

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 12, 2017 10 AM

Mission Emphasis

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. Charles Callahan

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Opening Scripture Psalm 117: 1 – 2  
Prayer

\*All Sing "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 586: 1, 4, 5*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

"Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 595*  
*(Spanish, Dutch, French, English)*

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People Psalm 139: selected vs.  
Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty and loving God,

People: **we confess that we put our trust in other gods. We honor these gods alongside of you and in place of you. By the Holy Spirit's power, help us to know you, the only true God, as you have revealed yourself in your Word, to trust in you alone, to look to you for every good thing, humbly and patiently, and to love, fear, and honor you with all our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*All Sing "O, For a Closer Walk with God"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 324: 1, 2, 4*

[Children and parents come forward during last stanza of this song for Children's blessing]

Choristers "We Are the Church" R. Avery, D. Marsh

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 grad 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 "This Little Light of Mine"  
arr. Mark Albrecht

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Spirit of the Living God"  
Psalter Hymnal 424: 1 – 2

Scripture Ephesians 6: 10 - 18 (p. 1821)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Are You Connected?  
Prayer

Mission Presentation What God is doing in Asia

Affirmation Joining the Mission of God

Leader: Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom

People: **to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.**

Leader: The Spirit calls all members

People: **to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world:**

Leader: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.

People: **We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.**

Leader: In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices,

People: **we witness with respect for followers of other ways to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself. God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.**

\*All Sing "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 299: 1 – 4*

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, 1, 2*  
*(English v.1, Spanish v.1, English v.2)*

\*Postlude "Christ for the World We Sing"  
Craig Courtney

(\*stand, if you are able)

Minister  
Liturgist  
Organist  
Plymouth Brass  
  
Drums  
Scripture Reader

Rev. Paul Yu  
Rev. Steve De Vries  
Rachel Plasman  
Zach Hall, Ethan Lonsway, Justin Schreier  
Beth VanDenHeuvel, Andrew Van Zytveld  
David Exoo  
Anna VanDenHeuvel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

November 12, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is our Fall Mission Emphasis Sunday. In the morning service, Rev. Paul Yu, Eurasia Director for *Resonate Global Mission*, will be preaching on Ephesians 6:10-18, ***Are You Connected?*** In the afternoon service Pastor De Vries' meditation will be on Psalm 67, ***A Psalmist's Perspective on Mission.***

Next week Sunday is Communion Sunday. Pastor Steve will lead the morning service, preaching again on the 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment, ***Bearing True Witness.*** Our afternoon service will be led by Seminarian Norm Underland. His meditation will be on Psalm 30.

**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!

### TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

November 12, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

November 12, 2017 PM: Back to God Ministries International

November 19, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

November 19, 2017 PM: Kids Food Basket

*Online Giving* available at [phcrc.org](http://phcrc.org)

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

**Endowment Fund** will have at least \$25,000 available for distribution next year (\$10,000 more than was announced last month). Get your ideas and desires for ministry at Plymouth Heights into written proposals to submit before 31 December.

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discovery Hour:** Discovery Hour is this morning from 9-9:45am. We will meet next week on November 19, but will be off on November 26 due to Thanksgiving Break.

**Breakaway (4th - 8th grade):** Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

**Lifeline (9th - 12th grade):** Our next gathering is Sunday, November 19, from 5:30 - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Our next Saturday event is November 18. It will be in the afternoon and we will be going to do an escape room. More details to come so parents **check your emails.**

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**In response** to the growing number of children Plymouth Heights has been blessed with, the Youth & Education Committee has also felt the need to grow. The committee consists of eight people; Rachel Harkema (Youth Minister), Justin VanDenHeuvel (council Liaison), Megan Coakley, Brad Jansen, Jenny Koopmans, Dennis Sikkema, Megan Wunderink and Pam Menkveld (chair). If you ever have a concern or question relating to our children's ministries, please feel free to contact one of us. We look forward to serving out children.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Thank you** for all the prayers, cards and kindnesses we received during our brother Bill's brief illness and passing.  
Sandy & Jeff Peterson

## OUTREACH

**Mobile Food Pantry:** Our next event is this Saturday, November 18 with registration and a pancake breakfast starting at 7am, and food distribution from 9-10:30am. Volunteer job assignment sheets are in your communicators today. If you are interested in joining us for a time of food and fellowship with our neighbors, please contact Tom or Mary VanWingerden (616-241-4911) this week.

**Meijer Simply Give/Mobile Food Pantry:** Meijer Store on 28<sup>th</sup> and Kalamazoo SE has selected Plymouth Heights Food Pantry as the recipient for their Simply Give Holiday Campaign. The Holiday Campaign will be November 5 through December 30. For every \$10 card that is sold, Meijer will match. Simply Give cards are available at the store checkout or at church on the table by the elevator. The double match days will be December 8 and 9. If you would like to give a donation, put your donation in an envelope in the collection plate and note *Meijer Simply Give* by December 1. The cards will be purchased for you. If you have any questions contact Frank Diepstra at 616-452-3240.

**Can you help lower-income families receive important tax credits and refunds?** Tax credits reduce poverty, promote work, improve the school performance of children, and help our neighbors pay important bills or generate savings. We'll provide the free training, materials, equipment and support that you need to be an IRS-certified, volunteer tax preparer. Training will take place in December or January. A team of volunteers from Oakdale Neighbors will prepare tax returns on Thursday afternoons and evenings in February and March. If you can help or want to learn more about this valuable ministry, please contact Tom Bulten at Oakdale Neighbors: 248-2848 or [info@oakdaleneighbors.org](mailto:info@oakdaleneighbors.org).

**November 12, 2017**

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8:45AM Sanctuary Choir  
 9:00AM Discovery Hour  
 K-2nd grade (Room 104)  
 3rd- 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Room 105)  
 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (Youth Room)

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

**Ushers:** Steve Penning, David Tiesenga

**Prayer Servants:** David VanZytveld, Mary Gerritsen

**Nursery:** Vicki DeVries, Becky Jansen, Kathy Kool, Doug Kool, Megan Coakley

**Kingdom Kidz:**  
**(2 & 3 yrs old in nursery)**  
 Wendy Brummel, Pam Menkveld

**Praise and Play:**  
**(4 yrs old through young 5's)**  
 Dawn Block, Cassandra Block

**Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade)**  
 Jasmine Underland, Megan Wunderink

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
 Paul & Janeen VanSwol

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

**Monday**  
 7:00PM Administrative Committee (Refl. Room)  
 7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)

**Tuesday**  
 7PM-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 2b  
 Friendship Cookie Bakers:  
 Karen VanderLaan, Fae Diepstra

7:00PM Basketball  
 Basketball Snack: Cris Dieleman

**Wednesday**  
 6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Series; *Good Beautiful Community* (Youth Room)  
 6:30-8:15PM Cadets/Gym Night

**Thursday**  
 9:45AM Women's Bible Study (Library)  
 Lesson 4

**Sunday November 19, 2017**

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8:45AM Sanctuary Choir  
 9:00AM Discovery Hour  
 K-2nd grade (Room 104)  
 3rd- 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Room 105)  
 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (Youth Room)

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

**Ushers:** Dave Kline, Mary Kline, Tom Diepstra, Ernie Noorman

**Prayer Servants:** Fae Diepstra, Secret Hallman

**Nursery:** Beth VanDenHeuvel, Justin VanDenHeuvel, Judy Block

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

**Praise and Play:**  
**(4 yrs old through young 5's)**  
 Kristin VanHall, Henry Blom

**Children in Worship: (5 yrs old through first grade)**  
 Megan Wunderink, Deb Hall

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
 Dave Diepstra, Eric & Mary Uitvlugt

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service