

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 3, 2017 10 AM

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Fred Bock  
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" arr. John Carter  
"All Earth I Waiting" by Alberto Taule

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

Choir "Prepare Ye" by Mark A. Robinson  
Advent Candle lighting Norm & Jasmine Underland  
Advent Prayer

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

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

\*All Sing "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 478: 1 – 5*

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"  
(sing twice) Sing! a New Creation 117

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession Psalm 42: 1 – 2  
Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

\*All Sing "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 56: 1, 3 – 4*

Choir "Peace, Peace" arr. Fred Boch

[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 "Sleepers, Awake"  
by J. S. Bach, arr: P. Rodriguez"

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "We Are Waiting"  
Contemporary Songs for Worship 18: 3

**We are waiting, Spirit give us eyes that we may see  
your vision and dream your dreams.  
Show us some new facet of your self – some truth –  
that breaks the idols we have made of you.  
We are waiting, waiting, waiting to hear your word.  
We are waiting, waiting; speak, we are listening Lord.**

Scripture Exodus 20: 17 (p. 117)  
Hebrews 11: 8 – 10 (p. 1873)

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

Sermon **Longing for Home**

Prayer  
\*All Sing "Jerusalem the Golden"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 488: 1, 4*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

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

\*All Sing "By the Sea of Crystal"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 489: 3*

\*Postlude "Wake, Awake" arr. Martha Sobaje  
(\*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries  
Liturgist Norm Underland  
Organist Annelle Dekker  
Sanctuary Choir Doug De Vries  
Cello Luke Tilma  
Plymouth Band David Exoo  
Pianist Rachel Plasman

## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Longing for Home

Exodus 20:17 & Hebrews 11:8-10

Intro: What do you want?

- A Santa question
  - A life question
  - A Jesus question
1. Coveting and the direction of desire
    - a. Unique command
    - b. Integrating command
    - c. Dos and don'ts of desire
  2. Your neighbor's house
    - a. HGTV
    - b. Luxury & location
    - c. Safety, security, stability
  3. Your Father's house
    - a. The world is not my home
    - b. Of tents and temples
    - c. Foundations

Conclusion: Waiting for what we want

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

December 3, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is the first Sunday of Advent, and Pastor De Vries will begin an Advent Series on the Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet. This morning's message is **Longing for Home**, and is based on Exodus 20:17 and Hebrews 11:8-10. Pastor De Vries' meditation in the afternoon service is based on Psalm 19, **The Heavens Declare**.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead both services. In the morning service the text will be Matthew 12:48-50 and 22:30, **Longing for Family**. In the afternoon service we'll look at Psalm 23.

**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 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)

**Banners:** During the season of Advent (which means "coming") we celebrate the birth of Jesus in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. With this double focus on

past and future, Advent symbolizes the Christian journey affirming that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. With this acknowledgment, we are called to holy living "between the times of Christ" and commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself." The rich blues and purples represent penitence (marked by a spirit of preparation, expectation, longing and anticipation) as well as the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of Jesus the King. The four panels on each banner represent the four Sundays of Advent. Cut into the bottom of each banner is one of three symbols. The arrow that points down represents the birth of Jesus. The stepped arches represents the here and now. The arrow pointing up represents the second coming of Christ. The white chords represent Christ in the middle of everything and remind us that, as Isaiah 53:5 says, "by his stripes we are healed."

### TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

December 3, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

December 3, 2017 PM: Calvin College

December 10, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

December 10, 2017 PM: Inner City Christian Federation

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

### FROM COUNCIL

**The annual winter** Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after the morning worship service next Sunday, December 10. The proposed budget for 2018 is in your communicator boxes today for your information and review. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

### YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discovery Hour:** Discovery Hour is from 9am - 9:45am this morning. We will be meeting next week, December 10, at the same time.

**Breakaway:** Our last gathering of the semester is our Christmas party on Sunday, December 10, 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. Feel free to wear any Christmas attire you have!

**Lifeline:** Our last gathering of the semester is our Christmas party tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there! Feel free to wear any Christmas attire you have!

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Households 1 and 8** college students and visitors are welcome to join us for lunch after the morning service.

**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 December 17. Blessings abound!

**Address** for Clarence & Irene Menninga from December through March will be 10521 W. Willowcreek Circle, Sun City, AZ, 85373.

**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.

**Christmas cards for homebound members:** Please add Frank Hollemans and Mike Bottema to your list as you write cards. Thank you for serving in this way.

**Yesterday's Kids:** Remember to reserve the date and sign up for our December 13 meal and program with music from Mulick 5th graders and Praise Whistler, Cal Olson. This is not just for seniors, and all ages and visitors are welcome!

## OUTREACH

**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.

**Christmas Food Baskets:** Help us fill Christmas food baskets after the morning service and congregational meeting on Sunday, December 10, for needy families in our community. 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 November 5 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. The double match days will be December 8 and 9. If you have any questions contact Frank Diepstra at 616-452-3240.

## Sunday December 3, 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

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

**Prayer Servants:** Ralph Honderd,  
 Alyce Boender

**Nursery:** Susan Post, Laura DenBesten,  
 Christina Block, Scott Block

**Kingdom Kidz:**  
**(2 & 3 yrs old in nursery)**  
 Rachael Diepstra & Harper Diepstra

**Praise and Play:**  
**(4 yrs old through young 5's)**  
 Kate DenBraber, Anna VanDenHeuvel

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

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
 Paul & Janeen VanSwol

### 5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

5:30-7:30PM Lifeline (9th - 12th grade) meet  
 in the Youth Room

## **Tuesday**

7PM-8:15PM Friendship:  
 Christmas Story and Rehearsal  
 Friendship Cookie Bakers:  
 Judy Block, Rhonda Vander Woude

7:00PM Basketball  
 Basketball Snack: Amy Blom

## **Wednesday**

6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Series; *Good Beautiful Community* (Youth Room)

6:30-8:15PM Cadets

## **Thursday**

9:45AM Women's Bible Study (Library)

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**Usher:** Steve Penning

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

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

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**(2 & 3 yrs old in nursery)**

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 Deedre Vriesman, Dave Vriesman

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**(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