

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 2017 10 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "O Come, All You Faithful"  
"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"  
arr. John Carter

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

Advent Candle lighting Don and Kelly Buist  
Advent Prayer

\*All Sing "All Earth Is Waiting"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 57: 1 – 2*

\*All Sing "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 70: 1 – 5*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 81: 1 – 5*

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"  
Sing! a New Creation 114: 1 – 2

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People Romans 13: 8 – 10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 4: 10 – 12

\*All Sing "Joy to the World"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 92: 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 through First grade dismissed for  
Praise and Play, & Children in Worship]

Concerns of our Church Family

Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds

Offertory "Of the Father's Love Begotten"  
arr. John Carter

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Exodus 20: 17 (p. 117)

Matthew 12: 48 - 50 (p. 1520)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Longing for Family

Prayer

\*All Sing "Christian Hearts in Love United"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 727: 1 – 3*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing

People: **Amen.**

\*All Sing "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings  
Flow – Rejoice! Rejoice!"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 61*

\*Postlude "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"  
arr. Hal Hopson

(\*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries

Liturgist Rev. Sarah Albers

Organist Annelle Dekker

Plymouth Brass Zach Hall, Ethan Lonsway

Justin Schreier, Andrew Van Zytveld

Plymouth Band David Exoo

Pianist Pat De Haan

Scripture Reader Rachel Harkema

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

December 10, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is the second Sunday of Advent, and Pastor De Vries continues an Advent Series on the Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet. This morning's message is ***Longing for Family***, and is based on Exodus 20:17 and Matthew 12:48-50. Pastor De Vries' meditation in the afternoon service is based on Psalm 23, ***I Shall Not Want***.

Next week Sunday our children will put on their Christmas Program. Pastor Albers will continue the Advent Series on the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment with a sermon on Exodus 20:17 and Luke 1:46-56. Seminarian Norm Underland will lead our afternoon service with a meditation on Psalm 98.

**Giving at Plymouth:** Plymouth Heights encourages members and regular attenders to follow the Biblical model of giving cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7), consistently (1 Cor. 16:2) and sacrificially (Ps. 4:5). Contributing to the work of the church is both a renunciation of greed as an idol and an acknowledgement that all we have has been given to us by God and is meant to be used for his purposes (Matt. 25:14-30). Giving is an expression of grateful worship in response to all God has done for us. It's our prayer that God blesses us all with the gift of generosity!

**Christmas Worship Schedule:** Plymouth will be holding worship services through the Christmas season at the following times:

Sunday, December 17 at 10 AM Children's Program  
Sunday, December 24 at 10 AM  
Monday, December 25 at 10 AM (Christmas Day)  
Sunday, December 31 at 10 AM  
Sunday, December 31 at 7 PM (New Year's Eve Communion Service)

### TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

December 10, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

December 10, 2017 PM: Inner City Christian Federation

December 17, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

December 17, 2017 PM: Home Repair Services

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

### MISSION COMMITTEE (GET)

**The Mission Committee** decided to have our annual offering for personal gifts for missionaries whom we support at Easter. A few weeks before Easter envelopes for this offering will be given to members of the Plymouth Heights congregation.

### FROM COUNCIL

**The annual winter Congregational Meeting is today** immediately following the morning worship service. Guests and others not staying for the meeting can get a cup of coffee or lemonade and cookie and the rest of us will join you shortly.

### YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discovery Hour:** Discovery Hour is from 9am - 9:45am this morning. We will be rehearsing the Christmas program so please meet in the Sanctuary rather than the classrooms.

**Christmas Program:** The Children and Youth Christmas Program will be during the morning service next Sunday, December 17. All children and youth meet in the Sanctuary at 9am to rehearse. Thank you!

**Breakaway:** Our last gathering of the semester is our Christmas party tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift (something from your house you want to give away, a small thing that costs under \$5. The funnier the better). Let me know if you have

questions about what a white elephant gift is. Please wear any Christmas attire you have in order to make this a more festive event!

**Lifeline:** Thanks for a great semester! Reminder that if you would like to go on the summer SERVE 2018 trip to Muskegon, Rachel needs a deposit of \$50 by December 20 to hold your spot. Please let her know ASAP if this is a problem for you and we can talk together. Please make checks out to Plymouth Heights CRC and place them in Rachel's office box.

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Yesterday's Kids:** Today is the last day to sign up for our Wednesday, December 13 meal (\$8) and program. If you need to cancel, please call Draisma's today (949-9468). Meals will be ordered Monday morning and must be paid for. Thank you.

**Bassinet Blessings:** To help welcome Liesel Marie De Maagd to our church family, we have the opportunity to give a small wrapped anonymous gift to her and her family. The bassinet will be out through Sunday December 17. Blessings abound!

**Christmas Card Ministry:** Let's remember our homebound members this Christmas. A list with their names is in your communicator boxes. Your cards can be placed in the wrapped box at the Welcome Center between now and the evening service on December 10. They will be delivered by our deacons along with poinsettias. If you have any questions check with your household deacon.

### OUTREACH

**Christmas Food Baskets:** Help us fill Christmas food baskets after the morning service and congregational meeting today. A light lunch will be provided for volunteers. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 16, for distributing the baskets here at church. Sign-up sheets are on the table by the elevator.

**Meijer Simply Give/Mobile Food Pantry:** Meijer Store on 28<sup>th</sup> and Kalamazoo SE has selected Plymouth Heights Food Pantry as the recipient for their Simply Give Holiday Campaign. The Holiday Campaign will be through December 30. For every \$10 card that is sold, Meijer will match. Simply Give cards are available at the store checkout or at church on the table by the elevator. If you have any questions contact Frank Diepstra at 616-452-3240.

**The Friendship Angel Tree** is in the back of church. Please select an Angel from the tree and purchase a \$25 gift using the suggestions on the Angel. Please bring the labeled and wrapped gift to church, and place it under the tree, before December 12. The friends will open their gifts during the Friendship Christmas Program and Party on December 12. You are invited to join us for our Christmas Program and party at 7:00pm as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. If you have any questions please call, Judy Block 616-570-2383 or Sharla Seath 616-540-8089.

**Our next week to host Family Promise** guests at our church is Christmas week, but due to the holidays, our schedule actually starts on December 26 (Tuesday) at 5pm and ends on December 30 (Saturday) mid-morning. For the Christmas and New Year holidays, Family Promise puts the families up in hotels for a couple of days if they do not have relatives or close friends who they can stay with. We need a crew at church to set up on Saturday, Dec. 23 around 1pm; then our regular volunteers for Tuesday through Friday, with clean-up folks on the afternoon of December 30. And we'll have laundry waiting at church on Sunday, December 31. The specific schedule and sign-ups are at the Family Promise link on the PHCRC website or you can call Jane (560-2902) or Ellen (868-0610) with questions or to volunteer.

### Sunday December 10, 2017

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir  
 9:00AM **Discovery Hour:**  
 K-2nd grade will meet in Room 104  
 3rd- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in Room 105  
 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Youth Room

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

**Usher:** Steve Penning

**Prayer Servants:** Atts DeVries,  
 Frank Diepstra

**Nursery:** Mary Uitvlugt,  
 Nikki VanProoyen, Megan Coakley,  
 Kathy Kool, Doug Kool

**Kingdom Kidz:**  
**(2 & 3 yrs old in nursery)**  
 Katie Sytsma, Megan Coakley

**Praise and Play:**  
**(4 yrs old through young 5's)**  
 Deedre Vriesman, Dave Vriesman

**Children in Worship:**  
**(5 yrs old through first grade)**  
 Marion VanDenHeuvel,  
 Anna VanDenHeuvel

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
 Joe & Alice Geelhoed

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

5:30-7:30PM Breakaway (4th - 8th grade) meet in the Youth Room

### **Monday**

7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)

### **Tuesday**

7PM-8:15PM Friendship:  
 Christmas Program & Party (Comm. Rm)  
 Friendship Cookie Bakers:  
 Vonda Brasser, Kathy Doyle, Susan  
 Holwerda, Mary Gerritsen, Janeen  
 VanSwol

### **Wednesday**

6:30-8:15PM Cadets  
 7PM-8:30PM Women's Bible Study

### Sunday December 17, 2017

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir

9:00AM **Discovery Hour:**  
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 3rd- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in Room 105  
 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Youth Room

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

**Usher:** Dave Kline, Mary Kline, Tom  
 Diepstra, Ernie Noorman

**Prayer Servants:** Mary Gerritsen,  
 David VanZyvtveld

**Nursery:** Steve DeVries, Mary Kline  
 Pam Menkveld, Megan Wunderink

**Kingdom Kidz:**  
**(2 & 3 yrs old in nursery)**  
 Janeen VanSwol, Sophia Wunderink

**Praise and Play:**  
**(4 yrs old through young 5's)**  
 Wendy Brummel, Katie Sytsma

**Children in Worship:**  
**(5 yrs old through first grade)**  
 Marion VanDenHeuvel, Liz Brouwer

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
 Michael & Andrea Lautenbach

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service