

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 23, 2018 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
arr. Paul Manz
"Variations on, Jesus Loves Me"
arr. Jon Spong

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

Opening Scripture Psalm 89: 1-2, 5-6
Prayer

*All Sing "My Song Forever Shall Record"
Lift Up Your Hearts 280: 1 – 5

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

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

*Scripture Prayer based on Psalm 139

Leader: You are before me, Lord.

People: **You know all about me.**

Leader: Before I was born,

People: **you knit me together.**

Leader: Before I lived one day,

People: **you wrote the book of my life.**

Leader: Even before I speak a word,

People: **you know all about it.**

Leader: You are before me, Lord.

People: **I trust in you. Amen.**

*All Sing "Jesus Loves Me"
Lift Up Your Hearts 709: 1 – 3

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM: GOD CONVENANTS WITH US!

Baptism Margaret Joanna Van Eck
Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #1
Said Responsively Psalter Hymnal (p. 861)

*All Sing "All Who Have Been Baptized"
Lift Up Your Hearts 798: 1 – 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 and Worship]

Concerns of our Church Family
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering Ministry, Christian Education
and Special Mission Funds

Offertory "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
arr. Richard Kingsmore

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing "You Are Mine"
Lift Up Your Hearts 430: 1 – 2

Scripture Genesis 21: 1 – 7 (p. 29)

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

Sermon **Laughter**
Prayer

*All Sing "The Joy of the Lord"
The Now Hymnal-Folk Encounter 95: 1 – 3

**The joy of the Lord is my strength, The joy of the Lord is
my strength, The joy of the Lord is my strength, The joy
of the Lord is my strength.**

**He giveth living water and I thirst no more, He giveth
living water and I thirst no more, He giveth living water
and I thirst no more, The joy of the Lord is my strength.**

**He fills my mouth with laughter and I say, "ha-ha!" He
fills my mouth with laughter and I say, "ha-ha!" He fills
my mouth with laughter and I say, "ha-ha!" The joy of
the Lord is my strength.**

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

*Invitation

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

*All Sing "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"
Lift Up Your Hearts 946: 1 – 2

*Postlude "This Little Light of Mine" traditional

(*Rise, in body or in spirit)

Minister
Organist
Violin
Drums
Pianist
Reader

Rev. Steve De Vries
Annelle Dekker
Betsy Van Zytveld
David Exoo
Rachel Plasman
Harris Start

SERMON OUTLINE

Genesis 21:1-7 Laughter

Intro: Baby stories and belonging

1. Laughter of doubt

- A skeptic's laugh
- A mocker's laugh
- Laughed at

2. Laughter of joy

- Laughter of wonder
- Laughing with
- Laugh of joy

3. Last laugh

- God laughs
- Laughing waters of baptism
- Did you hear the one about...?

Conclusion: Belonging before everything

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

September 23, 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. This morning Pastor De Vries will begin a series called, **Stories from Our Childhood**. The first sermon is on Genesis 21:1-7, **Laughter**. We also look forward to the baptism of Margaret Van Eck, daughter of Nate and Schuyler, this morning. This afternoon Pastor De Vries' meditation is based on Mark 9:30-37, **The Greatest**.

Next week Sunday we'll celebrate the baptism of Elsie Rachel Post, daughter of Ben and Susan Post. Pastor De Vries will continue the **Stories from our Childhood** series by preaching on Genesis 21:8-21, **Tears**.

Next week Sunday afternoon at our regular service time (5:30 pm), we'll welcome Michigan Representative David LaGrand, who will share a presentation on Criminal Justice Reform. All are invited to attend for a Christian perspective on an important issue that increasingly has bipartisan attention and support. Woodlawn CRC will be joining us and there will be time for refreshments and follow up conversation after the service.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

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

September 23, 2018 PM: Safe Church Ministry

September 30, 2018 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds

September 30, 2018 PM: CRC Race Relations

Online Giving available at phcrc.org

YOUTH AND EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Hour: Today at 9am for grades K-12. Please meet in the Fellowship Room for a time of worship and small groups. We will meet next week at 9am in the Fellowship Room.

Cadets/GEMS: Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 3 from 6:30pm - 8pm. 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): Our next gathering is tonight from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Hope to see you all there!

Lifeline (9th - 12th grade): 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

Prayer Partner Potluck: Next Sunday, September 30 following the morning service there will be a potluck in the Community Room. All prayer partners, children/youth, and families involved are encouraged to come. The goal is for people to have a chance to sit with their prayer partner and possibly their family and have face-to-face time. Check your emails for more details and RSVP by signing up at the table by the elevator or contacting Rachel at rharkema@phcrc.org or 616.328.2549.

Safety Training: The last safety training will be today following the morning service. 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.

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.

Bible Club Snack Sign-Up Sheet: Bible Club begins October 3. The children meet at Evergreen Christian School (1630 Griggs SE). The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. The children really appreciate a snack after school when they meet for Bible Club. If you have trouble dropping your snack off to the school, you are welcome to drop off your snack to the church office.

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.

Sunday September 23, 2018

- 8:45AM Sanctuary Choir
- 9:00AM Discovery Hour
K-12 grades
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,
Kathy Kett, 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)
Amy Blom
- Coffee Fellowship:**
Joe & Alice Geelhoed
- 5:30 PM Evening Worship Service
- 5:30-7:30PM Breakaway (4th - 8th grade) meet
in the Youth Room

Monday

- 7:00PM Full Council Meeting (Fellowship Room)
- 7PM-9PM Stephen Ministers Meeting (Library)

Wednesday

- 6:30-8PM Guys Group (Youth Room)
- 6:30-8PM Cadets/GEMS

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