

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 4, 2018 10 AM 5th Sunday After Epiphany

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Change My Heart, O God" arr. Douglas Wagner
Prelude "My Soul Finds Rest" *Lift Up Your Hearts 370*

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

Opening Scripture Isaiah 40: 21-22, 26, 28
Prayer

*All Sing "I Lift My Eyes Up" *Lift Up Your Hearts 652*

*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord" *Psalms for All Seasons 95a: 1 – 4*

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare, the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all decrees, who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess; the great Creator, he, the Lord of Righteousness. He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.

Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts; his holy will obey and harden not your hearts. His ways are best and lead at last, all troubles past, to perfect rest.

*All Sing "My Soul Finds Rest" *Lift Up Your Hearts 370: 1 – 3*

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession Isaiah 30: 15, 18
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon Matthew: 11 – 28 – 30
*All Sing "I Will Give You Rest" *Lift Up Your Hearts 666*
[sing twice]

[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 "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Speak, O Lord" *Lift Up Your Hearts 755: 1 – 3*

Scripture Mark 1: 29 – 39 (p. 1557)

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

Sermon Getting Away from It All
Prayer

*All Sing "Come Away from Rush and Hurry" *Lift Up Your Hearts 527: 1 – 3*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

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

*All Sing "Forth in Your Name, O Lord I Go" *Psalter Hymnals 324: 1, 4*

*Postlude "Like a River Glorious" by James Mountain
(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist Annelle Dekker
Plymouth Brass Zach Hall, Ethan Lonsway
Justin Schreier, William Van Zytveld
Guitar Thomas Huisman
Drums David Exoo
Pianist Betty Van Mersbergen
Scripture Reader Marion VanDenHeuvel

SERMON OUTLINE

Getting Away from It All **Mark 1:29-39**

Introduction: The snowball effect

1. Expectation
 - a. A demon here
 - b. An illness there
 - c. Everything everywhere

2. Intermission
 - a. Darkness
 - b. Solitude
 - c. Refocus

3. Redirection
 - a. Announcing the kingdom (preaching)
 - b. Not building a kingdom (moving around)

Conclusion: Getting away from, and getting away to....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

February 4, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Pastor De Vries is leading our morning service. The text is Mark 1:29-39 and the sermon title is **Getting Away from It All**. Our afternoon service will be a communion service at Raybrook Manor, in the Friendship Room at 3:00 PM (all are welcome). Pastor Albers will lead the service with a meditation from the book of Ruth.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead both services. In the morning he'll preach on Mark 9:2-9, **On the Mountain Top**. In the afternoon service his mediation 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!

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 4, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

February 11, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

February 11, 2018 PM: Bethany Christian Services

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

Next Sunday, February 11, we will participate in a reverse offering for Safe Haven Ministries. Slips of paper identifying current food and supply needs will be distributed near the end of the morning service. Please take them from the offering plate when passed. Bring your items to church the following Sunday, February 18. There will be designated tables for the donations on that Sunday.

FROM COUNCIL

The process of selecting new members for council is beginning. We are inviting members of the congregation to submit names of individuals that they believe have gifts that could be well-used in the office of elder or deacon. If you would like to nominate a member for either office, contact your household elder or deacon, or council clerk, Kathy Sikkema, by next Sunday, February 11.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Discovery Hour starts this Sunday. 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 11, at 9AM in the same rooms.

Breakaway: Our next gathering is Sunday, February 11, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Thanks and hope to see you all there!

Lifeline: Our next gathering is tonight from **5pm** until halftime or until the game ends. Kickoff is at 6:30pm. **NOTE:** We will be having our meeting at Todd Menkveld's house ([2616 Golfridge Dr. SE Grand Rapids MI 49546](http://2616GolfridgeDr.com)). Seniors, please bring a 2-liter and everyone else bring a bag of chips. Our next event is Saturday, February 17. We will be going to the Great Escape Room from **4pm-6pm** more details to come. Thanks!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Thank you to our church family for all the prayers, expressions of love, cards and visits. They really mean a lot to us.

John Stuyfzand and Family

Households 3 and 7 are invited to lunch after the morning service and coffee today. College students and visitors are welcome to join us.

Bassinets Blessings: To help welcome Henry Justin VanDenHeuvel to our church family, we have the opportunity to give a small wrapped anonymous gift to him and his family. The bassinet will be out through today. 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!

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

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF: Gathering women's retreat is coming again on February 9-10 and there are two different ways to join us this year! Attend the larger group at Grand Rapids Christian Administration building on Friday evening and Saturday OR let us equip you with everything needed to host a small group in your home! Details and registration: <http://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifgrand-rapids-sen> or see Kelly Buist.

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/>

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10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Bob & Jane Brouwer, Chrysanthi Sinniah

Prayer Servants: Chrysanthi Sinniah, Frank Diepstra

Nursery: Jane Scharps, Jan Gelder, Mary Ma

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

Praise and Play: (4 yrs old through young 5's)
 Amy Blom, Jackson Ouwinga

Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade)
 Lori DeVries, Freddie Ramos

Coffee Fellowship:
 Tom & Laura Stuyfzand

 3:00PM Communion Service at Raybrook

 5:30-7:30PM Lifeline (9th - 12th grade) meet at the Menkvelds' house

Monday
 7:00PM Elders Meeting (Fellowship Rm)
 Deacons Meeting (Reflection Rm)

Tuesday
 7PM-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 4b
 Friendship Cookie Bakers:
 Jane Brouwer, Pam Menkveld

 7PM Basketball

Wednesday
 6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Group (Youth Room)
 6:30-8:15PM Cadets

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