

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 15, 2017 10 AM

Communion

“Solus Christus” Christ Alone
Five Hundred Years and Still True

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”
arr. J. G. Walther
“Jesus Loves Me” arr. Robert Hobby

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

*Opening Scripture Colossians 1: 15 - 20
*All Sing “The First Place”
Lift Up Your Hearts 15: 1 – 2

*Welcome
*God’s Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
Lift Up Your Hearts: 772: 1 – 4

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 2:5-6

*All Sing “Jesus Is Lord”
Lift Up Your Hearts 226: 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 “Jesus! What A Friend for Sinners!”
arr. Chris Rice

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Acts 4: 12 (p. 1695)

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

Sermon **In Christ Alone**

Steven and Jennifer Rieger
Stone, April and Hope Wang
Rob, Laura and Clara Den Besten

Prayer

*All Sing “In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found”
Lift Up Your Hearts 770: 1 – 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, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”
Lift Up Your Hearts 538: 4

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
“Beautiful Savior” arr. David Cherwien

The Wine is distributed
All Sing “Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”
Lift Up Your Hearts 844: 1 – 5

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!
The Thanksgiving

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation
*God’s Parting Blessing based on Colossians 3: 1 – 4
People: Amen.

*All Sing “Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”
Lift Up Your Hearts 708: 1 – 3

*Postlude “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
arr. Raymond Haan

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist/Pianist Rachel Plasman
Plymouth Brass Zach Hall, Ethan Lonsway

Plymouth Band
Scripture Reader
SERMON OUTLINE

Justin Schreier, Andrew Van Zytveld
Nathan Diepstra, David Exoo
Anna VanDenHeuvel

In Christ Alone
Acts 4:1-12

Intro: Backstories

1. *An act of kindness*

Baptism of Steven Rieger, welcome of Jennifer
Vander Molen Rieger

2. *Whom God raised from the dead*

Welcome of Stone Wang and April Li, baptism of
their daughter, Hope Wang

3. *Which has become the cornerstone*

Reaffirmation of faith of Rob and Laura Den
Besten, baptism of their daughter, Clara

Conclusion: Front stories – in Christ alone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

October 15, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today Plymouth Heights welcomes three new families. Steven Rieger will be baptized and he and his wife Jennifer will be welcomed. Stone Wang and his wife, April will be welcomed and their daughter, Hope, will be baptized. And Rob and Laura Den Besten will reaffirm their faith and have their daughter, Clara, baptized. Pastor De Vries will preach, ever so briefly, from Acts 4:1-12, ***In Christ Alone***, and we'll celebrate communion at the end of the service. Pastor De Vries will also lead the afternoon service, with a meditation on Psalm 13, ***Letting the Tail Wag the Dog***.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead both services. In the morning we'll look at II Timothy 3:14-16 and the Reformation affirmation of ***Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)***. In our afternoon service we'll reflect on Psalm 16, ***Serving Size***.

Mario Matos will be here at Plymouth Heights for an informal gathering from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on October 19. All who have visited him (and all who hope to) in the DR or who would like to hear more about his work are encouraged to come and see him.

Short-term Ministry Opportunity: We are forming a seasonal choir to prepare some wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas music. Our rehearsals will begin on Sunday morning, October 29 and start at 8:45. Childcare is provided. You may contact Doug De Vries or any of our choir members. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you into this seasonal ministry.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

October 15, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

October 15, 2017 PM: CRC Disability Concerns

October 22, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

October 22, 2017 PM: Christian Reformed Conference Grounds

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

FROM THE TREASURER

Through September:

Total Receipts:	\$468,806
Total Expenses:	\$506,929
Total Deficit:	\$38,123

Unpaid Ministry Shares:

Denominational:	5 months
Classical:	1 month

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Discovery Hour is this morning from 9-9:45am. We will meet next week at the same time.

Breakaway (4th - 8th grade): Our next gathering is Sunday, October 22, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

Lifeline (9th - 12th grade): Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Mark Saturday, October 28 on your calendar for our fun Halloween event with Riverside CRC. We will be going to Robinette's Orchard, having a pumpkin carving contest, and watching The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown! All the classic fall things in one Saturday afternoon. Meet at church at 1pm and we will be done around 4pm.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Congregational Potluck is today immediately following the morning service. Visitors and guests please join us in the Community Room for food and fellowship.

New Address: Phil, Deb, Justin and Zachary Hall
3690 Grand River Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

Households 2 & 4, college students and visitors are invited to a noon meal and time of fellowship after the service and coffee, on Sunday, November 5. Household 2 please bring salads and Household 4 please bring desserts.

Basketball Snack Sign Up: There are a few more dates that need to be filled. If you are willing to help out, please find a sign-up sheet on the table by the elevator.

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed: We are in need of people to help prepare and serve coffee, lemonade, and cookies on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to be part of Coffee Fellowship and serve our congregation by coming to church a little early to set up and stay after to clean up or have questions, please contact: Susan Holwerda at 616-915-6842 or srholwerda@gmail.com.

Fricano's Italian Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner is Saturday, October 21, from 5pm-6:30pm at Plymouth Heights in our Community Room. Donations are to benefit our Plymouth Heights Food Pantry and donations will be double matched by Meijer. Be sure to check out the silent auction table. Friends are welcome! Today is the last day to sign up. Any questions call Frank Diepstra at 452-3240.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENT

Bible Club: We could still use some volunteers to sign up to bring a snack. It is one Wednesday a month. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator. The children really appreciate a snack after school when they meet for Bible Club.

Holland Home Breton Woods Bazaar/Craft Fair is Saturday, October 28, from 9am-3pm at The Ridge (2772 Pfeiffer Woods Dr. Kentwood, MI 49512). There will be many homemade items plus bakery items. The proceeds raised at this event will benefit the Life Enrichment Programs.

Margaret, who is 96 years old, would like to have a female visitor a couple times a month. She is a widow. Her husband was in the navy and died when he was in his 30's. Margaret has a son in North Carolina, a daughter in Portland, and another son and his wife who live in the Grand Rapids area. If possible, she would like any potential volunteer who may be willing to visit her to also help with a little cleaning i.e. vacuuming, dusting, etc.....For allergy purposes she does not smoke, but she has one cat. Contact Nevada if you are interested In this opportunity and would like additional information. 616-617-4066 or adaven3@gmail.com.

All One Body invites you to join the dialogue regarding LGBT Christians in the life of the church. Acclaimed author, **Dr. Tony Campolo**, continues our fall educational series speaking on "Why I Changed My Mind" at **Calvin CRC in Grand Rapids, at 7:00 PM, Thursday, November 2**. His presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.

Sunday October 15, 2017

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

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

Prayer Servants: Atts DeVries, Fae Diepstra

Nursery: Mary Gerritsen, Becky Jansen, Michael VanderMolen, Nikki VanProoyen

Kingdom Kidz (2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in nursery): Sarah Start, Harrison Start

Praise and Play (4 yrs old through young 5's): Tracy Acree, Precious Acree

Children in Worship (5 yrs old through first grade): Kelly Buist, Ali Buist

Coffee Fellowship: Paul & Susan Holwerda, Pat Schmidt

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday
7:00PM Full Council Meeting

Tuesday
7:00PM Basketball
Basketball Snack: Pam Menkveld
7:00-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 1b
Friendship Cookie Bakers:
Irene Menninga, Betty VanMersbergen

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Sunday October 22, 2017

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

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

Prayer Servants: Huds Nyenhuis, Nancy VanLopik

Nursery: Ryan & Rachel Diepstra

Kingdom Kidz (2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in nursery): Laura DenBesten, Jenna Buist

Praise and Play (4 yrs old through young 5's): Tracy Acree, Precious Acree

Children in Worship (5 yrs old through first grade): Kelly Buist, Jasmine Underland

Coffee Fellowship: Todd & Missy Harkema

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service