

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 4, 2018 10 AM

3rd Sunday in Lent

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

arr. Paul Manz

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

arr. Raymond Haan

Leader The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome

Opening Scripture

Isaiah 55: 1 – 2

*All Sing: "The Trumpet Sounds, the Angels Sing"

Lift Up Your Hearts 536: 1 – 3

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "Jesus, Come, for We Invite You"

Worship and Rejoice 669: 1 – 4

Jesus, come, for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak, and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown; bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone: though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come in new creation, heaven brought near by power divine; give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine: rouse the faith of your disciples-- come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness; make us willing to receive more than we can yet imagine, all the best

you have to give: let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

*All Sing: "Here I Am to Worship"

Lift Up Your Hearts 567: 1 – 2

*Prayer

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:

GOD ACCEPTS US!

*All Sing: "God Be Merciful to me"

Lift Up Your Hearts 622: 1 – 3

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2: 8, Psalm 36: 7 – 9

*All Sing: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

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Falam Women's Choir

[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 for Falam Baptist Church

Congregational Prayer for Plymouth Heights CRC

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry and Christian Education funds

Falam Baptist Church

Offertory: "Thy Word"

arr. John Carter

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 2: 1 – 10

(p. 1649)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The Taste Test

Prayer

*All Sing: "Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

Hymns for the Gospels 51

Come, join in Cana's feast where Christ is honored guest. He welcomes all who come to taste the wine his hands have blessed.

The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart. No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart.

But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine. He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine.

Come, friends, and share the feast; here drink the wine supplied by him who is both guest and host; for us, the crucified.

For now he lives and reigns through all eternity with Father, Spirit, three in one, the glorious Trinity.

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: **Amen.**

*All Sing: “Worthy Is Christ”

Lift Up Your Hearts 605:1 – 2

*Postlude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Gordon Young

(*stand, if you are able)

Ministers

Rev. Henry Ts Bik

Rev. Steve De Vries

Organist

Annelle Dekker

Plymouth Brass

Zach Hall, Ethan Lonsway

Justin Schreier, Beth VanDenHeuvel

Andrew Van Zytveld

Falam Band

Grace Thein-Mawi, Lian Cung-Nung

Plymouth Band

David Exoo, Thomas Huiseman

Pianist

Betty Van Mersbergen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

March 4, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is the third Sunday of the Lenten Season and Pastor De Vries will lead both today's 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***.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead our morning service and we'll focus on the sense of hearing. The text will be John 5:25-29 and the sermon title, ***Hearing Underground***. In our afternoon service next week Dr. Kumar Sinniah will report on his trip to Nepal with students from Calvin.

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

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

March 4, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

March 4, 2018 PM: Alpha Women's Center

March 11, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

March 11, 2018 PM: Calvin Theological Seminary

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 11.

Breakaway: Our next event is Saturday, March 10. We will be going to Sky Zone. Meet at church at 12:45pm and we will be back around 3:15pm. Cost is \$10. Our next gathering is Sunday, March 11 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

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

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 today. Blessings abound!

Welcome and Enfolding: The Welcome and Enfolding Team is looking for volunteers to help with greeting before church on Sunday mornings. For more information or to sign up please email Pastor Sarah at salbers@phcrc.org.

Reminder: There will be a household potluck today right after church for visitors, college students and households 5, 6 and 9.

Congregational Potluck: A congregational potluck is set for Sunday, April 8th. Households 1,3,5,7,9 please bring a salad and Households 2,4,6,8 please bring a dessert. Meat, vegetables, rolls and drinks provided by church. Council members please bring a potato dish also. Visitors and College students are welcome to join us.

Thank you: Thank you brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers and many expressions of love and cards of condolence after the passing of Vicki's mom. Thank you for walking with us on this journey. Vicki and Doug De Vries

OUTREACH

GET Mission Committee: The GET mission committee has decided to take our annual offering for personal gifts for the missionaries whom Plymouth Heights Church supports at Easter instead of at Christmas this year. As we have done in the past, the offering will be evenly divided between all ten families whom we support. The ten families are: Aupperlees, Bultens, Driesengas, Krommingas, Matos, Mpindis, Nagelkirks, Sliedrechts, Wierengas and Yus. We encourage members of the congregations to give this support to our missionaries. You may use the special envelope stamped *Christmas Gift for our Missionaries* which has been placed in your communicator boxes or give online. Please give the donation in any regular church offering plate on any Sunday through April 1.

DR Group Sub Sandwich Sale: Today is the last day to order subs. Please sign up at the table by the elevator. Payments and sub pickup are after church next Sunday, March 11.

Chili Cook-Off, THIS WEDNESDAY: The Chili Cook-Off is this Wednesday from 5pm – 6:30pm. Come help support the trip to the Dominican

Republic. Trip members include: Steve DeVries, Charlie DeVries, Rachel Harkema, Garrit Harkema, Nathan Diepstra, Jacob VanDenHeuvel, Anna VanDenHeuvel, Marion VanDenHeuvel, Justin VanDenHeuvel, and Andrew VanZytveld. Sign up at the table by the elevator to bring chili, bring a dessert, or help with set up and clean up. *If you cannot make it to the chili cook-off, but would still like to support the trip, email Rachel at rharkema@phcrc.org for more details on how to support the trip.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calvin Seminary is holding a new book launch for Mary Ma and Jin Li's book, *Surviving the State, Remaking the Church*, on March 5 at 4pm. The venue will be at the seminary auditorium and the reception starts at 3:30pm.

Senior Adventurers: The Shawnee Park Church Seniors would like to invite the Plymouth Heights Seniors to an event on Thursday, March 22 at 6pm. There will be a catered chicken dinner followed by Shawnee traveler, Ruth Wierenga presenting a sight sound program on "Iceland, Land of Fire and Ice." Sign-up begins today. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Volunteers In Service (VIS) Event March 8: It includes a not so silent auction, supper donated by *Chick fil A*, 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. Questions? Contact Bernita Tuinenga at btuinenga@visgr.org.

The Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys will be singing this Sunday, March 4 during the evening service (6:00 PM) at LaGrave Ave. CRC. All are welcome.

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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

Monday 7:00PM

Elders Meeting (Fellowship Rm)
Deacons Meeting (Reflection Rm)

Tuesday

7PM-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 4b
Friendship Cookie Bakers:
Judy Penning, Mary Lou Diepstra
7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Susan Holwerda

Wednesday

5:30-6:30PM Chili Cook-Off (Community Room)
6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Group (Youth Room)
6:30-8:15PM Cadets

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David Tiesenga

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Frank Diepstra

Nursery: Tim Albers, Eric VanSwol
Dawn Block, Vicki DeVries

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old):
Jenna Buist

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Rachel Bardolph, Ian Blom

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(5 yrs old through first grade)
Denise Mokma, Deedre Vriesman

Coffee Fellowship:
Doug & Kathy Kool, Dave Diepstra

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5:30-7:30PM Breakaway (4th - 18th grade) meet
in the Youth Room