

*This is the **LORD'S DAY** – January 7, 2017*

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Scripture: Ezra 10

Text: Ezra 10

**PUTTING AWAY THE STRANGE WOMAN**

*I. The Danger of Strange Women*

*II. The Hard Remedy*

*III. The Abiding Lesson*

Psalters: 348, 260, 271, 27

Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.

Scripture: Romans 5

Text: Heidelberg Catechism, L.D. 5

**THE ONLY WAY BACK TO GOD'S FAVOR**

*I. Of Satisfaction*

*II. Of Substitution*

*III. Of Meditation*

Psalters: 176, 340, 135, 362

		Today	Next Week
<b>Offering</b>	AM	General Fund, Adams	General Fund, Evangelism
	PM	Benevolence, Domestic Missions	Benevolence, Loveland PR School
<b>Nursery</b>	AM	Molly V.B., Amanda V., Sophia S.	Stephanie B., Jamie D.V., Audrey A.
	PM	Jennie V.D.B., Erika A., Grace V.	Becky D., Tara F., Kaitlyn V.
<b>Ushers</b>		Daniel Schimmel & Tim Kortering	Doug Mingerink & Jim Holstege
<b>Transportation</b>	Doug	Bernie Kamminga	Doug Mingerink
	Vivian	Jim Holstege	John Flikkema III

**Mediation:** “No language can fully represent the consequence and efficacy of Christ’s death. This is the only price by which we are reconciled to God. The doctrine of faith on this subject holds the highest rank. But the more extraordinary the discoveries which have reached us of the Redeemer’s kindness, the more strongly are we bound to his service...And if the reconciliation of men effected by Christ was ‘a sacrifice of a sweet smelling savor,’ we too shall be ‘unto God a sweet savor’ when this holy perfume is spread over us” (John Calvin).

**CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

~**Please welcome** Prof. Dykstra who will lead us in worship this morning. Rev. Langerak was given the service off to give him more time this week to prepare for Classis, which will convene at 8AM this Wednesday at Hudsonville PRC. The agenda is heavy and, besides the annual election of functionaries and delegates to Synod, includes three lengthy appeals and an overture that Classis officially limit distribution of all appeals and supplemental materials for future agendas to active council members only.

~ **On New Years Day**, Charlie and Monica Hoekstra were blessed with a healthy baby boy, Theodore Charles. Mother and child are well and returned home.

~**The Young People’s** will meet this morning, discussing Revelation 17. Dorothy and Stephan Langerak will serve.

~ **The Young Adults Society** will meet this PM. Discussion will continue on the Marriage Form.

~ **All catechism classes** will resume tomorrow at the normal times. Reminder: All Bible history classes (grades 1-7) are on lesson 15, Heidelberg Catechism class on L.D. 14, Essentials class on Lesson 8, and Canons class is on Head 2.7.

~**Jr. Adults** will meet this Wednesday, January 10. We will discuss I Samuel 20. Brent will close with prayer and Alisa will serve.

~**Women's Bible Study** will meet on Thursday, January 11 to discuss II John. New members are welcome!

~**There will be a** sledding party for Southeast Church at the Mines Golf Course, 330 Covell SW, on Saturday, January 13 from noon to 2 PM. Barbeque, Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate will be provided. Please bring a snack to pass and your sleds.

~ **The congregation** extends birthday greetings to Henrietta Kamminga as she will celebrate, the Lord willing, her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 12.

~ **Once again** this year we would like to acknowledge those in our congregation who will be celebrating a milestone birthday. Anyone turning 80+ this year who would like their birthday announced in the bulletin, please contact the bulletin clerk. If your birthday has already been announced in previous years there is no need to contact her.

**LOCAL/DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

~ **Denominational News:** First (GR) called Rev. C. Griess. Southwest called Candidate David Noorman.

~ **The Psalm Choir** will begin its new season today. Practices will be held at Hudsonville PRC, beginning at 2:00 P.M. (please note earlier time and change of venue). Please join us in singing psalms of praise to our God!

~ **Prof. Dykstra’s** Monday night Bible class will resume tomorrow (in Hope PRC) at 7:30, D.V. See the Facebook page for information on the discussion of I Timothy.

~**Advice for Elders on Family Visitation:** Hudsonville PRC is hosting this winter’s Classis East Officebearer’s Conference on Tuesday evening, January 9, at 7:30 PM. 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 profitable for all our homes? After explaining the important principles of family visitation, Prof. Gritters will adder questions like: 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 a time for questions and discussion. Everyone is welcome, both officebearers and members. The speech will be livestreamed on Hudsonville PRC's web-site.

~**The Reformed Doctrines Class**, taught by Prof. Engelsma, will meet this week Wednesday, January 10, at Faith Church at 7:45PM. The subject will conclude the class’s study of Antichrist (who and what Antichrist will be), and begin a study of the Great Tribulation.

**YOUNG PEOPLES/YOUNG ADULTS**

~**Zion PRC Young Peoples'** Society invites you to enjoy a meal at Rainbow Grill on January 11, from 4-9PM. Both locations (Grandville and Hudsonville) are generously donating 10% of their profits towards the convention costs of our YP society members. Stop in before or after the game for dine in or a takeout order! **\*\*Please Note!\*\*** you must show your server this a paper or digital copy of this announcement for your bill to count towards the fundraising total. Thanks in advance for your support!

~**Save In Advance:** Date: April 28; Organization: Georgetown PRC; Event: "Run, Fight, Lead" - Young Men's Conference (High School / College); Time: 8am to 12pm; Place: Georgetown PRC

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

~ **Adams Tasting Bee:** Thursday, January 18, at Adams Christian School. The final plans are being made for the tasting bee! We would like to encourage ladies to carpool if possible. Once parking is filled at Adams there will be a shuttle bus running from Bethany URC (just north of school) to Adams. Appetizers and punch bowl begin at 6:30 PM with the rest of the event beginning at 7 PM. If you are making food for this night, your recipes/instructions were sent home last week. Also, extra cookbooks will be available for purchase that night for \$15. Please contact Melissa Lubbers at 616-583-0015 or Rebecca Kleyn at 616-532-1075 if you have any questions. Looking forward to an enjoyable evening!

~**Hope PRC School** in Grand Rapids, Michigan is seeking Protestant Reformed applicants to fill a lower elementary teaching position for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Ron Koole, school administrator ([rkool@hopepreschool.org](mailto:rkool@hopepreschool.org) or 616-453-9717) if interested.

~**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](tel:909-499-2350), [ron.revco@me.com](mailto:ron.revco@me.com)) or Scott Gaastra ([909-910-2673](tel:909-910-2673), [Scott.Gaastra@gmail.com](mailto:Scott.Gaastra@gmail.com)).