Mark 10:32-52 Text: Mark 10:45

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

Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

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

November 3 (Today) 4 PM Youth Group Meeting at church. Study: John 11:1-12:19 Snack: Alex & Zach Beeke

November 5 (Tuesday) 10 AM Dorcas Guild Senior Ladies Tea.

November 5 (Tuesday) 7 PM Evening Ladies Bible Study.

November 6 (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Dr. David Kranendonk.

November 9 (Saturday) 8 AM Men's Bible Study.

November 12 (Tuesday) 9:45 AM Morning Ladies Bible Study.

November 13 (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes.

November 16 (Saturday) 7:30 AM Consistory Meeting. We will meet in the boardroom at PRTS.

November 16 (Saturday) 2 PM Neighborhood Outreach.

November 16 (Saturday) Youth Group at the home of Kenny & Jill Remijn.

Other News

- November 3 is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. As many as eight countries Word & Deed partners with suffer ongoing persecution or live in areas under 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 pray for protection, boldness, and a peace that passes understanding together with the experience of a rich harvest of souls by God's grace.
- The Mattaniah Male Choir will present a program of sacred music in the HRC church sanctuary on Friday, November 8 at 7:30 PM. Tickets may be purchased from the GCA office or at the door.
- Please join us for an upcoming special presentation from Bonisa Mission on Friday, November 15 at 7:30 PM in the school gym at Grace Christian Academy, D.V. More details are posted on the bulletin board above the drinking fountain.
- Trinitarian Bible Society will be holding a meeting at Plymouth Christian School on Monday, November 18 at 7:30 PM. Dr. Jeff Riddle, pastor of Christ Reformed Baptist Church in Louisa, VA, will be the speaker.

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.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Congregational Life

- Today, Student Floris Visser will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. A. Neele will lead our evening worship service.
- Next week Dr. David Kranendonk will lead our morning worship service, and Dr. Maarten Kuivenhoven will lead our evening worship service.
- The Sunday School & Catechism classes (Beginner 6th Grade) are asked to meet upstairs this morning for a combined opening. We will have a collection for our sponsor child at this time. The Psalter for November will be **Psalter 268:1 & 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 service this morning.
- The Combined Consistories South will meet this coming Tuesday, November 5 in St. Thomas FRC in Ontario. Our delegates are Elders Beeke and VanderBoon.
- *From the Dorcas Guild:* Please return filled Operation Christmas Shoebox boxes to church **today**. Thank you!
- There are still a few spots left for the Young Adult Group trip up north the weekend of November 8. If you would like to sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Corbin or Ellynne Prince.

Meditation

THE BLESSING OF KNOWING THE JOYFUL SOUND

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. ~ Psalm 89:15

The people who know the joyful sound are blessed. The Lord has blessed them. And as Balaam discovered, if the Lord blesses, then no one can reverse it. Balaam was very annoyed to discover that fact, because he had the prospect of getting real wealth if he would curse Israel – it was against his will that he had to confess that if the Lord had blessed, he couldn't reverse it. Those who the Lord has blessed are blessed indeed. 'Happy art thou, O Israel, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and the sword of thy excellency!'

They shall walk in the light of thy countenance. They have to walk – they have to keep going on in this world. Thomas Boston said in one of his sermons, they don't sit down where they are, and they don't go back to their sins, but they walk in the ways of the Lord. They have a path in providence. We don't know what spiritual or providential experiences the Lord has in store for us, but we are called to persevere. Whether the path is uphill or downhill, we have to persevere.

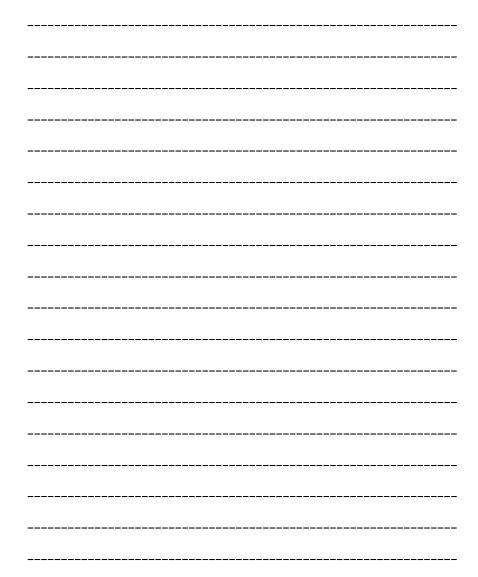
They will walk *in the light of the Lord's countenance.* This description covers a very wide range of experience. At one extreme, we can say that they will enjoy the assurance of His favor and love. They will walk with the Sun of Righteousness arising on them with healing in His wings. They will enjoy a sense of God's love, a sense of God's favor, a sense of His presence and His protection. What a blessing that is – to be sure that God is for us, and God is with us, so sure that there is no shadow of doubt! This is a blessedness which is greatly to be desired – to be conscious always that He is favorably disposed towards us. If that is your portion, how thankful you should be for it! The child of God is never really able to rest and be satisfied until that assurance is realized.

But also, towards the other extreme, we have to remember that the Psalm was written by someone who felt that the Lord was hiding His face from His people. He was walking in darkness (or comparative darkness). The Lord's favor may be extended towards a person even though the person is not enjoying it beyond the shadow of a doubt. But even when that assurance is not enjoyed, still it is true that those who have heard the joyful sound *are* walking in the favor of the Lord, and in the light of His countenance. He cares for them. He is guiding them. He is bringing them to the desired haven. They would much prefer, no doubt, to have the full sunshine, but they often have to walk in the night, only by starlight as it were, with only a glimmer of the mercy of God in Christ.

So there is a full range of experiences in the blessed people, from a 'who can tell,' to the full enjoyment of the sense of the Lord's favor. But they are not satisfied with only little glimpses. 'How long, Lord? wilt thou hide thyself for ever?' It is a good sign when a person finds that they cannot be satisfied without knowing that the Lord is pleased with them. There is something wrong, when we can go on and on without a worry about the Lord's kindness, the Lord's mercy, the Lord's care towards us. The Lord's people are longing for the light of His countenance.

Is there someone here who has had a taste of His love, some assurance of salvation? How we should value that, and praise the Lord for it! It is a great blessing, and it is a great help on the way, when the believer knows something of the Lord's favor toward them. But the way to get this blessing, if we don't have it, is through the joyful sound. We have to listen. Listen to the sound of the gospel! It is calling sinners into this blessedness. It is calling sinners into the enjoyment of the favor of the Lord. All who are within reach of that sound are being called by it – to come, to sacrifice, to come to God, to come in this place of liberty. Hearken to the gospel! And respond believingly. There is no other way into the light of His countenance. *Hugh Cartwright*

Sermon Notes



Nursery		
Today	Baby	Toddler
Morning	Sara Bonner Emma Vlietstra	Cora Beute Aubrey Klaasen
Evening	Sarah Walkotten	Natalie Roelofs
Next Week	Baby	Toddler
Morning	Rachel Vergunst Emma Prince	Kaylia Roelofs Naomi Ramos
Evening	Tammy Timmer	Mckinley Remijn

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

Offerings		
Today	General	Denominational
Next Week	General	Education

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