

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 26, 2018 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
arr. David Cherwien
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
arr. Albin Whitworth

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

Opening Scripture Psalm 84 1 – 4
Prayer
*All Sing "Lord, I lift Your Name on High"
Lift Up Your Hearts 610
"The First Place"
Lift Up Your Hearts 15: 1 – 2

*Welcome
*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing "We Praise You, O God"
Lift Up Your Hearts 560: 1 – 3

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM: GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession I Samuel 17: 34 – 40
All Sing "Only a Boy Named David"
Song for Life 109

**Only a boy named David, only a little sling, only a boy named David, but he could pray and sing.
Only a boy named David, only a rippling brook, only a boy named David, but five little stones he took.**

And one little stone went in the sling, and the sling went round and round. And one little stone went in the sling, and the sling went round and round, and round and round and round and round, and round and round and round. And one little stone went up in the air, and the giant came tumbling down.

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of God's Grace I Samuel 17: 45 – 50
Guide for Holy Living Colossians 3: 12 – 14
*All Sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Lift Up Your Hearts 897: 1 – 3

[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]

Concerns of our Church Family
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry/Christian Education
and Special Mission Funds

Offertory "Wonderful Words of Life/Thy Word"
arr. Carol Tornquist

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "You Are My Hiding Place"
Lift Up Your Hearts 412

Scripture Ephesians 6: 10 – 20 (p. 1821)

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

Sermon **Unconventional Warfare**
Prayer

*All Sing "In Christ Alone"
Lift Up Your Hearts 770: 1 – 4

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation
*God's Parting Blessing
People: **Amen.**

*All Sing "At the Name of Jesus"
Lift Up Your Hearts 220: 1, 5

*Postlude "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
arr. Hal Hopson

(*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist/Pianist Annelle Dekker
Sanctuary Choir Doug De Vries
Violin Betsy Van Zytveld
Guitar Nathan Diepstra
Drums David Exoo
Scripture Reader Jake Scheeres

SERMON OUTLINE

Unconventional Warfare Ephesians 6:10-20

The Incredibles

1. The Assignment (10-13)

- a. Dressing
- b. Standing
- c. Resisting

2. The Armor (14-17)

- a. Truth
- b. Righteousness
- c. Firmness/readiness – gospel of peace
- d. Faith
- e. Salvation
- f. Spirit/Word of God

3. The Action (18-20)

- a. Every kind of prayer all the time
- b. Staying alert
- c. Fearlessly making known the mystery of the gospel

The Incredible Mystery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 26, 2018

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church! Please join us after the service for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Community Room. Today Pastor De Vries will conclude our Lectionary Series on Ephesians by preaching on Ephesians 6:10-20, ***Unconventional Warfare***.

Next week Sunday Pastor De Vries will preach on James 1:17-27, ***Perfect Gifts and Perfect Religion***. Next week Sunday afternoon we begin our afternoon services again with a combined service at Woodlawn CRC at 5 PM with Pastor Mike Abma preaching. The offering will be for God's Kitchen.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

August 26, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds
September 2, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
September 2, 2018 PM: Combined Service at Woodlawn CRC offering for God's Kitchen

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Mark your calendars that Discovery Hour will begin on Sunday, September 23 at 9am. Stay tuned for more details on grades and classroom locations.

Cadets/GEMS: This year, Cadets and GEMS will be meeting together on the first and third Wednesdays of the month starting on September 19. The program runs from 6:30pm - 8pm and is open to 2nd - 8th grade boys and girls. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Feys at 616-957-2160 or Rachel Harkema at 616-328-2549 or rharkema@phcrc.org.

Breakaway (4th - 8th grade): Breakaway will kick-off on Sunday, September 9, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a 2-liter. Hope to see you all there!

Lifeline (9th - 12th grade): Due to the church campout and new scheduling, Lifeline will not begin until Sunday, October 7. Stay tuned for more details.

Church Campout: If you are a youth group student and looking for a group to go to the church campout with, look no further! The youth group will be heading out for the weekend and camping in tents. Let Rachel know at 616-328-2549 or rharkema@phcrc.org if you want to come along and need a ride.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Once again I would like to thank my Plymouth Heights family for sending cards for my birthday. A joy to hear from so many.
Lil De Boer

Bassinet Blessings: To help welcome Margaret Joanna Van Eck to our church family, we have the opportunity to give a small wrapped anonymous gift to her and her family. The bassinet will be out through September 16. Blessings abound!

Safety Training: Today and Sunday, September 23. If you did not attend a safety training last spring, please sign up on the sheet on the table by the elevator (and note if you'll need childcare). Both trainings will occur in the Fellowship Room downstairs immediately following the morning worship service, and lunch will be provided. *Childcare and a kids' lunch* will also be provided in the nursery - you can drop your children off right after the service. We will do our best to keep the training to an hour. Please bring information for two references who are not related to you and do not attend Plymouth Heights. If you have any questions, call Megan Wunderink at 616-516-4953 or email her at meganwunderink@gmail.com.

Senior event on August 28 at 1:30pm at Fifth Reformed Church: Pam Pekelder, a gospel singer will lead us in a hour of gospel music. Pam began singing at her home church in 2008. She and her husband, Ben, who is the sound technician, began a gospel music ministry. Pam sings regularly at churches and retirement communities such as Breton Woods, Beacon Hill, Clark Homes. In 2013, she recorded a CD entitled "Praise the Lord". Her program will include familiar hymns as well as contemporary gospel songs. Following the music, we will share a time of fellowship over coffee and ice cream. Please let me know if you plan to attend.
Paul Kortenhoven
Home phone 616 742-7400. Cell 616 481-5167
Email: pkortenhoven@gmail.com.

Family Weekend / Church Picnic: This year the picnic will be combined with the church Family Weekend at the Conference Grounds on Saturday, September 15, with games from 3pm-5pm and dinner at 5:30pm. Chicken Out is catering the meal. There is a new picnic shelter near the beach which will work perfectly to unite our annual church picnic with fun Saturday activities. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Any questions contact Deb Hall at 450-4274.

Mulick Park Bible Club: Starting this fall, Plymouth Heights will be in charge of the after school Bible Club for Mulick Park Elementary School. The club takes place on Wednesday from 3:15pm - 4:45pm. We are in need of 4-5 volunteers to help with this program on a weekly basis. Please contact Rachel Harkema at rharkema@phcrc.org or 616-328-2549 if you would like more information about this program and what it would look like to be a volunteer.

School Supply Drive: As the beginning of school draws closer, we are hoping to gather school supplies for children right here in our neighborhood. NET (Neighborhood Engagement Team) and our children's ministry programs are holding a school supply drive. Crayons, pencils, notebooks, etc. can be dropped off in a box located by the nursery. The supplies will be gathered through the end of August and will be evenly distributed between Alpha Family Center of Grand Rapids, Mulick Park Elementary School, and Food Pantry participants. Please consider donating. Thank you!

Pencils are available in the back of church in the bulletin racks for your use during worship services. Pencils were removed from the pew racks due to some property damages from misuse. Thank you for your help in caring for our sanctuary.

Online Church Membership Directory: In your communicator box or in the back of the Sanctuary, find a half sheet of yellow paper regarding an upcoming, password-protected, online church membership directory. There are a couple questions on the form asking for a response to the online directory. Please put the completed sheet in the box in the back of the sanctuary or email your response to the church office at office@phcrc.org.

OUTREACH

Meijer Simply Give: Once again Meijer store on 28th and Kalamazoo has selected our church food pantry as the recipient for their Simply Give Fall Campaign. The fall campaign runs from August 19 to September 15. Each \$10 card (available at the store checkout and our table by the elevator) you purchase Meijer will match the donation giving us \$20 for our food pantry. See the flyer in your communicator box. Thank you for helping a neighbor who needs a little help.

Service Opportunity: Lucette, 68 years old, needs a ride to Ann Arbor to see a dental specialist. Lucette is on Medicaid and there are no oral surgeons in the Grand Rapids area that take Medicaid patients. Lucette has had to cancel two appointments already because she was not able to find transportation. The doctor's office in Ann Arbor is requiring that she find transportation first before she re-schedules. The appointment will need to be in the morning; Lucette hopes she can get in before the end of the month if possible. If you are interested in helping please contact Nevada Coakley adaven3@gmail.com or call 616-617-4066.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENT

Why do some Christians affirm same-sex marriage? While adhering to the CRC's official position regarding homosexuality, more than two years ago Classis Grand Rapids East commissioned a study on *The Biblical and Theological Support Currently Offered by Christian Proponents of Same-Sex Marriage*, and posted the report on its website for study and discussion. Realizing that many leaders and members are not familiar with the report, Classis will host a summary presentation on Thursday, Sept 20, 7 to 9pm, at Shawnee Park CRC, 2255 Tecumseh SE in Grand Rapids. The presentation will be led by members of the study committee. Congregational leaders and other interested persons are invited to attend, and are encouraged to read the report in advance. Go to <http://classisgreast.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ClassisGREastreSSMStudyReport2016.pdf>

Sunday August 26, 2018

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Larry Tilma, Lori Tilma, Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez
Prayer Servants: Mary Gerritsen, Dennis Sikkema

Nursery: Susan Post, Wendy Brummel, Deedre Vriesman, Bonnie Noorman

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old)
Amy Blom, Jackson Ouwinga

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

Children in Worship:
(5 yrs. old through first grade)
Resumes September 23

Coffee Fellowship: Deb & Phil Hall

Monday
6:30PM Council Retreat at Fifth Ref. Church

Sunday September 2, 2018

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Bob & Jane Brouwer, Chrysanthi Sinniah
Prayer Servants: Linda Mulder, Secret Hallman
Nursery: Olga Leder, Doug VanderLaan, Karen VanderLaan
Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old)
Off today
Praise and Play:
(4 yrs. old through young 5's)
Off today
Children in Worship:
(5 yrs. old through first grade)
Resumes September 23
Coffee Fellowship:
Eric & Mary Uitvlugt, Pat Schmidt
5:00 PM Combined Evening Worship Service at Woodlawn CRC