

**March 13th, 2022**

## **Schedule of Events:**

**This Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service, No Classes  
2:30 PM Rev Witvoet

**Next Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service, Classes Following  
6:30 PM Reading Service

**Wednesday:** Bible Study 7:00 at Living Bread

**Friday:** Youth group event. Contact Jeff & Jolene Van Beek at  
712-470-4273 for details.

**House Visitation Schedule: 1st @ 6:30, 2nd @ 8:00**

**Monday, March 14th: 1st:** Tyler Johnson **2nd:** Jenny Johnson

-All the Lord willing-

## **Announcements:**

**Offerings: 1st offering:** General Fund

**2nd offering Today:** Living Bread

**2nd offering next week:** Disaster Relief

## **Remember in Prayer:**

- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)

## **Meditation:**

AN Athenian who was once traveling in Judea, said to a Jewish boy, "Here, my boy, is some money; bring us some figs and grapes." The boy went and purchased the fruit; and returning, gave half of it to the

stranger, and kept the other half for himself, greatly to the surprise of the Athenian.

"Is it usual in this country," said he, "for a messenger to keep half of what he fetches?"

"No sir," answered the boy; "but always say what we mean, and do as we are told."

"But," rejoined the stranger, "I did not tell you to keep half of the fruit."

"O! what else could you mean, sir?" replied the boy. "You said, 'Bring us some figs and grapes;' so of course you meant us both. Does not the word 'us' include the hearer as well as the speaker?"

This boy may have been quite right to take the man at his word, but it is evident the stranger did not mean what he said.

We can always be sure when God speaks, He means what He says, and it is for us to take Him at His word. He says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." [Isa. 1:18](#).

The first thing I should like to draw attention to is the word "now." The Lord wants no time wasted. He does not want us to put off till another time, as another time, or opportunity, may never come, so He wants us to attend to what He has to say right now.

The next thing is, "Let us reason together." Just think of this, God is asking us to reason along with Him. Are you willing to take Him at His word, like the Jewish boy did the Athenian? He took the word us to mean both of them, so it is here, God wants us to join in with Him on a wonderful subject—of how sins as scarlet can be removed, leaving the stained place as white as snow. How can this be done? God, it is, who alone is able to tell us such a thing. We cannot give an idea that would be suitable to God, so we must listen to what He has to say. He tells us, "IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKETH AN ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL." [Lev. 17:11](#)

That word atonement may be a big word for some of you, but it simply means, to cover, so it is blood that can remove the stain of sin, or cover it all up. Another scripture says, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His (God's) Son, cleanseth us from all sin." [1 John 1:7](#).

Are you willing to put yourself among the us in that verse? If so, you can join in that song, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood....to Him be glory and dominion Forever and ever." [Rev. 1:5, 6](#).

Dear Consistories,  
Since sending out a status note this past Tuesday, daily phone calls and emails are being received from our congregations (both consistory and individual members) regarding emergency relief work for Ukraine, always with the question of how they can help the Disaster Relief Committee in this regard. We therefore share with you that following the initial contribution of \$75,000 USD to Samaritan's Purse for emergency shelters in Poland, Romania and Moldova, and an emergency field hospital inside Ukraine, our Committee has made two additional contributions for the emergency relief work in and around Ukraine. First, we sent \$75,000 USD to Bijzondere Noden. You saw from their second letter last Friday that they dispatched truckloads of medical supplies, destined for inside Ukraine. Second, we awarded \$75,000 USD to World Relief. World Relief is operating at the western border of Ukraine in Romania and Slovakia. They are managing emergency shelters, providing food and drink, and registration processing support for the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian refugees fleeing from the fighting. The generosity on the part of our denomination is both encouraging and deeply appreciated. We hope to continue to provide aid for Ukraine as enabled. We again end with the plea from Ds. A. Margulis, echoed by Ds. A. Schot and Ds. F. Mulder, that we remember the people and churches in Ukraine in prayer, and to pray for peace. On behalf of the NRC Disaster Relief Committee,

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*All who would like to stand for the 3<sup>rd</sup> song are welcome to.*

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*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:  
Make known his deeds among the people.  
Psalm 105:1*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.