

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 25, 2018 10 AM

2nd Sunday in Lent

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"
arr. Matt Hyzer
"Behold the Lamb of God" luyh 110
M. Keithahn, J. Horman

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

Opening Scripture —based on 1 Timothy 3: 16
and Isaiah 52: 10

*All Sing: "Behold the Lamb of God"
Lift Up Your Hearts 110: 1, 5, 8, 14

*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Lift Up Your Hearts 590: 1, 3, 5, 7
"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"
Lift Up Your Hearts 537

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People Psalm 36: 1 – 3
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon Psalm 36: 7 – 9
*All Sing: "Oh, to See the Dawn"
Lift Up Your Hearts 177: 1 – 4

[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
and Special Mission funds
Offertory: "Surviving the State, Remaking the Church"
video presentation
Mary Ma

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!
Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Mark 8: 22 – 25 (p. 1570)

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

Sermon: A Kind of Blind
Prayer

*All Sing: "Be Thou My Vision"
Lift Up Your Hearts 859: 1 – 4

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing
People: Amen.

*All Sing: "Know that God Is Good"
Lift Up Your Hearts 955

*Postlude: "Psalm 18" Benedetto Marcello

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Seminarian and Plymouth Intern, Norm Underland
Congregational Prayer Kelly Buist
Organist Annelle Dekker
Sanctuary Choir Doug De Vries
Violin Betsy Van Zytveld
Plymouth Band David Exoo, Nathan Diepstra
Pianist Pat De Haan
Scripture reader Ali Buist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

February 25, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is the second Sunday of the Lenten Season. Seminarian Norm Underland will lead our morning worship service. He'll continue the "Sensing Lent" series with a sermon on Mark 8:22-25, **Seeing Clearly**. Church members Jin Li and Mary Ma will also share about their new book on the Church in China. The evening service will be a combined service at Calvin CRC, at 5 PM, featuring the Jubal Brass.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead both services. Our morning service will be a combined service with Falam Baptist Church. The sermon will be based on John 2:1-10, **The Taste Test**. In the afternoon the meditation will be based on Psalm 29, **The Voice of the LORD**.

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!

Short-Term Ministry: Our seasonal choir is forming now, in addition to next Thanksgiving and Christmas, to prepare music for this Lent and Easter season. It's not too late to join. Our rehearsals are on Sunday morning's beginning at 8:45. You may contact Doug De Vries or any of our choir members. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you into this seasonal ministry. Child care is provided.

BANNERS

During this season of Lent we focus on the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation. The purple banners in our sanctuary represent our penance as well as the royalty of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The red cords symbolize the sacrifice and shed blood of Christ. Isaiah 53: 5 reminds us that "by his stripes we are healed." The seven purple panels in each banner represent Ash Wednesday and the six Sundays of Lent. The different lengths and widths represent our individual differences in faith and life. Each banner is made of the same purple cloth which represents our oneness and unity in Christ.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

February 25, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

March 4, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

March 4, 2018 PM: Alpha Women's Center

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

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, March 4.

Breakaway: Our next gathering is tonight! We will meet in the Youth Room at **5pm**, eat dinner and hang out, and then head over to Encounter Church for their annual Worship Jam night. We will be back to church around 8pm. Our next event is Saturday, March 10. We will be going to Sky Zone. More details to come.

Lifeline: Our next gathering is tonight! We will be going to Worship Jam at Encounter Church. Please meet in the Youth Room at **6pm** and we will head over to Encounter together. We will be back to church around 8pm.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Meijer "Simply Give": We were informed this week that the Meijer Simply Give Holiday Campaign benefiting our Plymouth Heights food pantry was a huge success. Out of the 243 Meijer Stores (many of them much larger than our 28th and Kalamazoo store) our Plymouth Heights food pantry was in the top five. A big thank you to all who helped make this holiday Simply Give Campaign a success. Thank you to the donors and volunteers.

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 4. Blessings abound!

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.

Household Potluck: There will be a household potluck next week, March 4, for any visitors, college students and members of households 5, 6 and 9 taking place right after church. Household members are invited to bring either a salad (or fruit or veggies) or a favorite dessert. Household council members will provide the main course for your enjoyment.

The Today Devotionals are at the Welcome Center.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers In Service (VIS) event March 8: It includes a not so silent auction, activities for kids, supper, a pastor's face off with *Bad Dad* jokes, and River City Improv. This is a great time for churches to come out and support the work of the kingdom through Volunteers In Service (VIS). To get your tickets register at www.visgr.org.

Sunday February 25, 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: Larry Tilma, Jeff Peterson, Lori Tilma, James Vazquez

Prayer Servants: Ralph Honderd, Mary Gerritsen

Nursery: Jane Brouwer, Vonda Brassier Nathan Leder

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)
Amy Blom, Ava Leder

Praise and Play: (4 yrs old through young 5's)
Mike & Liz Brouwers

Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade)
Jenny Koopmans, Denise Mokma

Coffee Fellowship:
David & Jane Tiesenga,
Paul & Susan Holwerda

5PM Combined Evening Service at Calvin CRC

5:00PM Breakaway (4th - 8th grade) meet in the Youth Room

6PM Lifeline (9th-12th grade)meet in Youth Room

Monday
7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)

Tuesday
7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Jane Tiesenga

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 9

Sunday March 4, 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: Bob & Jane Brouwer,
Chrysanthi Sinniah

Prayer Servants: Atts DeVries,
Huds Nyenhuis

Nursery: Pam Menkveld, Joe Geelhoed,
Lori DeVries, Rachel Harkema

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)
Rachael Diepstra, Harper Diepstra

Praise and Play: (4 yrs old through young 5's)
Lori Tilma, Emma Tilma

Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade)
Denise Mokma, Natalie Schmidt

Coffee Fellowship:
Paul & Susan Holwerda

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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