THE LORD'S DAY, January 17, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Scripture: John 15
Text: John 15:9-11
Sermon: **Abiding in Christ's Love**
I. The Calling
II. The Experience
III. The Joy
Psalters: 245; 321; 24; 290
Offerings: **General Fund**
Benevolence

AFTERNOON WORSHIP – 2:00 P.M.
Scripture: Romans 12
Text: Lord's Day 21
Sermon: **Employing Our Gifts in the Church**
I. The Unity
II. The Communion
III. The Confession
Psalters: 421; 2; 226; 27
Offerings: **Trinity Christian High School**

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Offerings next week are for the following causes:
Morning: General Fund and Benevolence
Afternoon: Hull PR School
Nursery this morning: Shayna A., Allison M.
This afternoon: Mrs. D. Blankespoor, Elizabeth P.
Next Sunday morning: Karmin B., Anna Postma
Next Sunday afternoon: Dana B., Josie P.
Ushers: For January: Brian Westra, Jason Westra, Nathan Westra

Listen to the Reformed Witness Hour every Sunday on KLOH 1050 AM at 8:00 a.m. and KDCR 88.5 FM at 5:00 p.m. Today's message is "Praise to God Our Savior" (Jude 24,25). Next week's message will be "Praise to God Our Savior" (Jude 24,25).

FROM THE CONSISTORY OR COUNCIL

We welcome all visitors worshiping with us today. May God's name be exalted as we worship together. The order of our worship service is printed on the back of the bulletin.

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Supervision is exercised over the sacrament, so only those who are members of our congregation in good standing or those who have received special permission from the Consistory are allowed to partake of the sacrament. May we be made worthy partakers of the supper of our Lord.

The sermon this afternoon will be an applicatory sermon.

The membership papers of Jared Zandstra have been transferred to Byron Center PRC at his request. We commend him to the care of our sister congregation.

The public confessions of faith of Kirsti Kooiker and Rochelle Kooiker will take place during the afternoon service today. We pray God may bless them and give them the grace to perform the good works that glorify His name.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today: The Young People's Society will meet at 3:45. We will discuss Jonah 2:10–3:10.

Tuesday: Morning classes in Bible History (Grades 1–7): Lesson 17.

The FMC will meet here at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:45 a.m. Wealth will meet to study Lesson 15. Lunch: Marlys K., Lai Yin B., Joyce K. Nursery: Kristen D.J., Upstairs helper: Tonia W.

7:00 p.m. Heidelberg Catechism (Grades 8 & 9): Lord's Day 17; 8:00 Essentials (Grades 10 & 11) Lesson 10, Q. 7-9; 9:00 Pre-Confession (Grade 12 and older): Belg. Conf. Art. 24, Canons 3&4:11,12.

Thursday: Christian Fellowship Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. We will begin our discussion of the book of Romans.

CONCERNING THE CONGREGATION

David Kooiker is asked to write to Gary Brummel and Heidi Oostra to Derick Grimm.

Rochelle Kooiker is scheduled to have knee surgery at Dakota Dunes Surgical Hospital on Tuesday to repair a torn ACL and meniscus in her left leg.

Denny Hoksbergen remains at St. Mary's hospital in Rochester while they are waiting for a duct to heal after his lung surgery.

Catherine Kooiker was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City on Wednesday because she was having difficulty breathing. On Friday she was able to return home.

Let us continue to remember these saints and their families in our prayers. *I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.* (Psalms 91:2)

We thank Rev. Laning for his visits and the prayers, cards, and acts of kindness as I go thru these treatments. I now have a new chemo which is every 2 weeks. We pray for strength as we go forward. *For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee. Fear not, I will help thee.* Isaiah 41:13 - Henry & Hillie Hoekstra

There is a proof copy of the 2016 directory on a table in the back of church. Please look over your information and make any changes, so it can be sent to the printer.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers: If you know you will be unable to usher for any service during your month, it is your duty to find a substitute to usher for you. Please inform the head ushers of your absence and who will be substituting for you. Arrive 20 minutes before the service and make sure the center aisle has an usher first. Familiarize yourself with the reserved rows for the elders, organist, and those with special needs.

Young Reformers Bible study will kick off the new semester at 7:00 on Wednesday, January 20, in room 1316 of the Dordt Classroom Building. We will vote what night to meet this semester and catch up after the break. We invite anyone of college age to come and join us. Hope to see you there.

Psalm Choir: The Psalm Choir's CD Volume 19 *O Treasure Thou My Tears* is now available for the low introductory price of $8. All proceeds from the sales are donated to a cause of our choice. To order go online at www.psalmchoir.com or email marciagritters@yahoo.com.

Thank You: The RFPA is thankful to our heavenly Father for your gifts and prayers over the past year! These gifts allow us to publish and distribute books and the Standard Bearer at affordable prices. Readers from around the world receive and use these publications, often expressing to us their appreciation and gratefulness for this solidly Reformed material. Please keep this kingdom cause in your prayers!

Loveland Young Adults Retreat: Registration for the Loveland Retreat ends this week Thursday, January 21. There are only a few spots left! Links for the registration can be found on our Facebook page or on the Loveland PRC website.

Beacon Lights magazine is celebrating its 75th year of publication! We are celebrating all year long with fascinating articles regarding our history, republishing the best articles picked by the staff and so much more! We are also offering a special discounted rate for new subscribers: $7.50 for a one year subscription. That's 12 issues for half off! Don't delay, you won't want to miss a single issue! Visit beaconlights.org and use promo code ***beacon75*** or call/email Matt Rutgers at (616)209-2824 or subscriptions@beaconlights.org and mention the promo code.

Covenant Christian High School in Grand Rapids, MI, is accepting applications from members of the Protestant Reformed Churches for a full time teaching position in Spanish Language for the 2016-2017 school year. The ideal applicant will be certified for Secondary Education and interested in teaching in the Spanish program at Covenant. Applications can be obtained by contacting Rick Noorman at 616-453-5048 or ricknoorman@gmail.com or Eugene Kamps at eskamps@sbcglobal.net.

Eastside Christian School (Grand Rapids, MI) is seeking applicants for an elementary teaching position beginning in the fall of 2016. Interested applicants can email the resumes to the School Board Secretary Brad Pastoor at brad.pastoor@eastside-christian.org or call at 616-299-1927.

Mark your calendars for the Byron Center PRC Women's Conference March 4 and 5, 2016, to be held at Jamestown Reformed Church in Hudsonville, MI. Registration will be coming soon. Visit our Facebook page at Byron Center PRC Women's Conference or our website http://bcprcwomensconference.webs.com for more information.