

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2018 10 AM 1st Sunday in Epiphany

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Carole Neuen-Rabinowitz
"Amazing Grace" arr. Matthew Naughtin

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

Opening Scripture Psalm 29: 2 – 4
Prayer

*All Sing "Here I Am to Worship"
Lift Up Your Hearts 567: 1 – 2

*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Crashing Waters at Creation"
Sing! a New Creation 237: 1 – 4
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
Lift Up Your Hearts 538: 2 – 4

REAFFIRMING OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

*Invitation
*All Sing "What the Lord Has Done in Me"
Lift Up Your Hearts 800: 1 – 3

Remembering our Baptism
Renunciation and Affirmation
Apostles' Creed (said responsively) (luyh p. 783c)

*All Sing "All Who Have Been Baptized"
Lift Up Your Hearts 798: 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 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 "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck arr. Matthew Naughtin

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!
All Sing "Spirit of the Living God"
Psalter Hymnal 424: 1 – 2

Scripture Mark 1: 4 – 11 (p. 1555)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Baptized with Jesus**
Prayer

*All Sing "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
Lift Up Your Hearts 802b: 1 – 2

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation
*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
Lift Up Your Hearts 802b: 3

*Postlude "Joy to the World"
arr. Carole Neuen-Rabinowitz

(*stand, if you are able)
Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist/Pianist Annelle Dekker
Violin Josh Parks, Kat Jonker
Viola Kati Pohler
Cello Luke Tilma
Drums David Exoo
Scripture Reader Ian Blom

SERMON OUTLINE

Baptized with Jesus
Mark 1:4-11

Setting the Scene

- Wilderness
- Audience
- Baptism for Jews?
- John
- The coming one

The Scene

- Nazareth
- Baptism for Jesus
- Torn heavens
- Descending dove
- Voice of God

The "So what?"

- Wilderness
- Jesus
- Sagging celestial ceiling
- Beloved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

January 7, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church on the first Sunday of 2018! Today Pastor De Vries will lead the morning service preaching on Mark 1:4-11, **Baptized with Jesus**. Seminarian Norm Underland will lead the afternoon service with a meditation on Luke 7:1-10, **The Faith of a Centurion**.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will preach on John 1:43-51, **A Disciple's Call**. Pastor Albers will lead the afternoon service with a meditation on the Psalms.

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

January 7, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

January 7, 2018 PM: Youth Unlimited

January 14, 2108 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

January 14, 2018 PM

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: We will resume Discovery Hour on Sunday, February 4.

Breakaway: Our first gathering of the New Year will be on Sunday, January 14 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please, everyone, bring a 2-liter of pop.

Lifeline: Our first gathering of the New Year will be tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We would like to thank our congregational family for the many Christmas cards we received this holiday season and the beautiful poinsettia. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Mae and David Van Hekken

To my loving Plymouth Heights family, a sincere thank you for the lovely poinsettia and the many cards I received. It's a nice feeling to be remembered. My wish to you all is that you have a blessed year in 2018. Sylvia Ver Merris

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and all the wonderful cards I received from my Plymouth Heights friends. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Bea Weaver

Wednesday Nights: This coming Wednesday we'll be starting our Adult Wednesday night programming again. We'll be offering an Apprentice Series follow up (though you're welcome to join even if you haven't been through it), every other Wednesday beginning on January 10. On the other Wednesday nights a Guys' Bible/Book Study will be offered (beginning January 17). Child care will again be provided. Contact Pastor Steve for further details.

OUTREACH

Basketball Snack Sign Up: There are a few more dates available if you are willing to help out with snacks. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator. If you have any questions, contact Mark Bardolph at 616-583-8376.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kigali International Community School (KICS), in Kigali, Rwanda is a U.S. accredited, Christ-Centered, PreK-12 school in the heart of Africa with a student body from 26 nations. We currently have openings for the 2018-2019 year in both primary and secondary. If you or someone you know is an educator interested in a one of a kind experience living and serving abroad, please check out the website, www.kicsrw.org or feel free to email missionaries serving there, Marc and Gretchen Driesenga at gdriesenga@kicsrw.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.

Sunday January 7, 2018

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Bob & Jane Brouwer,
Chrysanthi Sinniah
Prayer Servants: Alice Geelhoed,
Chrysanthi Sinniah
Nursery: Kristin VanHall,
Donna Anema, Jan Gelder
Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)
Carley VanSwol, Jackson Ouwinga
Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Megan Coakley
Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Liz Brouwers, Christina Block
Coffee Fellowship:
Phil & Deb Hall

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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

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

Tuesday
7PM-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 2a
Friendship Cookie Bakers:
Bonnie Noorman, Elayne Penning
7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Dawn Gebben

Wednesday

6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Group (Youth Room)
6:30-8:15PM Cadets
7PM-8PM Women's Bible Study (Library)

Sunday January 14, 2018

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Steve Penning, Dave Veen
Prayer Servants: Fae Diepstra,
Ralph Honderd
Nursery: Susan Post, Vicki DeVries,
Wendy Brummel
Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old)
Laura DenBesten, Henry Blom
Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Kristin VanHall
Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Christina Block, Ian Blom
Coffee Fellowship:
Joe & Alice Geelhoed

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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