

Nov 20th, 2022

Schedule of Events:

This Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service, Catechism Classes
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service
Youth sing-a-long in RV after evening service

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

Monday the 21st: Congregational meeting starting at 7:00 PM
Duo for a minister: Rev. H. de Leeuw & Rev. G.J Baan
Duo for Elder: Mr. Derek Kattenberg & Mr. Craig Timmer

Wednesday the 23rd Rev Slingerland will preach a Thanksgiving message starting at 6:30 PM

-All the Lord willing-

Announcements:

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund
2nd offering Today: Emeritus

2nd offering next week: Prison Diary

Remember in Prayer:

- Clarence Zomer is still in the hospital and in poor condition. (And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Joel 2:13)
- 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)

House Visitation:

Dear Congregation,

As we come to the time of the year that we, as a consistory, go from home to home. It is our desire to come with God's Word and instruction. As you know, we came last year with Eph 5:20-6:4 and spoke of the responsibility of husband, wife, and children.

This year we would like to come with Heb 13. It goes about our responsibility to God in vs 15 &16. Our responsibility to the Church in vs 17a. And also the responsibility of church leaders in vs 17b.

It's our prayer that vs 18-21 will be applied and lived out in our congregation. We hope that God's Word will work greatly in our congregation, to the glory of His Name, and to the salvation of his people. Pray for this always.

With love for your never-dying soul,
Your Consistory

1st = 6:30 PM, 2nd = 8:00 PM If changes are needed please contact us as soon as possible.

Dec 5th: 1st Joyce Van Voorts, 2nd Norm Jongetjes

Dec 12th: 1st Gus deWit, 2nd Harlan Van Beek

Dec 19th: Clarence Zomer

Meditation: Prayer

We are able to talk to God. He speaks verbally to us in His Word and nonverbally through His obvious providence. We commune with Him through prayer. Charles Hodge declared that "prayer is the converse of the soul with God." In and through prayer we express our reverence and adoration for God; we bare our souls in contrite confession before Him; we pour out the thanksgiving of grateful hearts; and we offer our petitions and supplications to Him.

In prayer, we experience God as personal and powerful. He can hear us and act in response. The Scripture teaches both the sovereign foreordination of God and the efficacy of prayer. The two are not inconsistent with one another, for God ordains the means as well as the ends for His divine purposes. Prayer is a means God uses to bring His sovereign will to pass.

Prayer is to be addressed to God alone, either to God as Triune or to the distinct persons of the Godhead. To pray to creatures is idolatry.

Proper prayer has several requisites. The first is that we approach God with sincerity. Empty and insincere phrases are a mockery to Him. Such prayer, far from being an exercise of godly religion, is an offense against God.

The second is that we approach God with reverence. In prayer, we must always remember to whom we are speaking. To address God in a cavalier, casual, or flippant manner, as we might speak with our earthly friends, is to treat Him with the contempt of familiarity. As people pay homage to a king by entering his presence with a posture of respect and obeisance, so we come before God in full recognition of His supreme majesty.

The third requisite, which follows from the previous ones, is that we approach God in humility. Not only must we remember who He is, but we must also remember who and what we are. We are His adopted children. We are also sinful creatures. He invites us to come boldly before Him, but never arrogantly.

God instructs us to be earnest and fervent in our requests. At the same time, we come in willful submission. To say "Thy will be done" is not an indication of a lack of faith. The faith we bring to prayer must include a trust that God is able to hear our prayers and that He is disposed to answer them. Yet when God says no to our requests, this faith also trusts in His wisdom. God's wisdom and benevolence must always and everywhere be assumed by those who entreat Him with petitions.

We pray in the name of Jesus because we do thereby acknowledge His office as Mediator. As our High Priest, Christ is our intercessor even as the Holy Spirit is our helper in prayer.

The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith devotional is excerpted from *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith* R. C. Sproul.

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

Consistory

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

Psalms 105:1

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