

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 20, 2017 10 AM

Communion Sunday

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

Opening Scripture Psalm 95: 1, 6 – 7  
Prayer

\*All Sing "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 599: 1 – 3*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "All Are Welcome"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 269: 1 – 4*

"Take, O Take Me as I Am"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 741*

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Commissioning service Norm Underland

\*All Sing "Here I Am, Lord"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 869: 1 – 3*

[Children and parents come forward during last stanza of  
this song for Children's blessing]

Children's Worship Blessing

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for  
these children?  
People: **May the Lord be with you as you learn of  
Jesus and his love.**  
Children: And also with you.

People: **May the word of the Lord grow in your  
hearts.**

Children: Thanks be to God.

People: **Go in peace.**

[Children ages four year olds through young fives  
dismissed for Praise and Play]

Concerns of our Church Family  
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds  
Offertory "The God of Abraham Praise"  
arr. Anna Laura Page

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture I Corinthians 7: 1 – 9, 23 – 35 (p. 1776)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Seventh and the Single  
Prayer

\*All Sing "Lord, Be Glorified"  
Sing a New Creation 43: 1 - 4

GOD PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE US!

The Meaning of the Sacrament  
God's Invitation  
Approaching the Table

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

All Sing "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 538: 4*

Words of Institution

Minister: The Bread which we break is a sharing in the  
Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all  
share the same loaf.**

Minister: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing  
in the blood of Christ.

People: **The cup that we drink is our participation in  
the blood of Christ.**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Bread and Wine are offered at the Table

*We invite all participants to move to the center aisle and form  
two rows, beginning at the front. On both sides of the  
communion table elders will be waiting with the elements.  
When you get to the table, take a piece of bread, dip it in the  
cup, and take communion there as it is offered to you, then  
return to your seat by the side aisles. We will bring the  
elements to anyone who may not be able to come forward. If  
you desire to participate in communion, without taking the  
elements you are welcome to come forward and receive a  
blessing. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by  
crossing your arms as you approach the table.*

Solo "Come to the Table of the Lord"  
S. Albrecht & J. Althouse

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving  
[Offering for Benevolence]

All Sing "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 191: 1 – 3*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*All Sing "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 191: 4*

\*Postlude "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" arr.

Gordon Young

(\*stand, if you are able)

Minister

Rev. Steve De Vries

Organist/Pianist

Rachel Plasman

Soloist

Nichole De Vries

Drums

David Exoo

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

August 20, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is Communion and Commissioning Sunday. Seminarian Norm Underland will be commissioned as an intern for the coming year as he concludes his studies at Calvin Theological Seminary. Pastor De Vries will preach on I Corinthians 7:1-9 and 23-35, ***The Seventh and the Single.***

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will conclude our study of the Seventh Commandment.

### BANNERS

Ordinary Time is a season to deepen ones life of faith, to grow more into the likeness of Christ, becoming a more holy people by committing ourselves to grow in obedience and service to our Lord through the work of the Holy Spirit. As a congregation we work to grow and deepen the life and mission of the church in the world.

The Liturgical color for Ordinary time is green which represents new life, hope and growth. Each banner has a white panel representing Jesus Christ who is at the center of our faith and growth. The less discernable wedge shape panel on each banner represents roots growing down deep into the word of God, "like a tree planted by streams of water." The different colors of green and the different size wedge panels represent the differences in our faith, hope and growth in Jesus Christ.

## TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

August 20, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

August 27, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

*Online Giving* available at [phcrc.org](http://phcrc.org)

## FROM THE TREASURER

Through July:

Total Receipts:	\$360,724
Total Expenses:	\$391,581
Total Deficit:	\$30,857

Unpaid Ministry Shares:

Denominational:	3 months
Classical:	1 month

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Breakaway (4th - 8th grade):** Our first gathering will be on Sunday, September 10, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Students in 4th - 5th grade please bring a 2 liter of pop, students in 6th - 8th grade please bring a bag of chips.

**Lifeline (9th - 12th grade):** We will have a pre-season get together on Sunday, August 27, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. We will have ice cream, play floor hockey and possibly other games. This will be a good chance to take a break from school and hang out before the official youth group year starts. Hope to see you all there! Eat dinner before and feel free to come and go as you need. Our first official gathering of the year will be Sunday, September 17, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Here is some good news concerning the Family Weekend coming up September 15 – 17.** A "community cottage" will be available for those who just come out for the day and need a place to stash stuff, change clothes, use the refrigerator, oven or microwave, change diapers or put a little one down for a nap. Everyone is also invited for the afternoon and catered pizza buffet on Friday and/or the activities and potluck on Saturday. Make plans to join us and pick up flyers with further details at the Welcome Station.

**The Today Devotionals** are at the Welcome Center.

## OUTREACH

**Mobile Food Pantry:** Our next event is this Saturday, August 26 with registration and a pancake breakfast starting at 7am, and food distribution from 9-10:30am. Volunteer job assignment sheets are in your communicators today. If you are interested in joining us for a time of food and fellowship with our neighbors, please contact Tom or Mary VanWingerden (616-241-4911) this week.

**Family Promise Volunteers Needed!** Our next Family Promise host week is September 3. This is an opportunity to share hospitality and God's love with a group of families that really need love and support! Please sign up to host an evening, stay overnight, make and share dinner with the families, set-up on Sunday or clean-up when we finish. Our sign-up link at [phcrc.org](http://phcrc.org) is working and ready for volunteers. Call Ellen Hekman (868-0610) for more information or to sign-up.

**Sunday August 20, 2017**

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10:00AM Morning Worship Service

**Ushers:** Dave & Mary Kline, Tom Diepstra, Ernie Noorman

**Prayer Servants:** Alyce Boender, Kathy Sikkema

**Nursery:** Megan Wunderink, Alyce Boender, Rachel Harkema

**Kingdom Kidz (2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in nursery):** Jasmine Underland, Kieren Underland

**Praise and Play (4 yrs old through young 5's):** Lisa Schmidt, Natalie Schmidt

**Children in Worship (5 yrs old through first grade) is off for the summer**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Tom & Laura Stuyfzand

**Sunday August 27, 2017**

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10:00AM Morning Worship Service

**Ushers:** Larry Tilma, Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez, Lori Tilma

**Prayer Servants:** Nancy VanLopik, Alice Geelhoed

**Nursery:** Lori DeVries, Pam Menkveld, Alyce Boender

**Kingdom Kidz (2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in nursery):** Rachel Diepstra, Harper Diepstra

**Praise and Play (4 yrs old through young 5's):** Liz Brouwers, Rory Brouwers

**Children in Worship (5 yrs old through first grade) resumes on September 10**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Paul & Janeen VanSwol