

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 28, 2018 10 AM 4th Sunday After Epiphany

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "The Solid Rock" arr. Edward Broughton
"In God the Father I Believe"
Lift Up Your Hearts 782

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

Opening Prayer

*All Sing "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"
Lift Up Your Hearts 579: 1 – 4

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord"
Lift Up Your Hearts 532: 1 – 3

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession Psalm 32: 1 – 7
Prayer of Confession Said in unison

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

All Sing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Lift Up Your Hearts 426: 1 – 2

God's Rule for Grateful Living Psalter Hymnal p. 1013
A Responsive reading of the Law from the Gospels

*All Sing "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"
Psalter Hymnal 276: 1 – 5

[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/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

Offertory "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
arr. John Carter

All Sing "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart"
Lift Up Your Hearts 761: 1 – 2

Scripture John 6: 22 – 40 (p. 1657)

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

Sermon **The One Work God Expects of Us**
Prayer

*All Sing "In God the Father I Believe"
Lift Up Your Hearts 782: 1 – 4

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing
People: Amen.

*All Sing "We Receive Your Blessing"
Lift Up Your Hearts 947

*Postlude "Rondeau" Jean Joseph Moureau

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. John Bolt
Organist Annelle Dekker
Plymouth Brass Zach Hall, Ethan Lonsway
Justin Schreier, Andrew Van Zytveld
Drums David Exoo
Guitar Nathan Diepstra
Pianist Betty Van Mersbergen
Scripture Reader Kathy Kool

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

January 28, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Dr. John Bolt will lead this morning's service. His sermon, ***The One Work God Expects of Us***, is based on John 6:22-40. Our afternoon service will be a combined service at Woodlawn CRC (Calvin College Chapel) at 5:00 PM, which will include the participation of the Grand Rapids Christian High School Chamber Chorale.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead 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. Pastor Albers will lead the service.

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!

Next Sunday we will be celebrating communion with our Raybrook members in the Friendship Room at Raybrook Manor at 3pm. Pastor Sarah Albers will be leading worship. Her meditation will be based on Psalm 21. If your family member needs assistance to attend, please contact the household deacon or Merrie Brouwer at 940-3818.

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

January 28, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds
February 4, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

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 Sunday, February 11.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Discovery Hour starts next Sunday, February 4! Grades K-2 meet in Room 104 and grades 3-5 meet in Room 105. Grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room.

Breakaway: Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please everyone bring a 2-liter of pop. Thanks and hope to see you all there!

Lifeline: Our next gathering will be Sunday, February 4. **NOTE:** This is the night of the Super Bowl so we will be having our meeting at Todd Menkveld's house (2616 Golfridge Dr. SE Grand Rapids MI 49546). Feel free to come at 5pm and kickoff is at 6:30pm. Seniors, please bring a dessert to share and everyone else bring a bag of chips. Thanks!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Members of Plymouth Heights church, thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas cards and also for the expressions of sympathy at my daughter's death. They were a comfort to me.
Margaret VanDerPuy

Bassinet 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 February 4. Blessings abound!

Households 3 and 7 are invited to lunch after the morning service Sunday February 4. The main meal will be provided, but we ask that members of HH7 bring a dessert to pass and members of HH3 bring a salad to pass. College students and visitors are welcome to join us.

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!

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to "Locked in Solidarity: Awareness of Mass Incarceration" at Calvin Theological Seminary on Saturday evening, Feb. 3, beginning at 8 pm with workshops and worship led by formerly incarcerated people. Register by January 31 on eventbrite.com (search "Locked in Solidarity - Grand Rapids"). For complimentary tickets e-mail: net4realchange@gmail.com or phone/text: (616)448-8605 (Troy Rienstra, organizer).

Christian Learning Center (CLC) is having an auction on Saturday, February 3 at Calvary Christian Reformed Church starting at 4:30pm. Learn more at clcnetwork.org.

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.

Save the Date: Volunteers In Service (VIS) will be holding a FUNdraiser the evening of Thursday, March 8, at Brookside CRC. This family-friendly event will have food, auction, and entertainment by RiverCity Improv and local pastors. You are invited to join in the fun while supporting VIS. Stay tuned for

more details. Questions please contact Amy Zwiep at azwiep@visgr.org or call at 459-7500.

Sunday January 28, 2018

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

Usher: Larry Tilma, Lori Tilma
Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez

Prayer Servants: David VanZytveld,
Alyce Boender

Nursery: Susan Post, Liz Brouwers,
Mike Brouwers, Karen VanderLaan,
Doug VanderLaan

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)

**Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)**
Mandi Markosky, Jack Markosky

**Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)**
Christina Block, Lori DeVries

Coffee Fellowship:
Michael & Andrea Lautenbach

5:00 PM Combined Evening Worship Service at
Woodlawn CRC

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

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

Tuesday
7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Amy Blom

Wednesday

6:30-8:00PM Guys Bible Study
(Room 300 above office)

6:30-8:15PM Cadets

Thursday

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

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3rd- 5th grade will meet in Room 105
6th-12th will meet in the Youth Room

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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)

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

**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
in the Youth Room