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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; I believe an holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



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Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

A recording of the service may be obtained by calling Aaron Lehrman at (616) 365-2137 or you can email him at lehrmana@yahoo.com or visit www.sermonaudio.com/firstprc and listen to our archive of sermons.

To listen to the service live, visit sermonaudio.com/firstprc or call (616) 942-9955.

Morning Worship Service

Evening Worship Service

Prelude
Call to Prayer / Silent Prayer
*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Votum and Salutation
*Psalter # 298
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17
*Psalter # 384
Prayer
Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund
*Psalter # 29
Scripture: Lord's Day 22 I Corinthians 2
Sermon: "That Which Eye Has Not Seen"
1. A Present Possession
2. A Future Possession
3. A Sure Possession
Prayer
*Psalter # 32
*Doxology
Blest be the Lord, our fathers' God,
Eternal King of Kings,
Who only is omnipotent,
Performing wondrous things.
Blest be His great and glorious Name
For evermore, Amen,
And let His glory fill the earth
From shore to shore. Amen.
*Benediction
Postlude
* Congregation Standing

Prelude
Call to Prayer / Silent Prayer
*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Votum and Salutation
*Psalter # 408
*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin.)
*Psalter # 385
Prayer
Offertory: Heritage Christian, Holland Home
*Psalter # 288
Scripture: I Kings 18: 22-40
Sermon: "Fire on Mt. Carmel"
1. An Appropriate Challenge
2. A Powerful Demonstration
3. A Glorious Result
Prayer
*Psalter # 208
*Doxology
May the grace of Christ the Savior,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above
Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen
*Benediction
Postlude

Volunteer Schedule

Nursery this week

AM: Linda Young, Kristi Thompson, Ericka Pastoor, Kayla Corson
PM: Sarah Windemuller, Stephanie Vink, Kristin Kleyn

Next Sunday

AM: Crista Phelps, Christine Lehrman, Stephanie Adams, Noah Windemuller
PM: Joan Slopsema, Shelly Vanderkolk, Mary Kortz

Greeters

AM: Jeff & Crystal Talsma
PM: Pete & Dana VanPutten

Next Week

AM: Jack & Judie Feenstra
PM: Ryan & Renae Roth

Library this week: Ria Faber

Next week: Cheryl Corson

Ushers: AM- Roger Meyer, Philip Rainey PM- Tom Flikkema, Ron Seif
Transportation for February: Holland Home-Dan Pastoor, Kay Ezinga-Randy Corson, Mark Voortman-Dwight Quenga

Our Church Family

Tim and Jill Hop rejoice in the birth of a son, Dillon James, this past Thursday. Mother and baby are doing well.
Congratulations to Mr. John Flikkema who celebrates his 82nd birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 8, DV.

First Church News

Coffee is served downstairs after this morning's service.
Young Adults meets this evening to discuss The Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:15-21). Study material is in the pamphlet racks.
Junior Adults meets Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 PM. Discussion begins at I Timothy 4. Servers are Mary Kortz and Debbie Baldwin.
Women of all ages are invited to attend Woman's Bible Study on Wednesday morning, February 8. Coffee starts at 9:45 A.M. and Bible discussion at 10:00. We will discuss "Discontentment," starting with question 2 on page 44 of the study guide, and "Pride," starting on page 49 of the study guide. These topics are explained in chapters 9 and 11 of Respectable Sins. Refreshments provided by: Joan Slopsema (bars or bread) and Jessica Baker (crackers & juice.) Child care is provided.
Reformed Doctrines Class meets this week Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7:45 PM at Faith Church. Having finished the lecture and discussion on the church militant and triumphant, Prof. Engelsma now turns to the subject of the church visible and invisible, in particular the movement that rejects the necessity of membership in a true instituted church. You are welcome.
The Council meets Thursday, February 9 at 7:30 PM. Censura morum will be conducted.
In keeping with the policy to provide our pastor one service off a month, Prof. Gritters will preach for us next Sunday evening.
Next Sunday is preparatory with a view to celebrating the Lord's Supper the Sunday following.
Next Sunday evening offering: Eastside Christian, Reformed Witness Hour
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: The Fellowship Club breakfast is THIS Sat. Feb. 11 from 8:30 - 10:30. We will be taking donations to cover our cost. Any donations given above our cost will be given to the Young Peoples Society for convention expenses. Please sign up TODAY on the signup sheets on

the table in the lower level. There are also opportunities for you to sign up to help the committee. Hope to see you there!

Announcements

PR Psalm Choir is practicing at Grandville PRC at 2:15 PM today. Please join us as we practice while seated. New or previous members are encouraged to join us.

CO Retreat: Registration for the Colorado Young Adults Retreat has been *extended until this Saturday, February 11*. We have a few openings left if you would still like to register by clicking on *Coming Events* at www.prca.org.

The Griess/Kooienga Benefit Concert with Voice of Victory, Eric & Crista Phelps, and With One Voice will be held at Grace Community Church in Hudsonville on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 8:15 PM. If you cannot attend, but would like to contribute, please send donations payable to Voices of Victory to 4900 40th Ave., Hudsonville, MI 49426 or turn them in to Heritage Chr. School's office.

Grace PRC Young People's invites you to A Night of Music. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb 25, 7:00 pm at Grace Church. Come out for a fun-filled night of music. The program features performers such as: Michelle Pipe, Jim Daling, Dan Van Dyke, Eric & Crista Phelps, a string quartet, as well as other talented musicians. A freewill offering will be taken to help defray the costs of the convention.

Advance notice! Byron Center Young Peoples Society is hosting their Dutch Dinner on March 3. This fundraiser is to support our young people's convention. It will be held at Adams Christian School, serving dinner from 4-7pm. We have revised our menu, making it "family friendly". We hope to see you there!

Men: Have you wondered what the role of a godly grandfather is? There will be a sectional at the men's conference at BC PRC on March 8 and 9 that will discuss this topic. Grandfathers from our churches will share their thoughts on how a grandfather fits into the life of a covenant family. Send in your registration form for the conference by Feb 20. Go to byronprc.org for a registration form.

Festival of Tables: Reserve March 24, 10 A.M. for a time of fellowship. A delicious brunch will be served at themed tables, each uniquely decorated. Contact Pam Hoekstra (896-8240 phoeks@sbcglobal.net) or Cara Dykstra (895-0121 dykstra4@allcom.net) to reserve your spot. \$10/seat, \$80/table Hostess'/decorators are needed. Funds raised are for Hudsonville PRC catering committee.

The faculty of our seminary is pleased to announce that seminarian Erik Guichelaar will serve his internship under the supervision of Rev. S. Key and the consistory of our congregation in Loveland, CO. The internship will begin on July 1, 2012 and extend through December 31, 2012. The purpose of the internship is "To give the student practical experience in all aspects of the work of a minister of the Word: preaching, catechism, pastoral care, leading Bible studies, evangelism, consistory meetings, and observer at Classis". The internship program has proved to be an invaluable part of the preparation of our seminary students for the ministry of the gospel, and we trust that this will be so for Mr. Guichelaar (and his wife, Cherith) as well. Continue to pray for the seminary and continue to pray that the Lord will put the call to the ministry in the hearts of young men in our Protestant Reformed Churches and sister churches.

School News

EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: Please join us for CHAPEL on Monday, February 6 at 11:00 a.m. in First Protestant Reformed Church. Rev. Ronald VanOverloop will be our speaker. Our

Kindergarten Class will sing a few numbers.

Please join us THIS THURSDAY for Adams' Annual Soup Supper! The menu: three soups (vegetable beef, split pea and ham, and cheesy broccoli), BBQ, hot dogs, Steenstra's bread, Russ' rolls, homemade pies, ice cream and desserts. Supper starts at 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Adams' Christian School Gym. Take-out will be available after 6:30. A shuttle bus will be running between the front of school and Bethany United Reformed Church. See you there!

Hope Chr. School PTA will be held on Thursday, February 9 at 7:30 PM. Several teachers and volunteers will give a presentation on "Motor Movement: Why So Important".

Hope Foundation Travelogue: Please join us on Saturday, February 11 for "Return to Sweden, A Search for Ancestral Roots" at 7 PM in Hope School's Gym. See this country of sheer physical beauty, the midnight sun, Lapland reindeer herders, the Nobel Peace Prize, Viking ancestry, Stockholm, Venice of the North, and much more. Tickets are available at the door - \$5/adult and \$12/family.

Hope School Circle will be making Pigs-in-the-Blanket on *Tuesday, February 14*. Call Joann Klamer at 878-1876 or e-mail at joann@brinpt.com to place your order soon so you don't miss out. At only \$6.50 per dozen these are a great value and quantities are limited.

Adams Christian Preschool is now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year. Your child must be 4 years old by October 1, 2012. For more information or to enroll, please contact Rachel Sleda: 406-0686 or rachelsleda@hotmail.com by March 5.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Heritage Christian School is holding a Spring/Summer Used Kid's Clothing and Toy Sale on Saturday, March 10 from 9AM - 12PM. Items include gently used kid's clothing, sporting goods, toys, baby items, and much more. Mark it on your calendar; we hope to see you there!

Adams Chr. School Garage Sale is Saturday March 17 from 9-2 at the Adams School gym. Items include adult and children's clothing, house wares, toys and much more! Hope to see you there!

CCHS 4-on-4 Volleyball Tournament: The date for this year's tournament is March 17. We will be accepting men's and women's teams. Remember that all participants need to be out of high school. Contact Denise Uittenbogaard to register your team: 669-2037 or deniseuittenbogaard@hotmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE and make plans to join us on MARCH 17 for the Hope PRCS Auction. This is an important fundraiser for Hope School, and your opportunity to support us is here! If you would like to send a gift or donate an item, please contact us at hopecsauction@gmail.com or call Candace Meulenberg at 616-855-2655.

LOST & FOUND: Now that you have found this announcement that was lost among all the other announcements, reserve Thursday, April 19 for Taste of Covenant IV. The Covenant Foundation dinner this year will showcase Covenant's award winning Robotics Team.

Trinity Christian High School of Hull, Iowa, is accepting applications for a teacher for the 2012-2013 school year. We currently have an opening for a science position, although all applicants with an interest in Protestant Reformed secondary education are encouraged to apply. Interested persons should contact Jim Regnerus at 712-439-1921 or jregnerus@trinitychs.org or the education committee chairman Wayne De Jong at 712-439-2457 or wayneandbecky@thedejongs.com

Heritage Christian High School in Dyer, Indiana is seeking applicants for open positions. Our areas of greatest need are in the Science, English, Music, and Business departments. Qualified, Protestant Reformed applicants may inquire with our administrator, Ralph Medema, at school (219) 558-2660, home (219) 374-5388, or email ralph.medema@heritagechs.org.