

This is the LORD'S DAY – December 17, 2017

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Scripture: Romans 2:17-3:20

Text: Heidelberg Catechism, L.D. 3

THE MISERY OF OUR DEPRAVITY

I. The Corrupting Disease

II. The Inherited Disease

III. The Fatal Disease

Psalters: 273, 23, 93, 140

Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.

Scripture: Psalm 110, Hebrews 7

Text: Psalm 110:4

A PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

I. A Royal Priest

II. An Everlasting Priest

III. A Priest Appointed with an Oath

Psalters: 348, 198, 303, 4

		Today	Next Week
Offering	AM	General Fund, Evangelism	General Fund, Eastisde
	PM	Benevolence, Cov. Chr. School (Lynden)	Benevolence, Adams Preschool
Nursery	AM	Gail K., Stephanie MK., Maddy R.	Bri Noorman, Alycia P., Natalie S.
	PM	Beth M., Cindy O., Chloe P.	Annie O., Julie P., Marissa P.
Ushers		Jerry & Jeremy VanBaren	Jed Pipe & Tim Hoving
Transportation	Doug	Bernie Kamminga	Doug Mingerink
	Vivian	John Flikkema III	Dave Ophoff

Mediation: “If there is no doubt that all iniquity is hateful to God’s righteousness, what do we poor folk expect from his sight except the surest confusion his indignation bears toward us who are both pressed down under a huge weight of sins and befouled of limitless dregs? This knowledge, though it strikes man with terror and overwhelms him with despair, is nevertheless necessary for us, in order that, stripped of our own righteousness, cast down from confidence in our own power, and deprived of all expectation of life, we may learn through the knowledge of our own poverty, misery, and disgrace to prostrate ourselves before the Lord, and by the awareness of our own wickedness, powerlessness, and ruin may give all credit for holiness, power, and salvation to him.” (John Calvin)

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **We welcome** Prof. Kuiper to lead us in worship this evening. Rev. Langerak is fulfilling a classical appointment at Byron Center PRC.

~ **Installation** of new office bearers is planned for the January 1 (AM) New Years Day Service.

~ **Today is the** last day to sign up for Sunday Night Discussion Groups. We look forward to starting on January 21.

~ **This morning’s** Christmas program practice will be the final practice. We hope to still finish by noon but it may run a little while longer. The Sunday school Christmas program will be held next week Sunday the 24th DV shortly after the morning service. We trust you will enjoy all the work the children have been putting into this!

~ **Young Peoples** and Seniors Caroling is tonight after the evening service. We will meet in the narthex for a light supper, followed by singing. Young People, please bring your food to the kitchen before the evening service and be ready to help set up the narthex after the service.

~**Adult Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, at 7:30pm. Discussion will begin at Zechariah 10:5. Sue Hoving will serve and Tim will close.

~ **Plan to stay** next Sunday evening after the worship service, for a Christmas Song Service.

~ **The Young People’s** Society and Young Adults Society will not meet again until January 7 for Christmas recess. Also all catechism classes will meet tomorrow, December 18, and then be in Christmas recess for two weeks until January 8.

LOCAL/DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **Minister News:** First (GR) called Rev. C. Griess. Southwest calls this evening from its trio of Revs. A. Brummel and J. Mahtani, and Candidate David Noorman.

~**The choir of Faith PRC** will present a concert TONIGHT at 7:45 PM. All are invited to join us as we give thanks to God in song!

~ **Prof. Dykstra’s** Monday night Bible class (in Hope PRC) will meet tomorrow for the last time in 2017. The class will recess two weeks and resume January 8, D.V. See the Facebook page for information on the discussion of I Timothy.

~**The Voices of Victory** will be hosting a Christmas singspiration on Sunday night, December 24. The singspiration will be held at Faith PRC beginning at 7:45 PM (those who cannot make it by then are more than welcome to arrive late). Join us as we joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior together in song!

~ **The Voices of Victory** will be holding their annual Old Year’s concert on Sunday evening, December 31. Please note that the concert location has changed - instead of at Hudsonville Reformed Church the concert will be held at Bethel United Reformed Church - 8360 Cottonwood Dr, Jenison, MI 49428 (formerly First Jenison CRC). As in previous years, you are invited to come and go as you please at any time between 8 and 11 PM. Refreshments will be served. A freewill offering will be taken for Georgetown Harmony Homes. Join the Voices of Victory and their guests, the Sacred Harmonies quartet, and participate in joyful audience singing throughout the evening!

~ **Interim Course:** The seminary’s interim course this year will be “The Theology of John Calvin” and will be taught by Prof. R. Cammenga. Classes will meet from Monday, January 8, 2018 through Wednesday, January 17, 2018, in the morning, 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Any who are interested in attending are welcome. Please call the seminary (531-1490) before January 5 so that your name can be added to the class list.

~ The **Reformed Witness Hour Committee** thanks you, friends and donors, for your prayers and financial support during 2017. As you plan for your year-end giving, we ask that you prayerfully consider helping with our two newest costs: broadcasting in the Chicago area (approximately \$500 per month) and the re-design of our website. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **Covenant Christian** High School reminds you of the ongoing drive for the Five Classroom Addition. We are thankful for the \$537,000 we have received for this project. Our revised goal for this drive is \$710,000, due to the project coming in under budget. We need to complete this drive in January, as the project comes to its completion. Please remember this cause in your year-end giving.

~**Covenant Christian** High School continues its annual support drive with a goal of \$350,000. To date we have received \$165,000 toward this goal. Please continue to remember this need in your giving, and remember CCHS in your prayers.

~**The Student Council** of Covenant Christian High School is again sponsoring its Gift Certificate Drive (November 27-December 19) to help those who have need in our area Protestant Reformed churches. To participate, you can send money or gift certificates/cards to grocery stores, gas stations, etc. to Covenant, care of Student Council. If you have any questions, call Jennifer Knott at Covenant (616-453-5048) or email her at jknott@covenantchristianhs.org. Thank you!

~ **Adams Tasting Bee:** Thanks to all who registered to attend the Tasting Bee to be held at Adams Christian School on Thursday, January 18. Please note the start time of **6:30 PM**. Punch bowl and appetizers will be served as you arrive, and we would like to have everyone seated by 7:00 to start the rest of the event. Also, all registered guests will be receiving a cookbook, but there will be additional books available for purchase that night. Looking forward to an enjoyable evening!

~**Adams Christian School**, a K-8 school located in Wyoming, MI, is in need of teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. We encourage all interested individuals to contact Rick Mingerink, school administrator (rickmingerink@gmail.com) (616-531-0748) for more information.

~ **Covenant Christian High School** in Grand Rapids, Michigan is accepting applications from members of the Protestant Reformed churches to fill a teaching position in the area of Mathematics for the fall of 2018. Applicants should be certified for Secondary Education. Applications can be obtained by contacting Rick Noorman (616-453-5048 or ricknoorman@gmail.com) or Dr. Doug Bleyenburgh (drbleyenburgh@comcast.net).

~**Heritage Christian High School** & Protestant Reformed Christian School of Dyer, IN are seeking applications from qualified, Protestant Reformed individuals for a full time position in our Discovery Center (Resource Room.) Please contact either administrator, Ralph Medema, ralph.medema@heritagechs.org, or Ryan Van Overloop, ryan.vanoverloop@dycprcs.org.

~ **The Board of Hope** Christian School in Redlands, California is seeking applicants for 2 full-time teaching positions for high school grades (including an administrator position) beginning next school year (2018/2019). All interested persons should contact Ron VanVoorthuysen (909-499-2350, ron.revco@me.com) or Scott Gaastra (909-910-2673, Scott.Gaastra@gmail.com).

~ **Covenant Christian** is accepting applications for a Junior Varsity Softball Coach. For more information, or to apply, contact Travis Van Bommel at covenantad@yahoo.com.