

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 11, 2018 10 AM Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration of Our Lord

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Glaser
"Praise Him! Praise Him!" arr. Kelly

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

Call to Worship Deuteronomy 6
Choir: "Hear, O Israel" Hebrew traditional

Opening Prayer
*All Sing "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"
Lift Up Your Hearts 526

*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing "We Will Glorify"
Sing! a New Creation 21: 1 – 4

Choir "Beautiful Savior" arr. Robert A. Hobby
(Choir – stanza 1-3, Congregation – stanza 4)

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People John 1: 9 – 12
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon John 8: 12

*All Sing "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
Lift Up Your Hearts 667: 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 Grade 1 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 "Open Our Eyes, Lord/Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!
All Sing "Open the Eyes of My Heart"
Lift Up Your Hearts 537

Scripture Mark 9: 2 – 9 (p. 1571)

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

Sermon **On the Mountain Top**
Prayer

All Sing "Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain"
Lift Up Your Hearts 131: 1, 2, 4

[Reverse Offering for Safe Haven Food Drive]

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation
*God's Parting Blessing

People: **Amen.**

*All Sing "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"
Lift Up Your Hearts 584: 1 – 3

*Postlude "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"
arr. Hal Hopson
(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Pianist/Organist Annelie Dekker
Sanctuary Choir Doug De Vries
Cello Luke Tilma
Drums David Exoo
Guitar Nathan Diepstra, Thomas Huiseman
Organist/Pianist Pat De Haan
Scripture Reader Garrit Harkema

SERMON OUTLINE

**On the Mountain Top
Mark 9:2-9**

Fear

Light and Dark

Life and Death

Love and Denial

Fear

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

February 11, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Pastor De Vries is leading both services today. In the morning he'll preach on Mark 9:2-9, **On the Mountain Top**. In the afternoon service his meditation will be based on Psalm 29, **The Voice of the Lord**.

Next week Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent and we look forward to the celebration of both Baptism and Communion. Dave and Alyssa De Maagd will be presenting Liesel Marie for Baptism, and Pastor De Vries will begin a Lenten series focusing on the Five Senses: **Touching Death** from Luke 7:11-15. In our afternoon service Seminarian Jihye Park will lead worship with a meditation based on 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!

BANNERS

In the season of Epiphany we celebrate the revelation of Jesus Christ the light of the world associated with the star and visit of the Magi. It's a time to grow and better understand the ministry and teachings of Jesus, the Son of God. There is a strong missional theme to Epiphany too. The manifestation of Christ to the three kings is a symbol of Jesus' revelation to the Gentile world.

The Liturgical color for Epiphany 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 (our roots of faith) growing deep into the knowledge and likeness of Jesus' ministry and teachings.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

February 11, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

February 11, 2018 PM: Bethany Christian Services

February 18, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

February 18, 2018 PM: Calvin College

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

Safe Haven Ministries Reverse Offering: Today we will be passing plates for a reverse offering after the message. Please take some slips from the plate when it is passed and bring the items to church next Sunday, February 18. Place your donations on the provided tables outside of the Sanctuary.

FROM ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Council has approved the distribution of \$35,557 of Endowment Fund earnings for new T-shirts for Friendship friends and mentors, for new carpeting in the south entry, for installation of LED lighting in various locations, for costs of renovation of the platform in the Sanctuary, for Youth Room upgrades and equipment, toward new safety door locks, and to the Mission Fund. Thank you, Lord!

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Discovery Hour is this morning at 9AM. Grades K-2 meet in Room 104 and grades 3-5 meet in Room 105. Grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room. We will meet next week, February 18.

Breakaway: Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

Lifeline: Our next event is Saturday, February 17. We will be going to the Great Escape Room from 4pm-6pm. Please meet at church at 4pm. Please RSVP if you plan on coming. Cost is \$10. Our next gathering is Sunday, February 18, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Bassinet Blessings: To help welcome Vivienne Laroe DenBraber 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 March 3. Blessings abound!

Oasis Event (post college to early forties group): Bowling Night at Paragon Lanes on Saturday, February 17, at 7pm. Please contact Katie Sytsma at katie.sytsma26@gmail.com to RSVP.

Prayer Partners Program: The Prayer Partner Program has been up and running for over 6 months now and is thriving. Thank you to everyone who has invested their time and energy into praying for and building relationships with the children and youth here at Plymouth Heights. We are in need of a few more prayer partner volunteers as there are new faces in the nursery. Contact Rachel Harkema at rharkema@phcrc.org or 616-328-2549 if you are interested in being a prayer partner. Thank you!

DR Group Sub Sandwich Sale: The Dominican Republic (DR) group is having a sub sandwich sale to help pay for their upcoming spring break trip to the DR. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator. The cost will be 2 subs for \$10.00, 4 for \$18.00 or 10 for \$40.00. There are different meat options to choose from and can be with or without cheese. Any questions ask Deb Hall, Rachel Harkema, or Marion VanDenHeuvel. Thank you for your support with this ministry.

Chili Cook-Off: There will be a Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, March 7 in order to raise money for the Dominican Republic Trip. See details in your communicator box.

Save the Date: Our next Congregational Potluck is set for Sunday April 8. More details to come.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the academic year 2018-2019 Classis Grand Rapids East will provide need-based financial aid to students who are members of a church in our Classis, planning to enroll in an approved M. Div. program, and committed to entering ordained ministry in the CRC. The application deadline is March 1, 2018. Details and the application form are available on the Classis website under "Leadership Development Grants" at <http://classisgreast.org/index.php/ministry-grants/>

Sunday February 11, 2018

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir

9:00AM Discovery Hour
K-2nd grade will meet in Room 104
3rd- 5th grade will meet in Room 105
6th-12th will meet in the Youth Room

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Steve Penning, Dave Veen, David Tiesenga

Prayer Servants: Eric Utivlugt, Fae Diepstra

Nursery: Susan Post, Wendy Brummel, Vicki DeVries

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Kristin VanHall, Henry Blom

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Lori DeVries, Jenny Koopmans

Coffee Fellowship:
Paul & Janeen VanSwol

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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

Monday
7:00PM Administrative Meeting (Refl. Rm)
7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)

Tuesday
7PM-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 5a
Friendship Cookie Bakers:
Ruth Bolt, Karen Nienhuis

7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Karen VanderLaan

Wednesday
6:30-8:00PM Guys Bible Study (Room 300)
6:30-8:15PM Cadets
7PM-8PM Women's Bible Study (Library)

Thursday
9:45AM Women's Bible Study (Library)
Lesson 8

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

Prayer Servants: Nancy VanLopik, Alice Geelhoed

Nursery: Jane Scharps, Lori Tilma, Emma Tilma, Kathy Kool

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)
Jasmine Underland, Zoe Underland

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Dawn Block, Cassandra Block

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Jenny Koopmans, Ian Blom

Coffee Fellowship:
Eric & Mary Uitvlugt, Pat Schmidt

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