

This is the LORD'S DAY – April 8, 2018

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Scripture: Revelation 1

Text: Heidelberg Catechism, L.D. 17

THE BENEFITS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

I. A Perfect Righteousness

II. A New Life

III. A Guaranteed Resurrection

Psalters: 251, 342, 239, 27

Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3

Text: James 5:13

SING AND PRAY

I. When

II. What

III. Why

Psalters: 259, 22, 77, 394

		Today	Next Week
Offering	AM	General Fund, Adams	General Fund, Building Fund
	PM	Benevolence, Foreign Sem. Student Assistance	Benevolence, Hope PR School (Redlands)
Nursery	AM	Stephanie B., Ruthanne F., Sophia S.	Jamie D.V., Betty H., Jenna H.
	PM	Becky D., Tara F., Elaina F.	Julie F., Sami H., Lauren F.
Ushers		David Orzechowski & Nate Pipe	John IV & Christian Flikkema
Transportation	Doug	Bernie Kamminga	Doug Mingerink
	Vivian	Dave Ophoff	Bill Pipe

Meditation: “Afflictions ought to stimulate us to pray; prosperity supplies us with an occasion to praise God. But such is the perverseness of men that they cannot rejoice without forgetting God and when afflicted they are disheartened and driven to despair. We ought then to keep within due bounds, so that the joy, which usually makes us to forget God, may induce us to set forth the goodness of God, and that our sorrow may teach us to pray. For he has set the singing of psalms in opposition to profane and unbridled joy; and thus they express their joy who are led, as they ought to be, by prosperity to God.” (John Calvin)

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **The Young Peoples** Society will hold a business meeting in the sanctuary after the morning service.

~ **Annie Pastoor** is on bedrest at home due to preterm labor. Eric and Annie covet your prayers at this time.

~**Directory Update:** Doug & Beth Mingerink, 3260 56th St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49418. Phone: 264-0094

~ **News from the Pews** articles/ideas may be submitted to Bri Ophoff at bmloney@gmail.com

LOCAL/DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **Our risen Savior** came Easter Sunday to receive Pastor Wayne Bekkering to the Kingdom prepared for him before the foundation of the world. Rev. Bekkering served his Lord faithfully as a husband, father, and minister of the gospel of grace in gentleness, kindness, love for God’s truth, and humble service in our churches. The funeral service was held this past Thursday, at Hudsonville PRC. “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.”

~ **Upcoming 2018 internships** for July-December of Seminarians Matt Kortus and Jacob Maatman have been confirmed and announced. Sem. Kortus will be interning at Trinity PRC under Rev. N. Decker and his Council and Sem. Maatman will intern at Hudsonville PRC under Rev. G. Eriks and his Council.

~ **From the RFPA:** Our first children’s picture book, *T is for Tree: A Bible ABC*, is now available. Please order your copy by contacting your book club agent, or by calling the RFPA at (616) 457-5970 or emailing mail@rfpa.org. Please note: This is not a book club book, so members of the book club will not automatically receive a copy.

~**Spring Lecture:** You are invited to attend our Spring Lecture on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7:30p.m. at the Kalamazoo PRC, 4515 Green Acres Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Rev. James Slopsema will speak on: "**Persecuted for Christ's Sake**," answering questions such as these: Are the thunder clouds of persecution gathering for us? How can we prepare ourselves and our children for persecution? Refreshments will be served.

YOUNG PEOPLES/YOUNG ADULTS

~**SW Young People’s** Pancake Breakfast is changed from March 24 (due to a funeral in their church), to April 21 from 8—10:30 A.M. We hope to see you there!!

~**Young Men’s Conference** - Young men ages 14 – 22 (High School and College), please plan to attend the GPRC Young Men’s Conference, "Run, Fight, Lead!", on Saturday morning, April 28, from 8-12:30, at Georgetown Protestant Reformed Church. Breakfast Included! Register Today! For more details and to register please visit georgetownprc.org/runfightlead

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **Protestant Reformed** secondary education is precious to us, and there will be blessed opportunity to experience the unity of it this week. The six choirs of our Protestant Reformed high schools (Covenant, Heritage[Dyer], Hope [Redlands], Faith, Loveland, and Trinity) will present a combined concert of edifying choral music on Thursday, April 12, in the BJ Haan Auditorium of Dordt College. 283 voices of our covenant youth! 7:00 pm central time. All are welcome to join us. There will be a free-will offering.

~**For those who** would like to watch a livestream of the choir concert please go to the YouTube channel for Covenant choirs. It is called “CovenantChoirs”. The link to the channel is <https://www.youtube.com/user/CovenantCHOIRS>. When you go to this channel you should be able to click on the live broadcast. You can do this even if you don’t have a YouTube account. We will start the live broadcast about ten minutes before the concert.

~**Hosanna Choir Concert:** Come join us for a night of praise to God too help support Protestant Reformed Special Education. The concert will be held April 20, at 8 P.M. in First Methodist Church 227 E Fulton St., Grand Rapids. Tickets will be available for purchase at Covenant Christian High School and at the concert, prices \$8/person or \$30/family. (change “tickets will be available” to “tickets are available” on the announcement for April 8 and 15)

~**Covenant Christian High School** of Grand Rapids Michigan is planning a 50-year anniversary celebration. Please plan to attend an anniversary celebration program at Fair Haven Church in Jenison, Michigan on Friday, April 27 at 7 P.M. There will also be an open house at Covenant Christian High School on Saturday, April 28 from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. Please plan on attending, reminiscing, and enjoying the celebration. There will be dessert and beverages available in the gym and plenty of time to see and talk with classmates, teachers and supporters.

~**HOPE PRC SCHOOL FOUNDATION CLAY SHOOT-** Registration is now under way for the 6th Annual Sporting Clay Shooting Event to be held May 5 at the Kent Conservation League in Ada. This 5 person team(\$625/team) event consists of each team member taking your best shot at 50 clays from 10 different stations on a wooded course as well as two choices of either Skeet, Trap, 5 Stand or the Timed pistol event. These choice events have limited space so sign up early to reserve the events you prefer. Contact Jeremy Meulenberg by April 18 at jeremyeulenberg@gmail.com or 616.292.3442 for more details or to register your team participants and your choice event preference.

~**Protestant Reformed Special Education** has an opening for a full-time teacher at our Heritage Christian location in Hudsonville MI. For more information or to apply please contact Education Chairman John DeVries at [616-889-4578](tel:616-889-4578) or email at westmichiganrealestate@gmail.com.