

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 2, 2018 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "The God of Abraham Praise" arr. Hal Hopson
"The Church of Christ in Every Age" William Knapp

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

Opening Scripture Psalm 15

Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?
People: **The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;**

Leader: who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;

People: **who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.**

Prayer

*All Sing "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down" Lift Up Your Hearts 510
"Gather Us In" Lift Up Your Hearts 529: 1 – 3

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Lift Up Your Hearts 575: 1 – 4

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Responsive Reading of the Law Matthew 22: 37-49

Leader: What is the great and first commandment?
People: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

Leader: What is the second commandment like it?
People: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Leader: What does this mean?
People: **Love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Leader: To what does this call us?
People: **To a life of faith working through love.**

All Sing "Change My Heart, O God"
Sing! a New Creation 56

Prayer of Confession

Call to Holy Living Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 86

*All Sing "Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand"
Lift Up Your Hearts 708: 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 and Christian Education Funds
Offertory "We Are Called" arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"
Sing! a New Creation 79

Scripture James 1: 16 – 27 (p. 1880)

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

Sermon **Word**

Prayer

*All Sing "The Church of Christ in Every Age"
Worship and Rejoice 623: 1, 2, 4, 5

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share the bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, with out reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing "We Receive Your Blessing"

Lift Up Your Hearts 947

*Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Johann Walther

(*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister

Rev. Steve De Vries

Organist

Annelle Dekker

Trombone

Andrew Van Zytveld

Drums

David Exoo

Pianist

Rachel Plasman

SERMON OUTLINE

WORD

JAMES 1:16 - 27

Introduction: The slang word, "word"

1. Source of the word
 - a. Question of deception
 - b. Consistency of God
 - c. Word of truth
2. The planted word
 - a. It takes up space
 - b. It silences us and extinguishes anger
 - c. It saves us from filth
3. The obeyed word
 - a. Question of deception (again)
 - b. Mirror of freedom & blessing
 - c. The 3 question "word" quiz

Conclusion: The Word of Truth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 2, 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 preach on James 1:17-27, **Word**. Today we also begin our afternoon services with a combined service at Woodlawn CRC at 5 PM. Pastor Mike Abma will be preaching on Proverbs 8:22-36, **Handling the Beautiful Book with Wisdom**. The offering will be for God's Kitchen.

Next week Sunday Pastor Albers will lead worship in the morning service, preaching on James 2:1-13. Pastor De Vries will lead the 5:30 PM service, preaching on Mark 7:24-37.

This fall, beginning on September 23, Pastor De Vries will begin a series called, **Stories from Our Childhood**. In the series we'll look at "children stories" from the Old Testament. Throughout the coming year we'll also be following the four building blocks of Faith Formation: *I Belong, I Know and Understand, I Have Hope, I Am Called and Equipped*. **Stories from Our Childhood**, will focus on belonging. To that end, we would like to ask the congregation for stories from your childhood that were formative in developing your faith. We'd love to have you share those stories in our worship services, but if you'd rather submit something in writing for someone else to read, we'd be happy to include that as well. Please contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Sarah with any ideas you might have.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

September 2, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

September 2, 2018 PM: Combined Service at Woodlawn CRC offering for God's Kitchen

September 9, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

September 9, 2018 PM: Calvin Theological Seminary

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

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!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our school drive! Because of your generosity, we were able to donate items to our food pantry participants and also give approximately 150 items to both Mulick Park School and Alpha Women's Center.

Women's Thursday morning Bible Study will begin on September 20 at 9:45am in the library.

Safety Training: The last safety training will be on Sunday, September 23 following the morning service. Sign up on the sheet on the table by the elevator (and note if you'll need childcare). The training will occur in the Fellowship Room and lunch will be provided for both attendees and kids. 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.

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.

Save the Date: Congregational Potluck October 7.

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.

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: 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 through 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.

Sunday September 2, 2018

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Bob & Jane Brouwer,
Chrysanthi Sinniah

Prayer Servants: Linda Mulder,
Secret Hallman

Nursery: Olga Leder, Deb Feys,
Doug VanderLaan, Karen VanderLaan,
Deedre Vriesman

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old)
Off today

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

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

Sunday September 9, 2018

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Usher: Steve Penning, Dave Veen,
David Tiesenga

Prayer Servants: David VanZytveld

Nursery:

Kingdom Kidz: (2 & 3 yrs. old)
Megan Coakley, Ian Blom

Praise and Play:
(4 yrs. old through young 5's)
Mary Ma

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

Coffee Fellowship:
Larry & Lori Tilma

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

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