

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 15, 2018 10 AM

3rd Sunday of Easter

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

David Cherwien

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

arr. Stuart Townend

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

Psalms 66: 1 – 4

Opening Prayer

*All Sing

"Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace"

Lift Up Your Hearts 7: 1, 2, 4

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"

Lift Up Your Hearts 204: 1 – 3

"How Great Is the Love of the Father"

Lift Up Your Hearts 683: 1 – 3

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:

GOD ACCEPTS US!

All Sing The Faith We Sing 2108: 1 – 2

O how He loves you and me! O how He loves you and me! He gave His life; what more could He give? O how He loves you; O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go; His love for sinners to show.

What He did there bro't hope from despair. O how He loves you; O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!

We Are an Unfaithful People

1 John 1: 8 – 10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

based on Romans 8: 1,

2 Corinthians 5: 17

*All Sing "And Can It Be"

Lift Up Your Hearts 695: 1, 2, 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 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

arr. M Hayes

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture 1 John 3: 1 – 7

(p. 1901)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Children of God**

Prayer

*All Sing "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Lift Up Your Hearts 796:1,3

GOD PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE US!

The Apostle's Creed

Psalter Hymnal (p. 813)

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 "You Are Holy" Sing! A New Creation 20

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

"There Is A Redeemer"

arr. J Sanborn

The Wine is distributed

All Sing "One Bread, One Body"

Lift Up Your Hearts 835: 1 – 3

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 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
arr. Hal Hopson

(*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister	Rev. Steve De Vries
Liturgist	Seminary intern, Kelly Buist
Organist	Annelle Dekker
Plymouth Brass	Ethan Lonsway, Justin Schreier Beth VanDenHeuvel, Andrew Van Zytveld
Plymouth Band	David Exoo, Thomas Huiseman
Pianist	Rachel Plasman
Scripture Reader	Harrison Start

SERMON OUTLINE

Children of God **I John 3:1-7**

Introduction: On coincidences

1. Shame

2. Self

3. Sin

Conclusion: On providences

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

April 15, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Pastor De Vries will lead both services today. This morning he'll preach on I John 3:1-7, **Children of God**, and we'll conclude our service with a celebration of Communion. This afternoon his meditation is based on Psalm 49, **Death and Taxes**.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will lead the morning service, and we'll continue to study John's first epistle. The text will be I John 3:16-24 and the title of the sermon, **The School of Love**. We'll also be celebrating the sacrament of Baptism as Justin and Beth VanDenHeuvel bring their son, Henry Justin to be baptized. Seminary Intern Norm Underland will lead our afternoon service his meditation **Just in Time**, will be based on Romans 5:1-11.

BANNERS

Banners: During this season of Easter we celebrate the victory of Jesus and his Kingship over the whole universe. The white and gold colors in these banners represent the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death. The gold cords symbolize the royal character of Christ's shed blood. Isaiah 53: 5 reminds us that "by his stripes we are healed." The wedge-shaped panels in two of the banners represent the torn veil, the sign that we have full access to God's presence through Christ. The season of Easter is celebrated for seven Sundays, the number portrayed by the three white and two gold panels, plus the two groups of gold chords in each banner.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

April 15, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
April 15, 2018 PM: Mission India
April 22, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
April 22, 2018 PM: World Renew

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

FROM THE TREASURER

Treasures Report through March:

Total Receipts:	\$146,202
Total Expenses:	\$163,187
Current year Deficit:	\$16,985

Unpaid Ministry Shares:
1 Month of Classical
1 Month of Denominational

FROM COUNCIL

Members of PHCRC are requested to remain in the sanctuary following today's service for a brief congregational meeting to vote on the nominations for elder and deacon. The nominees are
Elders: Tom Brasser, Ron & Pat De Haan, Karen Nienhuis, and Kumar Sinniah.
Deacons: Scott & Christina Block, Laura Den Besten, Brad Jansen, and Susan Poel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Christian School Enrollment is starting for many of the local schools. The Christian Education forms are in your communicator box. Return them to the church office by Sunday, April 22. If you do not receive the information and would like it please contact Ben Post at (616)318-3232, email benpost37@gmail.com or Janeen in the church office at (616)243-5638.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: There is Discovery Hour today at 9AM and there will be Discovery Hour next week as well.

Breakaway: Our next gathering is next Sunday, April 22, 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. Save the date for the retreat to Camp Scottie which is April 27 - 29. Cost is

\$25, but let me know if this is a problem for you. I would love to see everyone at the retreat as this is our last big event of the year! Parents, check your emails for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Safety Training TODAY and April 29: ALL volunteers who work with children and teens, as well as Council members, are asked to attend one of our safety trainings. One opportunity is today, and the other option is Sunday, April 29. Both trainings will happen downstairs in the Fellowship Room immediately after the worship service. Lunch is provided downstairs and child care (and lunch for your kids) is provided in the nursery. You may still attend today even if you have not signed up ahead of time. Please bring information for TWO references who do not attend Plymouth Heights and who are not related to you. If you have any questions, please speak with Megan Wunderink. We look forward to seeing you there!

It's almost time for another summer playing softball at the Christian Athletic Complex. Plymouth's two men's slow pitch teams play on Thursday nights from early May through the end of July. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Don Buist at donbuist@gmail.com or (616) 450-9143 or Bert Block at bwbblock@tds.net or (616) 292-4555. We could use a few more players, and also an additional pitcher as well. Come join in the fun!

Circle the dates on your calendar for our annual Family Weekend in September. The dates this year are September 14 through 16, 2018. Cottages and camping areas have already been reserved for Plymouth Heights at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds www.crcg.org. Stay overnight or drive out for the day. More information will be coming soon and we will begin accepting reservations for the cottages in the middle of May. We have a great time every year so start planning now for this fun-filled weekend.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Michigan Men's Weekend will take place Friday afternoon, April 27 through Sunday noon, April 29, at Timber Wolf Lodge in Lake City, MI. The Michigan Men's Weekend is a retreat with great speakers, incredible food, worship, zip lines, go karts, basketball, canoeing, and other activities as well as a time for men to encourage one another. The retreat is cross-denominational and cross-cultural as men come from a variety of churches and groups across West Michigan. All men age 18 and over are welcome to join this weekend of praise and friendship. Please check the Michigan Men's Weekend website, www.michiganmensweekend.com or talk with Ralph Honderd.

Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church (940 Neland Ave SE) invites you to join them on Monday, April 16 at 7pm to hear author and Calvin Alumni **Ruth Everhart** discuss her book *Ruined*, the 2017 *Christianity Today* book of the year in the memoir division. Come to the Neland Activity Center (on the lower level of the church) to hear Ruth explain why we are not what happens to us. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend! Questions? Call the church office at 616-245-0669.

Sunday April 15, 2018

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

Prayer Servants: Atts DeVries, Fae Diepstra

Nursery: Susan Holwerda,
Mandi Markosky, Jack Markosky
Jane Tiesenga

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old):
Megan Coakley

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

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Carol Honderd, Nathan Diepstra

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 Administrative Meeting (Refl. Rm)

Tuesday
7PM-8:15PM Friendship
Friendship Cookie Bakers:
Fae Diepstra, Karen VanderLaan

7PM Basketball
Basketball snacks: Elyane Penning

Wednesday
6:30-8:00PM Apprentice Group (Youth Room)
6:30-8:15PM Cadets

Thursday
9:45AM Women's Bible Study, Spring Brunch

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9:00AM Discovery Hour
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3rd- 5th grade will meet in Room 105
6th-12th will meet in the Youth Room

10:00AM Morning Worship Service

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

Prayer Servants: Huds Nyenhuis,
Linda Mulder

Nursery: Mary Gerritsen Rachel
Harkema, Lori Tilma, Emma Tilma

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs old):
Megan Wunderink, Sophia Wunderink

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs old through young 5's)
Susan Poel

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs old through first grade)
Carol Honderd, Nathan Diepstra

Coffee Fellowship:
Eric & Mary Uitvlugt, Pat Schmidt

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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