

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 8, 2017 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "For the Fruit of All Creation"
(luyh 396) arr. Mark Albrecht

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

Choir "Glory to God" arr. Allen Pote
*Opening Scripture Psalm 145: 8 – 13

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
People: The Lord is good to all: he has compassion on all he has made.
Men: All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.
Women: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.
People: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

*All Sing "We Will Extol You, God and King"
Lift Up Your Hearts 562: 1 – 4

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "By Grace We have Been Saved"
Lift Up Your Hearts 675: 1 – 2

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession
All Sing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Lift Up Your Hearts 426: 1

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2: 4 – 6
Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21
Said Responsively – Psalter Hymnal (p.867)

All Sing "The First Song of Isaiah"
by Jack Noble White

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my savior.

[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 "I Believe in God Almighty"
(Sing! 175) arr. Paul Manz

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Romans 1: 17 (p. 1745)
Romans 3: 21 – 31 (p. 1748)

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

Sermon **By Faith Alone**
Prayer

*All Sing "Friends In Faith"
Sing! a New Creation 135: 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, Holy, Holy Lord"
Sing! a New Creation 250a

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
music "On Eagle's Wings" arr. John Carter

The Wine is distributed

Solo "By Faith" by Townend and Getty

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts 936: 1 – 2

*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Wayne Wold

(*stand, if you are able)

Minister

Rev. Steve De Vries

Organist/Pianist

Rachel Plasman

Sanctuary Choir

Doug De Vries

Cello

Luke Tilma

Drums

David Exoo

Soloist

Amy Blom

Scripture Reader

Alison Buist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

October 8, 2017

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Today we'll continue our Five Solas Series with Pastor De Vries preaching on Romans 3:21-26, **By Faith Alone**. We will again conclude our service with a celebration of Communion. Pastor Albers will lead our afternoon worship service at 5:30 PM with a meditation based on Psalm 46.

Next week Sunday we look forward to welcomes and baptisms for 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 4:12, **In Christ Alone**. Pastor De Vries will also lead the afternoon service, with a meditation on Psalm 13.

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 in the DR or who would like to hear more about his work are encouraged to come.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

October 8, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

October 8, 2017 PM: Christian Counseling Center

October 15, 2017 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

October 15, 2017 PM: CRC Disability Concerns

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Endowment Fund: The earnings from investing the Endowment Fund thus far in 2017 have amounted to a bit more than \$25,000. After indexing the principal at the end of the year to offset erosion of value due to inflation, nearly \$15,000 has been set aside to be made available in 2018 to enhance the ministry of Plymouth Heights. Any additional earnings achieved before the end of the year will be added to that amount. Church Committees and Ministry Leaders are being invited to submit proposals to use that money for projects and programs they would like to pursue outside of the provisions of the regular Church Budget. If you have ideas you would like to have pursued, contact the appropriate Committee or Leader.

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

Lifeline (9th - 12th grade): Our next gathering is next Sunday, October 15, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Mark October 28 on your calendar for our fun Halloween event with Riverside CRC.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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.

Congregational Potluck is next Sunday October 15 immediately following the morning worship service. Households 1-4 please bring a dessert and Households 5-9 please bring a salad. Visitors and College students are welcome to join us.

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! A sign-up sheet is on the table by the elevator. Any questions call Frank Diepstra at 452-3240.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENT

Volunteers in Service (VIS) has requested the aid of a couple volunteers locally. There is a young woman who needs an old washer and dryer brought out of the basement and moved into a trailer. In addition the young woman at the house has requested help with moving some big boxes to the basement, as she is unable to do it herself. If you are able to assist please contact Nevada Coakley at adaven3@gmail.com or 617-4066.

Bible Club: Bible Club started and meets at Evergreen Christian School (1630 Griggs SE). If you are able to assist with signing up to bring a snack 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.

Sunday October 8, 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: Steve Penning, David Tiesenga

Prayer Servants: Kathy Sikkema, Alyce Boender

Nursery: Mary Uitvlugt, Vicki DeVries, Betsy VanZytveld

Kingdom Kidz (2 & 3 yrs old; larger room in nursery): Nathan Blom, Ian Blom

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

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

Coffee Fellowship: Michael & Andrea Lautenbach

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

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

Monday
 7:00PM Administrative Meeting (Refl. Room)

Tuesday
 7:00PM Basketball
 Basketball Snack: Jane Tiesenga

7:00-8:15PM Friendship; Lesson 1a
 Friendship Cookie Bakers:
 Ruth Bolt, Atts DeVries

Wednesday
 6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Series; *Good Beautiful Community* (Youth Room)
 6:30-8:15PM Cadets
 7:00-8PM Women's Bible Study (Library)

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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

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