

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 27, 2017 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" J. L. Adam

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

Opening Scripture Psalm 113: 1 – 4
Prayer

\*All Sing "When Morning Gilds the Sky"
Psalter Hymnal 438: 1 – 5

"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"
Lift Up Your Hearts 585: 1, 3, 4

\*Welcome
\*God's Greeting
\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "Salvation Belongs to Our God"
Lift Up Your Hearts 608: 1 – 2

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People
based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 1:8
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 1:18-21

\*All Sing "Before the Throne of God Above"
Lift Up Your Hearts 682: 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 three through Grade 1
dismissed for Praise and Play]

Concerns of our Church Family
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry/ Christian Education
and Special Mission Funds

Offertory "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
arr. Carol Tornquist

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "As the Deer Pants for the Waters"
Lift Up Your Hearts 332: 1 – 3

Scripture Psalm 138 (p. 973)

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

Sermon Praise
Prayer

\*All Sing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Lift Up Your Hearts 348: 1 – 3

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation
\*God's Parting Blessing
People: Amen.

\*All Sing "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"
Lift Up Your Hearts 943: 2 – 3

\*Postlude "Sing To The Lord!" L. Smith

(\*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist/Pianist Rachel Plasman
Violin Betsy Van Zytveld
Plymouth Drums David Exoo
Scripture Reader Tim Albers

SERMON OUTLINE

Blessed
Psalm 138

Introduction: Paying attention

The truth

- 1. God is faithful – always
2. God looks out for the lowly – always

The testimony

- 1. God was with me in the past
2. God is with me now
3. God will be with me always

The thanksgiving

- 1. The "humble" ingredient
2. How can we not?
3. How sweet it is!

Conclusion: Paying attention

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

August 27, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! This morning Pastor De Vries is leading worship this morning and his sermon is based on Psalm 138, **Praise**.

Next week Sunday we'll begin our afternoon service again. Pastor Albers will be preaching in the morning service. Her message is based on Luke 15:11-32, **Forgiven and Loved**. Pastor De Vries will be leading the afternoon service (5:30 PM), a combined service with Woodlawn and Calvin, and will be preaching on Psalm 1, **Blessed**.

**Sanctuary Choir:** For those of you who enjoy singing, we encourage you to serve with the Sanctuary Choir. Our rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 8:45 in the music room. Please contact Doug De Vries (243-5638, [ddevries@phcrc.org](mailto:ddevries@phcrc.org)) or any of our choir members if you have any questions. Childcare will be provided. We eagerly welcome you to this ministry.

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

September 3, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

September 3, 2017 PM: Resonate Global Mission

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

## 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 get together **tonight** 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. Eat dinner before and feel free to come and go as you need. Hope to see you all there! Our first official gathering of the year will be Sunday, September 17, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. We will be joined by Riverside CRC.

**Church Campout:** The Youth Group is going on the church campout! The campout is September 15-17 and the Youth Group is planning on taking a few campsites and tenting for the weekend. Let Rachel know if you want to come, if you need a ride out there, or if you have any questions! Parents, check your emails for more information regarding this weekend.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Thank you** for expressions of comfort and sympathy following the death of my mother, Harriet Casemier. Eileen Dykstra

**Our fall kick off** for Kingdom Kidz (ages 2-3), Praise & Play (ages 4-young 5) and Children in Worship (ages 5-1st grade), will be September 10. All classes will be off for Labor Day weekend, and will begin the new class schedule September 10. Thank you for a great summer of Kingdom Kidz and Praise & Play classes. If you have any questions please contact Amy Blom at [ablom@phcrc.org](mailto:ablom@phcrc.org).

**Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study** will begin Wednesday September 13 with a Salad Supper at 6:30pm in the Library. Bring a salad to pass, everything else will be provided. Future meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library. We will be studying Psalms and Proverbs, and the lessons will be lead by Ruth Romeyn. New members are welcome. Lessons will be distributed at the first meeting. Any questions call Kathy Doyle 581-8173.

**Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study** is starting at 9:45am on September 21 on the first and third Thursdays of each month. We will study the Gospel of John, using a short study guide. Members, friends, and neighbors are welcome to meet in the library for coffee and an introduction to our study.

**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.

## OUTREACH

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**Family Promise Volunteer Update:** Since our hosting week includes Labor Day, Monday, we will be serving breakfast and lunch to the guests, with on-site hosts until about 2:00pm. We need volunteers to make and serve either breakfast or lunch, as well as people who can host at church sometime during the hours from about 8am to 2pm (these spots aren't on the online sign-up sheet, so contact Ellen Hekman). We could also use a few more set-up and clean-up volunteers. We still need evening hosts 5:30pm to 8:30pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday; overnight hosts 8:30pm to 7am on Wednesday and Friday and a morning host from 10am to 2pm on Saturday. Ellen will be at the Welcome Center after the service or you can call her at 868-0610 or email to [thehekmans@gmail.com](mailto:thehekmans@gmail.com). All but Monday options are online at the PHCRC website. Our thanks to all of our Plymouth Heights family for sharing their love and support with these families!

## 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, Ellen Hekman, 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 & Worship (5 yrs old through first grade) resumes on September 10**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Paul & Janeen VanSwol

6:30-8:30PM Lifeline (High School) Youth Room

## Sunday September 3, 2017

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10:00AM Morning Worship Service

**Ushers:** Bob & Jane Brouwer, Chrysanthi Sinniah

**Prayer Servants:** Atts DeVries, Huds Nyenhuis

**Nursery:** Jan Gelder, Becky Jansen, Karen VanderLaan

**Kingdom Kidz (2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in nursery):** Off today

**Praise and Play (4 yrs old through young 5's):** Off today

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

**Coffee Fellowship:** Dave Diepstra/Eric & Mary Uitvlugt

5:30 PM Combined Evening Worship Service at Plymouth Heights