

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 16, 2018 10 AM Communion Sunday

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" arr. Raymond Haan  
"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" (LUYH 536) Graham Kendrick

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

Call to Worship based on Belgic Confession Article 20, 21

Prayer  
\*All Sing "Here I Am to Worship" *Lift Up Your Hearts 567: 1 – 2*

\*Welcome  
\*God's Greeting  
\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" *Lift Up Your Hearts 536: 1 – 3*  
"Sanctuary" *Celebration Hymnal 655*  
(sing twice)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People Matthew 12: 35 – 37  
Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 6: 6 – 7

\*All Sing "Make Me A Captive, Lord" United Methodist Hymnal 421: 1 – 3  
**Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free. Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be. I**

**sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand; imprison me within thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.**

**My heart is weak and poor until it master find; it has no spring of action sure, it varies with the wind. It cannot freely move till thou hast wrought its chain; enslave it with thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.**

**My power is faint and low till I have learned to serve; it lacks the needed fire to glow, it lacks the breeze to nerve. It cannot drive the world until itself be driven; its flag can only be unfurled when thou shalt breathe from heaven.**

[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 Grade 1 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (LUYH 814)

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture James 3: 1 – 12 (p. 1882)

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

Sermon **Tongues of Fire**  
Prayer

\*All Sing "Lord Speak to Me" *Lift Up Your Hearts 754: 1, 3, 4*

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" *Lift Up Your Hearts 814*

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  
"Let Us Break Bread Together"  
arr by Don Wyrzten

The Wine is distributed  
All Sing "Behold the Lamb"

*Lift Up Your Hearts 840: 1 – 4*

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

The Thanksgiving

[Offering for Benevolence]

\*All Sing “Lift High the Cross”

*Lift Up Your Hearts 264: 1, 2, 4, 5*

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation

\*God’s Parting Blessing

**People: Amen.**

\*All Sing “Lift High the Cross”

*Lift Up Your Hearts 264: 7*

\*Postlude

(\*Rise, in body or spirit)

Minister	Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist	Annelle Dekker
Plymouth Brass	Ethan Lonsway, Justin Schreier
	Beth VanDenHeuvel, William Van Zytveld
Plymouth Band	David Exoo
Pianist	Rachel Plasman

## SERMON OUTLINE

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**James 3:1-12**  
**Tongues of Fire**

Intro: Sticks and Stones

1. Humility
2. Ability
3. Flammability
4. Toxicity
5. Duplicity

Conclusion: Signs and Seals

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

September 16, 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 is Communion Sunday. Pastor Albers is leading worship at the Conference Grounds for those gathered there, and Pastor De Vries is leading both services here. In the morning he'll preach on James 3:1-12, **Tongues of Fire**, and in the 5:30 PM service Mark 8:27-38, **Blind Spots**.

Next week, Pastor De Vries will begin a series called, **Stories from Our Childhood**. The first sermon will be on Genesis 21:1-7, **Laughter**. 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.

Next week Sunday we also look forward to the baptism of Margaret Van Eck, daughter of Nate and Schuyler, in the morning service. Pastor De Vries will also lead the afternoon service with a meditation on Mark 9:30-37, **The Greatest**.

**Sanctuary Choir:** For those of you who enjoy singing, we encourage you to serve with the Sanctuary Choir. Our rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 23 at 8:45 in the Music Room. All are welcome. Please contact Doug De Vries at 243-5638, or [ddevries@phcrc.org](mailto:ddevries@phcrc.org) if you have any questions. Childcare will be provided if there is a need.

**Wednesday Night Programming this Fall:** On first and third Wednesdays this fall (beginning September 19) we'll be offering the following studies and programs from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM:

- Cadets and GEMS for boys and girls from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mike Feys or Rachel Harkema for a calendar and schedule.
- Oasis Women (mid 20s to 40 something) will be meeting to work through the book "*Liturgy of the Ordinary*" by Tish Harrison Warren. Contact Pastor Sarah for a schedule.
- The Apprentice Group (all ages and genders) will also be meeting to work through "*Liturgy of the Ordinary*." See Pastor Steve for a calendar and schedule.

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (beginning September 26) a Guys Group (all ages) will meet to study "*Slow Kingdom Coming*" by Kent Annan. Contact Pastor Steve for more information. Child care will be provided for all Wednesday night programs.

### TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

September 16, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

September 16, 2018 PM: Resonate Global Mission

September 23, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education and Special Mission Funds

September 23, 2018 PM: Safe Church Ministry

*Online Giving* available at [phcrc.org](http://phcrc.org)

### YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discovery Hour:** Begins next Sunday, September 23 at 9am for grades K-12. Please meet in the Fellowship Room for a time of worship and small groups.

**Cadets/GEMS:** This year, Cadets and GEMS will be meeting together on the first and third Wednesdays of the month starting this Wednesday, 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](mailto:rharkema@phcrc.org).

**Breakaway (4th - 8th grade):** Our next event is Food Pantry on Saturday, September 22. Meet at church at 8am and we will be done around 10am and then go to breakfast. Parents can pick up their child at 11am (This is different from what the brochure said so disregard the brochure). Our next gathering is Sunday, September 23 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

**Lifeline (9th - 12th grade):** Our next event is Food Pantry on Saturday, September 22. Meet at church at 8am and we will be done around 10am and then go to breakfast. Parents can pick up their child at 11am (This is different from what the brochure said so disregard the brochure). Our first gathering is Sunday, October 7. We will be meeting from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a 2-liter.

### 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 today. Blessings abound!

**Volunteer Needed:** We are in need of one more volunteer for Discovery Hour on Sunday mornings at 9am and one more counselor for GEMS. Please contact Rachel Harkema at [rharkema@phcrc.org](mailto:rharkema@phcrc.org) or 616-328-2549 if you are willing to volunteer. Discover Hour starts in just a week and GEMS starts September 19 so this is a need that needs to be filled quickly! If you have not done the safety training yet, contact Rachel anyway and she will problem solve with you so that you can volunteer.

**Church Directories:** The annual printed directory is in your communicator box today. A new Online Picture Directory will also be available soon, initially using the same photos currently in your (printed) Picture Directory. Members with email addresses in our church's database will receive an "invitation" to the Online Picture Directory via email. After that there will also be an option to view the online directory and then update some of your own information when necessary.

**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](mailto:meganwunderink@gmail.com).

**Ty-dye Party:** September 29 at 11:00am at the Hall's house at 3690 Grand River Dr. Each person can bring 2 items to dye. No cost. Questions contact Deb Hall (450-4274).

**The next Oasis event** will take place at Koetsier's Greenhouse (1601 Spaulding Ave) on Saturday, September 29, from 10am – 12pm. Please join us for a fun morning of fellowship! Koetsier's has an indoor play area for kids that includes a corn pit, pumpkin painting, bounce houses, and several other fun activities. Doughnuts and popcorn are available for purchase. The cost is \$10/child for ages 1 and older. Funds are available to offset cost if needed please contact Sarah Albers.

**Congregational Potluck** is set for Sunday October 7 immediately following the morning service. Households 2,4,6,8 and 9 please bring a salad. Households 1,3,5,7 please bring dessert. Council members bring a potato dish. Plymouth Heights will provide the meat, vegetables, rolls and beverage. Visitors and college students are welcome to join us.

**Mobile Food Pantry:** Our next event is this Saturday, September 22 with registration and a pancake breakfast starting at 7am, and food distribution from 8:15-9:30am. Volunteer job assignment sheets are in your communicators today. If you are interested in joining us for a time of food and fellowship with our neighbors, please contact Tom or Mary VanWingerden (616-241-4911) this week.

**Sunday September 16, 2018**

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10:00AM Morning Worship Service  
**Usher:** Dave Kline, Mary Kline, Tom Diepstra, Ernie Noorman

**Prayer Servants:** Alyce Boender, Mary Gerritsen

**Nursery:** Christina Block, Mandi Markosky, Susan Holwerda, Jane Tiesenga

**Kingdom Kidz:** (2 & 3 yrs. old) Jack Markowsky, Sophia Wunderink

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

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

**Coffee Fellowship:** Paul & Susan Holwerda

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service

**Monday**  
7:00PM Administrative Meeting Refl. Room

**Wednesday**  
6:30-8PM Apprentice Series (Youth Room)  
6:30-8PM Cadets/GEMS

**Saturday**  
7AM-9:30AM Mobile Food Pantry: Breakfast in the Community Room, food distribution from 8:15am-9:30am south parking lot

**Sunday September 23, 2018**

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8:45AM Sanctuary Choir  
9:00AM Discovery Hour  
K-12 grade meet in the Fellowship Room

10:00AM Morning Worship Service  
**Usher:** Larry Tilma, Jeff Peterson, James Vazquez, Lori Tilma

**Prayer Servants:** Dennis Sikkema, Frank Diepstra

**Nursery:** Kelly Buist, Alyssa DeMaagd, Cherie Veen

**Kingdom Kidz:** (2 & 3 yrs. old) Dawn Block, Cassandra Block

**Praise and Play:** (4 yrs. old through young 5's) Rachel Harkema, Nathan Diepstra

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

**Coffee Fellowship:** Joe & Alice Geelhoed

5:30 PM Evening Worship Service