

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 9, 2018 10 AM

### ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"  
arr. Paul Manz  
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
arr. Gordon Young

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

### Opening Scripture

based on Proverbs 22, Psalm 125, James 2

### Prayer

\*All Sing "Bless the Lord (Ten Thousand Reasons)"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 559: 1 – 3*

\*Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Greet One Another

\*All Sing "Praise the Lord! Sing Halleluiah"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 518: 1 – 4*

"In Christ There Is No East or West"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 268: 1 – 5*

### HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM: GOD ACCEPTS US!

We Are an Unfaithful People Romans 13: 8 – 10  
Prayer of Confession

Call to Holy Living Romans 12: 1 – 3

\*All Sing "Christian Hearts in Love United"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 727: 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 "Be Thou My Vision/  
Open My Heart, Lord" arr. Jay Rouse

### OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 746: 1 – 3*

Scripture James 2: 1 – 13 (p. 1880)

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

Sermon **Mercy Triumphs**

Prayer

\*All Sing "All Are Welcome"  
*Lift Up Your Hearts 269: 1, 2, 4*

### GO BOLDLY AND SERVE: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

\*Invitation

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

\*All Sing "We Will Walk with God"  
(sing twice) *Lift Up Your Hearts 931*

\*Postlude "Prelude In Classic Style" Gordon Young

(\*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister  
Organist  
Cello  
Drums  
Pianist

Rev. Sarah Albers  
Annelie Dekker  
Luke Tilma  
David Exoo  
Rachel Plasman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP

September 9, 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 Albers will lead worship in the morning service, preaching on James 2:1-13, ***Mercy Triumphs***. Pastor De Vries will lead the 5:30 PM service, preaching on Mark 7:24-37.

Next week is Communion Sunday. Pastor Albers will lead worship at the Conference Grounds for those gathered there, and Pastor De Vries will lead 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***.

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.

**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 9, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

September 9, 2018 PM: Calvin Theological Seminary

September 16, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian

Education Funds

September 16, 2018 PM: Resonate Global Mission

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

### YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Discovery Hour:** Mark your calendars that Discovery Hour will begin on 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 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](mailto:rharkema@phcrc.org).

**Breakaway (4th - 8th grade):** Breakaway will kick-off tonight 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 THIS WEEKEND:** 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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

### OUTREACH

**Meijer Simply Give:** Meijer store on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 9, 2018

- 10:00AM Morning Worship Service  
**Usher:** Steve Penning, Dave Veen  
**Prayer Servants:** David VanZytveld  
**Nursery:** Kate DenBraber, Steve DeVries, Vicki DeVries  
**Kingdom Kidz:** (2 & 3 yrs. old)  
Megan Coakley, Ian Blom  
**Praise and Play:**  
(4 yrs. old through young 5's)  
Mary Ma, Kristin VanHall  
**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

- Monday**  
7:00PM Elders Meeting (Fellowship Rm)  
Deacons Meeting (Reflection Rm)  
7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)

### Sunday September 16, 2018

- 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)  
**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:**  
Paul & Susan Holwerda
- 5:30 PM Evening Worship Service