

September 30th, 2018

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all His ways;
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.”

Isaac Watts, 1719

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

arr. Held

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-14

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief, spreading His wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore'er we adore Him!

***Prayer of Invocation**

New City Catechism Question # 3

How many persons are there in God?

There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10
Pew Bible Page 1630

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever

hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

1 Corinthians 10:3-4

³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Children's Message

Prayer of Intercession

***Choruses of Preparation**

More Precious than Silver

Lord, You are more precious than silver;
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with You.

Praise the Name of Jesus

Praise the name of Jesus; Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my Rock; He's my Fortress; He's my deliverer, in Him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

**Parents of 3 year olds through Kindergarten may bring their children to Children's Bible Time
in the Blue Classroom for the duration of the service.

Sermon

Of Noble Birth

Leviticus 25:35-37
Pew Bible Page 196

Sermon Outline:

1. The motive of generosity

Outline Continued:

2. The objects of generosity

3. The expression of generosity

***Hymn of Response**

Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver

No. 434

Lord, Thou lov'st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand
blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.

Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,
that our life and all our living we may consecrate to Thee.

We are Thine, Thy mercy sought us, found us in the death's dreadful way,
to the fold in safety brought us, nevermore from Thee to stray.
Thine own life Thou freely gavest as an off'ring on the cross
for each sinner whom Thou savest from eternal shame and loss.

Blest by Thee with gifts and graces, may we heed Thy church's call;
gladly in all times and places give to Thee who givest all.
Thou hast brought us, and no longer can we claim to be our own;
ever free and ever stronger, we shall serve Thee, Lord, alone.

Savior, Thou hast freely given all the blessings we enjoy,
earthly store and bread of heaven, love and peace without alloy;
humbly now we bow before Thee, and our all to Thee resign;
for the kingdom, pow'r, and glory, are, O Lord, forever Thine.

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

***Postlude**

You Shall Go Out with Joy!

arr. Wagner

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Organ
Scripture Reading & Intercessory Prayer:

Sandy DeGroot
Nelson Schoon, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 9/30	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
MON 10/01	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
WED 10/03	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
FRI 10/05	6:00 PM	Stoltzfus Care Group
SUN 10/07	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service & The Lord's Supper



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

16 th	Phillip Terpstra	16 th	Sandy Schoon	20 th	Marge Hess
21 st	Yon Lindborg	21 st	Jim Martin	22 nd	Grayden Lash
26 th	Pierson Vanderstar	30 th	Aniah McAuley		
4 th	Rand & Mary Ann Pals' Anniversary				
8 th	Jimmy & Lidia Trujillo's Anniversary				
24 th	Lynn & Jessica Marshall's Anniversary				
30 th	Mike & Robbin Kern's Anniversary				

Announcements

☞ **Nomination for Officers:** During September, nominations will be taken for the office of elder and deacon. There are openings for each office. Bruce Hrivnak (elder) and Jerry DeGroot (deacon) must rotate off, as they are completing their second consecutive 3-year terms. Bob Elder (elder) must also be replaced as he moved out of the area. Nelson Schoon (elder) and Jason Lash and Jim Martin (deacons) are completing the end of their first terms and are eligible for reelection. If you wish to nominate someone, submit the name in writing to one of our elders.

☞ **\$5,000 Matching Gifts:** There are two families who have said they will match offerings above and beyond your tithe. The match will be a 2:1 gift resulting in a total of \$15,000 toward the General Fund when we receive \$5,000 in additional giving. If you desire to give above your normal monthly gift, please write "Matching Gift" in the memo of your check going toward this, or include a note with your cash gifts. If you have questions, please speak to one of the deacons.

☞ **Gospel Shaped Living:** This week the focus is *A Generous Church in a Stingy World*. Next week the focus is *A Truthful Church in a Confused World*. The last two weeks will focus on *A Joyful Church in a Suffering World* and then *How to be the Church in the World*.

☞ **Fall Lectures:** Dr. Robert Letham will be presenting the Fall Lectures at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer this year. The lectures will be held on November 7 and 8 on Mid-America's campus. Dr. Letham will be speaking on controversies at the Synod of Dordt and the Westminster Assembly. Dr. Letham is the Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at the Union School of Theology. The cost is free and further information, as well as registration details, can be found online at midamerica.edu.

☞ **Divine Hope Seminary's Annual Shooting Sports Fundraiser:** This annual fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 13 at 9 am Easter Time at the Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, MI. Cost is \$125 per person for shells, 14 stations, and lunch. For more details visit: divinehope.net.

Serving the Lord

	<i>9/30</i>	<i>10/07</i>	<i>10/14</i>
S.S. Nursery	B. Hrivnak	L. Marshall	L. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	L. Hrivnak, Grace V.	Brianna M., Mallory V.	J. Rogers, Sara M.
Greeters	Hale	Hrivnak	Lanenga
Bring Treats	O'Neal	Jessica and Brianna Marshall	Lauer
Server & Clean-Up	O'Neal	Hrivnak	Lauer
Children's Bible Time	M. Stoltzfus, Emily S.	No CBT	S. Schoon, Elyssa O.
	U.1, S.12 Jonah and the Big Fish	No CBT	U.2, S.5 The Lost Sheep
Audio	L. Marshall	Becky S. w/ J. Martin	L. Marshall
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak
Deacon of the Week	Stechly	Vanderstar	DeGroot

Offering

Last 4 weeks 09/02/18 – 09/23/18	Year to Date 01/01/18 – 09/23/18	
	Offering	Budget
\$18,152	\$116,487	\$127,117 (\$10,630)

Building Fund

Last 4 Weeks 09/02/18 – 09/23/18	Since Campaign Began 10/20/2013 – 09/23/18
\$0	\$535,500