November 21, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Classes after the morning service.

This week Thursday, we hope to have a Thanksgiving reading service at 9:30 a.m.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Classes after the morning service.

The annual congregational meeting is planned for Tuesday December 7. We encourage all male members to be present for this meeting.

The Timothy Young Adult Group of Franklin Lakes/Clifton, NJ is organizing a weekend for young adults (post-high school) on January 6-8, 2022, D.V. Rev. H. de Leeuw and Rev. Vogelaar hope to give the topics and various activities are being planned. For additional information and to register, please visit www.timothy.groupnrc.org (password January2022)

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund 2nd Emeritus Fund 2nd Hudson Taylor

Note from the consistory: As the time approaches for the time to put up duos for office bearers we are faced with the difficulty of so many being in the practice of coming to worship only one service per Lord's Day and therefore limiting the already few men to less. Let us remember that we are called to "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy" and are taught in our catechism "that I, especially on the sabbath, that is, on the day of rest, diligently frequent the church of God, to hear His word, to use the sacraments, publicly to call upon the Lord, and contribute to the relief of the poor, as becomes a Christian." Let us repent from the neglect of this duty.

We Remember in Prayer:

- -Those from the Lynden congregation and the surrounding area who were affected by historical flooding
- -The persecuted church, and more specifically at this time, those in Nigeria who continue to suffer increasing levels of persecution
- -Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

THANKSGIVING DAY

Beloved, "Know ye not that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" This question which the apostle asked should be bound seriously upon our hearts, especially on this Thanksgiving Day. The Lord, during the year which lies behind us, has blessed us abundantly. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities" (Psalm103:10). The grain is in the barns, and the fruits of the land have been gathered, it is only the goodness of the Lord which He has bestowed upon us. I do not say this only with an eye to the ingathering of fruits of the field but also with an eye upon each of us and our families. Surely, the goodness of the Lord is great, and if we may have an impression of our sins and iniquities, then the Lord's goodness will become very great for us because for those who may bow before God to the depths of hell, His goodness reaches to the highest heights. This holds true for deliverance from sickness when He gives us health and life; this also holds true for our nation in general. The Lord has bestowed His benefits upon us, and it behooves us to honor Him with thanksgiving. The Lord still gives us time to seek Him. This Thanksgiving Day could be the last which we celebrate together. Ah, let God's Word penetrate deeply. Break up your fallow ground. May we hasten for our lives' sake. When death overtakes us, the world will fall away, and all things of this time state, to which we attach so much importance and are so busy with, will leave us, and then we must appear before God. And then-what will be our portion? May the Lord sanctify His Word to our heart.

~Rev. G.H. Kersten

"And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn; and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down." Ruth 3:7

"Seest thou this woman? (Luke 7:44). These words were spoken by the Lord Jesus when a broken and humbled woman found a place at His feet – at the feet of the Mediator. There such a sinner heard that the heart of the Savior was open for all her desires and needs. Who does not think of this meeting when we, in our thoughts, follow Ruth?

Through the darkness of the night, she came upon the threshing floor of Boaz. As was the custom, when Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry in the midst of his servants, he and all his servants found a place to lie down and rest. There was one who had observed all that had taken place. Her eyes followed Boaz for

whom her heart was longing. Ever so softly she came, carefully uncovering his feet. Then she lay down at his feet, that being the lowest place, but for her it was already so wonderful just to be near Boaz.

"Seest thou this woman?" How deeply moved Ruth's heart would have been. She would have asked, "Lord, undertake for me." Who now does not think of the Greater Boaz? Every seeking soul hungers to come and have such a place at His feet, truly the lowest place, but a place where one may say, "I cannot miss Him anymore."

When does a lost, wretched sinner find Him? It is the time when he is given to see not only his guilt but also the holiness of the Lord. Such a one comes, led and guided by the Holy Spirit. He desires only one place, namely, the lowest place, and that is at Jesus' feet. Only one question lies awakened in his heart, "How may I become His and how can He become mine? My young people, what are the desires of your hearts? How blessed you would be if in your young heart you hungered for this Savior. ~Rev. J. den Hoed

NOTES

All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

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Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.

Psalm 100:4

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