# September 1, 2024

# Order of Worship

**Song Service - 5:50 PM**Psalter 188:1, 3, 4
Psalter 398:1, 2

### Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation\*
Psalter\* 123:1, 2
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 68:1, 4

Prayer Psalter\* 298:1. 2

Sermon
Prayer
Psalter\* 110
Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 316

**Evening Worship - 6:00 PM** 

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\* Psalter\* 386:1, 2, 3 Reading of Scripture Psalter 285:1, 2 Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Psalter\* 209:1, 2, 11

Sermon Prayer

Psalter\* 204:1, 2, 4

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 315

\*Please stand if you are able.

Sermon:

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Burdens Stark, and Burdens Subtle (1)

Scripture: Matthew 11 Text: Matthew 11:28 Burdens Stark, and Burdens Subtle (2)

Scripture: Matthew 11 Text: Matthew 11

## Church Family

#### Homebound:

Mrs. Rieka Bouwer Mrs. Marilyn Gaunt Mrs. Joyce Kik

Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Betty Kooyers Mrs. Marilyn Nederveld Mrs. Esther Richards

Mr. Teunis VanderGraaf

### Remember in Prayer:

Mrs. Judy Kwekel Mrs. Jo Maartense Mr. Jerry Phillips Mr. Bob Timmer Mr. Bas Van't Voort Mr. Rick VanderVeen

Dr. & Mrs. Tony & Jan Van Grouw

District 2

District 1

# 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)

Kevin Walkotten (Asst. Treas.)

## Calendar

"The Lord willing" James 4:15

September 1 (Sunday) 2 PM & 3 PM Jail Service at Kent County Jail.

September 4 (Wednesday) 7 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting led by Mr. Tony Wang.

September 10 (Tuesday) 6:45 PM Consistory Meeting. We will meet in the boardroom at PRTS.

September 11 (Wednesday) 7 PM Mid-Week Preparatory Service led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes.

September 14 (Saturday) 8 AM Men's Bible Study.

## Other News

- Pastor Rob VanDoodeward, from Powassan FRC, has received a call from the Bowmanville, Ontario United Reformed Church. Please remember him in prayer as he considers this call.
- FRC Seminary Day will be held on Monday, September 2 in Hamilton FRC in Ontario. Rev. Kenneth Hutton will be speaking on the topic of The Three Covenant View. All are welcome!
- Heritage Voices Choir will resume practicing on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 PM, the Lord willing. Please consider this ministry if you have a gift for singing. We look forward to seeing you then!
- The Kalamazoo Reformed Church is planning a Fall Retreat for college and career-aged young adults from October 18 to 19. Dr. Bilkes and Pastor Elshout are hoping to join us for topics and discussions. Discounted registration is available through September 16, and we would love for you to join us! For more information, or to sign up, please visit the Kalamazoo Reformed website:
  - www.kalamazooreformed.org/young-adult-retreat.
- FRC Women's Retreat: There is still time to register! For more information and to register, visit ontariofrcwomensretreat.ca. Registration will close on October 14. We are looking forward to November 14-16, to study God's Word together under the theme. "Hopeful Living in an Anxious Age." Please continue to pray with us as preparations continue.

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

Psalm 61:1-4

# Congregational Life

- Today, Rev. Jerrold Lewis will lead our worship services.
- Next week, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our morning worship service. and Dr. David Kranendonk will lead our evening worship service. We will have a preparatory message for the Lord's Supper, which will take place on September 15.
- Ordination of Dr. Jason: The ordination of Dr. Jason is scheduled for Monday morning, September 2 (late this evening, our time). More details and the link to tune into the ordination service were sent via e-mail. May the Lord bless Dr. Jason, with his family, as he continues his work.
- Men's Bible Study: The Men's Bible Study hopes to begin a new season on Saturday. September 14 at 8 AM in our church. We will be continuing our study in the book of James. Anyone interested is warmly welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Iosh Scholten.
- From the Education Committee: A complete Sunday School/Catechism packet is in the mailboxes of families with children in our program, and there are extra copies on the table near the mailboxes in the narthex. Classes will begin on **Sunday**, September 22.
- Morning Ladies Bible Study: The Morning Ladies Bible Study will begin a new season on Tuesday, September 24. This year, we will be studying "Hosea - The Prophet of God's Love," by Pastor Jacob Westerink. Please contact Linda McOuade at linda\_mcguade@hotmail.com to reserve a book. All ladies are warmly invited to join us!
- *From the Dorcas Guild:* We will be collecting school supplies (including backpacks) for Love, Inc. through the first week of September. You may put your donations in the bin in the narthex. Thank vou!

### Meditation

JESUS STILLS THE STORM

"Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm." ~ Matthew 8:26; Mark 4:39

The disciples were greatly blessed and honored. They were near to Jesus, even with Him in the same boat. Can one possibly be closer to Jesus? Yes, Christ and His true followers of all ages are even more closely related. All who have come to Him as sinners for salvation, all who have been made willing in the day of God's power, are united to Christ with a most blessed and intimate tie. No nearness is more precious than the nearness enjoyed by those who are drawn to Christ by everlasting love and truth.

It seems rather puzzling that this boat with Christ and His disciples should meet with serious dangers. For this select and sacred company one would expect a secure and calm voyage. After all, Jesus was on board. Did He not have the power to prevent storms? Yet this boat was caught in a violent tempest. Boisterous waves covered the ship and filled it with water. The boat was well-nigh sunk in the raging Sea of Galilee.

Indeed, God's children are at times overtaken by unexpected storms and painful trials. They experience the cruel hatred of the world and even hatred from certain so-called friends of Christ. They have enemies without and enemies within. Sometimes it may even seem that corruption prevails and that the Lord hides His face. Moreover, the deceitful temptations of Satan may cause great bitterness. How the Evil One can make use of our unbelief and then tempt us to give up!

Let us return to the storm on the lake. The tempest rages, but Jesus is asleep! Why does He sleep while His followers are so sorely troubled? Why does He allow them to come to their wit's end? Does He not care? Yes, He does. His care never fails. Yet He sleeps, and this is His wisdom. He sleeps in order to awaken them. Thus, they learn more and more of their dependency on Him, and they become more aware of their helplessness without Him!

The wild wind howls and rages over the trembling sea. The waves rise and toss and break over the ship. In the water-filled vessel, the white foam reaches the feet of a sleeping Jesus. This is too much for the distressed disciples. Their hope and courage fail. In the frightening storm they look to their Master for comfort, but He is asleep. Unbelief fills their trembling hearts. They reason, if He really cared for us, He would not sleep in this dangerous night.

Near despair, they finally cry for help and they awaken their sleeping Master. "Carest thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:38). "Lord, save us: we perish" (Matthew 8:25). They plead with more unbelief than faith.

Jesus never fails. In due time, He hears the cry of the needy. He awakens and arises. He rebukes His disciples: "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" (Matthew 8:26). When you are near to Jesus there is never a reason to fear. They were with Him in the same boat; they could not perish. Having rebuked the disciples, Jesus faces the wild wind and the raging waves. He commands the storm to calm: "Peace, be still" (Mark 4:39).

Jesus proves Himself to be the Friend indeed. He speaks with human lips and yet with power divine. What a grace to be united to such a Savior; what a comfort to know such friendship! He can silence each storm His children must endure on their pilgrim's journey here below. In the darkest night and the deepest tribulation, He can speak, "Peace, be still." When He does, we say with the disciples, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" (Matthew 8:27; Mark 4:41).

Let our chief concern in life always be union with Christ. Without Him, all is dark and hopeless. With him, all is light and peace.

Rev. Gerald Hamstra

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Nursery						
Today	Baby	Toddler				
Morning	Esther DeMeester Faith Carlson	Rachel Vergunst Leah Kranendonk				
Evening	Cora Beute Abby VanderBoon	Constance Carlson				
Next Week Baby		Toddler				
Morning	Trish Nagelkerke Audrey Bilkes	Kaylia Roelofs Rose Roelofs				
Evening	Sarah Walkotten Liberty Remijn	Cheryl Tiesenga				

Ushers					
	Evening				
Today	Nate Roelofs	Dan Vlietstra			
Next Week	Josh Roelofs	Greg Oliver			

Offerings					
Today	General	Building			
Next Week	General	Benevolent			

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