

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 19, 2017 10 AM Communion Sunday

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Praise Be To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" arr. J. Buttstedt
"The Feast Is Ready" arr. Aaron Miller

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Choir "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"
(choir-st.1-2, cong-st. 3)*Lift Up Your Hearts 536: 1 – 3*

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Shout to the Lord"
Lift Up Your Hearts 603

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

*All Sing "Take, O Take Me as I Am"
(sing twice, with motions) *Lift Up Your Hearts 741*

Call to Confession Matthew 22: 37 – 40

Prayer of Confession based on I Corinthians 13: 4 – 7

Leader: If love is patient,

People: **why are we irritable?**

Leader: If love is kind,

People: **why are we hostile?**

Leader: If love does not envy,

People: **why do we compare ourselves to others?**

Leader: If love is not proud,

People: **why do we show contempt?**

Leader: If love is not boastful,

People: **why do we flaunt our achievements?**

Leader: If love does not dishonor others,

People: **why do we mock and ridicule?**

Leader: If love is not easily angered,

People: **why are we so angry?**

Leader: If love keeps no record of wrong,

People: **why is our list so long?
O God, forgive our lack of love, and have
mercy upon us. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon Jeremiah 31: 33 – 34

*All Sing "To God Be the Glory"
Lift Up Your Hearts 604: 1

Choir "We Are Called" D. Haas, arr. Mark Hayes

[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 and Worship]

Concerns of our Church Family

Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry and Christian Education Funds

Offertory "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"
arr. David Paxton

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture I Corinthians 13: 4 – 7 (p. 1785)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Bearing True Witness

Prayer

*All Sing "They'll Know We Are Christians"
Lift Up Your Hearts 256: 1, 3, 4

GOD PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE US!

The Meaning of the Sacrament

God's Invitation

Approaching the Table

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

All Sing "Holy Is the Lord"

Celebration Hymnal 75

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy
is the Lord. Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son, Holy is
the Spirit; Blessed Three in One. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy
is the Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.**

Words of Institution

Minister: The Bread which we break is a sharing in the
Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all
share the same loaf.**

Minister: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing
in the blood of Christ.

People: **The cup that we drink is our participation in
the blood of Christ.**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The Bread is distributed

"I Love You, Lord"

by Laurie Klein

The Wine is distributed

All Sing “Behold the Lamb”

Lift Up Your Hearts 840: 1 – 4

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving

[Offering for Benevolence]

*All Sing “Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

Lift Up Your Hearts 191: 1 – 3

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God’s Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing “Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

Lift Up Your Hearts 191: 4

*Postlude “Darwell’s 148th.” arr. Charles Callahan

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister	Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist	Rachel Plasman
Sanctuary Choir	Doug De Vries
Violin	Betsy Van Zytveld
Drums	David Exoo
Pianist	Annelle Dekker
Scripture Reader	Susan Post

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

November 19, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today is communion Sunday and Pastor De Vries is preaching on ***Bearing True Witness***, from Exodus 20:16 and I Corinthians 13:4-7. Our afternoon service will be led by Seminarian Norm Underland. His mediation will be on Psalm 30.

Please join us for our **Thanksgiving Service** on Thursday at 10:00 AM. Pastor Albers will lead worship and among those giving thanks will be Tom Draisma, Mary Ma and Linda Mulder.

Next Sunday Rev. Dirk Buursma will lead our morning worship service. The afternoon service will be a combined service at Calvin CRC at 5:00 PM with Rev. Laura Smit preaching on Ephesians 1, "To Gather Up All Things in Christ." Our offerings will be for Home Repair Services.

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 19, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

November 19, 2017 PM: Kids Food Basket

November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Service: World Renew

November 26, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

FROM THE TREASURER

Through October:

Total Receipts: \$513,928

Total Expenses: \$558,164

Total Deficit: \$44,236

Unpaid Ministry Shares:

5 Months of Denominational

1 Month of Classical

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Breakaway (4th - 8th grade): Our next gathering is not until December. I hope you all have a good Thanksgiving and enjoy the time off from school and the regular daily routine.

Lifeline (9th - 12th grade): Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30 - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Riverside CRC will be joining us tonight. Hope to see you all there!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

New address: Dave & Alyssa De Maagd and their children Joel, Esther and Liesel, 2601 Greentree Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

The annual Oasis Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 2, from 6 - 10pm at Dave and Deedre Vriesman's home. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Any questions or to RSVP please contact Katie Sytsma at katie.sytsma26@gmail.com. Oasis is made of our mid 20 - early 40 year old members. If you're visiting and would like to join in, please let Katie know.

Yesterday's Kids: Remember to reserve the date and sign up for our December 13 meal and program with music from Mulick 5th graders and Praise Whistler, Cal Olson. This is not just for seniors, and all ages and visitors are welcome!

Professor John Bolt's Retirement: Calvin Seminary invites friends of Dr. John Bolt to his Last Lecture on Thursday, November 30, at 3:45 PM in the Calvin Seminary Auditorium. Please join us in celebrating 28 years of teaching and service at Calvin Seminary.

OUTREACH

Meijer Simply Give/Mobile Food Pantry: Meijer Store on 28th 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.

Sunday November 19, 2017

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir
 9:00AM Discovery Hour
 K-2nd grade (Room 104)
 3rd- 5th grade (Room 105)
 6th-12th (Youth Room)
 10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Ushers: Dave Kline, Mary Kline, Tom Diepstra, Ernie Noorman
Prayer Servants: Fae Diepstra, Secrest 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 Lifeline (9th - 12th grade)
 Youth Room

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday
 7:00PM Full Council Meeting

Tuesday
 7PM-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 3b
 Friendship Cookie Bakers:
 Sandy Gilman, Dottie Young
 7:00PM Basketball
 Basketball Snack: Susan Poel

Thursday
 10:00AM Thanksgiving Day Service
Nursery: Betsy VanZytveld, Nathan Leder, Donna Anema, Eileen Dystra, Don Dykstra

Coffee Fellowship: Larry & Lori Tilma

Sunday November 26, 2017

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir

Discovery Hour Off for Thanksgiving:
 K-2nd grade (Room 104)
 3rd- 5th grade (Room 105)
 6th-12th (Youth Room)

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

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

Prayer Servants: Alice Geelhoed, Linda Mulder

Nursery: Deedre Vriesman, David Vriesman, Megan Coakley, Nathan Blom

Kingdom Kidz:
(2 & 3 yrs old in nursery)
 Amy Blom, Henry Blom

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
 Becky Jansen, Liz Brouwers

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

Coffee Fellowship:
 David & Jane Tiesenga

5:00 PM Combined Evening Worship Service at Calvin CRC