THE LORD'S DAY: December 31, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M.

Scripture: II Corinthians 8
Text: II Corinthians 8:9
Sermon: **Rich Through Christ's Poverty**
I. Christ's Poverty
II. Our Riches
III. The Motivating Knowledge
Psalters: 306, 233, 47, 111
Offerings: **General Fund**
Benevolence

AFTERNOON WORSHIP – 2:00 P.M.

Scripture: Isaiah 65
Text: Isaiah 65:17-19
Sermon: **The Promised New Creation**
I. The Divine Work
II. The Redeemed People
III. The Everlasting Joy
Psalters: 76; 241; 302; 288
Offerings: **Beacon Lights**
Philippine Book Fund

Offerings next week are for the following causes:
Morning: General Fund and Benevolence
Afternoon: Building Fund and Genesis PR School
Nursery this morning: Mrs. G. Gritters, Koralee H., Kelsey U., Claire V.E.
This evening: Kassandra H., Grace H., Jayda V.E., Madalyn V.G.
Next Sunday morning: Lindsay K., Christy K., Leah G., Emily G.
Next Sunday afternoon: Jessica K., Shania K., Shelby A., Lydia B.
Ushers: For December: Carl Bruinsma, Allen Brummel, Joe Bootsma
For January: Jerry Bleyenberg, Derk Burgers, David Camarigg

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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22). Next week's message will be "Confidence in Christ's Coming" (Hebrews 10:35-37).

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.

The area ministers are exchanging pulpits for the morning service today. Rev. De Boer is scheduled to preach here while our pastor preaches at Calvary PRC. We welcome Rev. De Boer to our pulpit and fellowship.

This afternoon we will have our annual Old Year's Day service.

The Young People's Society will not meet today.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. we will have our annual New Year's Day service. Offerings will be for the RFPA and Reformed Witness Committee. Nursery attendants will be Mrs. D. Kooiker, Lydia H., Heather V.E., and Claire V.V. During this service Brian Gritters, Brian Kroese, and Evert A. Van Maanen will be installed as elders, and David Camarigg and Peter S. Westra will be installed as deacons. May the Lord bless these men, granting them the grace needed to do the work to which He has called them. We thank the retiring elders, Steve Kooima, Bruce Korver, and Don Vermeer, and the retiring deacons, Chad Andringa and Travis Groeneweg, for their faithful labors for the past three years.

The baptisms of Tate Andrew, son of Alex and Haley Van Ginkel, and Eden Renae, daughter of Joe and Faith Bootsma, are scheduled to take place next Sunday during the afternoon service.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today: The Young People's Society will not meet today.

Wednesday: Wealth will meet and study Lesson 14. Nursery Helpers: Tonia W., Amber V.M., Andria D.R. Upstairs Helper: Anna V.D.T. Lunch: Laura C., Kandace H., and Lael G.

7:00-Heidelberg Catechism (Grades 8-9): Lord's Day 15; 8:00-Essentials (Grades 10-11): Lesson 9:5-8; 9:00 Pre-Confession (Grade 12 and older): Belgic 22; Canons 3&4:9,14; 5:9-13.

Thursday: Martha Ladies' Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Bible discussion will begin with Romans 6:14. Natalie Van Ginkel and Jacque Van Maanen have lunch.

Men's Society will meet at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERNING THE CONGREGATION

Marcus Andringa is asked to write to Gary Brummel and Stephanie Miersma to Derick Grimm.

We rejoice with Joel and Linette Mouw who were blessed on Wednesday with the birth of a baby girl, Desiree (des-a-ray) Joy. Linette and Desiree are both doing well. We give thanks to our God for the blessed gift of another covenant child.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wealth is in need of a volunteer every other week for the three year old room for the 2nd semester. If you would like to volunteer for the whole semester or just 1 or 2 times, please contact Lisa De Boer at dldeboer712@gmail.com.

The HPRCS board will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, at the school.

The Edgerton Young People's Society invites you to their annual Christmas Singspiration. This will be held on January 7 at 7:00 p.m.

The 2018 Young People's Convention will be hosted by our area churches. If you have ever thought about being a chaperone or a nurse at a convention, don't pass up this opportunity. It is a rewarding experience and might be the hardest job you'll ever love. Chaperone and nurse registration for 2018 Young People's Convention will begin Monday, January 1, 2018. The convention is planned for August 13-17 at Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, MN. To register, go to www.prcconvention.com, and follow the instructions under the chaperone or nurse tab. If you have any questions, email us at chaperone@prcconvention.com

Heritage PRC Young People are hosting our 2nd Annual Pinewood Derby fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 11-2 in the church fellowship hall at 3800 E 15th Street, Sioux Falls. Grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup will be served for lunch. Spectators are welcome, and a donation box will be available for those who wish to eat. A donation of $15 will cover registration, food, and the kit to build your car. Please sign up by January 13 by contacting Crystal at 605-937-7159 or crystalbrummel@hotmail.com. The kits will be distributed mid January. Proceeds will go toward 2018 convention expenses.

Rev. Martyn McGeown, missionary-pastor of Limerick Reformed Fellowship, will be interviewed by Christopher Arnzen on his radio program, “Iron Sharpens Iron,” on Friday, January 5, from 4-6 pm EST. The subject for this interview will be Rev. McGeown's recent book, *Called to Watch for Christ's Return*. You can go to the website www.ironsharpensironradio.com and click on the livestream box to tune in and listen from any device. The program can also be listened to by phone at (563)999-9206; press #3 for Christian Radio when prompted.

Advice for Elders on Family Visitation: Hudsonville PRC is hosting this winter’s Classis East Officebearers’ Conference on Tuesday evening, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. We have asked Prof. Gritters to speak on our practice of family visitation. We want to keep this beloved practice as our Church Order requires, but how will we do it most profitably for all our homes? After explaining the important principles of family visitation, Prof. Gritters will address some of the following questions: Should there be a theme or special topic each year? What is the difference between family visitation and a Bible study? How much should elders speak and how much should they listen? How to ask questions so that the people speak? At the end of the speech there will be time for questions and discussion. Everyone is welcome, both officebearers and members.

A list of teaching positions is available on the back table.