

October 14th, 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.

“Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs, join to sing the glorious theme;
all the earth, and all in heaven, join to praise Emmanuel's name
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!”

Trinity Hymnal No. 259

Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy

arr. Berry

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-15

***Hymn of Praise**

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

No. 4

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank Him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

***Prayer of Invocation**

*** The Nicene Creed**

Hymnal page 846

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 3:16-19
Pew Bible Page 1460

Prayer of Confession

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking Your forgiveness. We seek Your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg Your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience Your grace, then act defeated. We rely on Your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

John 15:15

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends.

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

New City Catechism Question # 5

What else did God create?

God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Behold Our God

arr. Lopez

***Choruses of Preparation**

Behold Our God

Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered
Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
Who has felt the nails up - on His hand, bear - ing all the
ev' - ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
an - y of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave.
All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our
Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!
God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our
King. Noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him.

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Sermon

Rejoice? Really?

Philippians 4:4-15
Pew Bible Page 1830

Sermon Outline:

1. The source of joy
2. The discipline of joy
3. The contentment of joy

***Hymn of Response**

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?

No. 609

Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near with His cheer; never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
that God's Son for my own to my faith hath given?

God oft gives me days of gladness;
shall I grieve if He give seasons, too, of sadness?
God is good and tempers ever
all my will, and He will wholly leave me never.

Death cannot destroy forever;
from our fears, cares, and tears it will us deliver.
It will close life's mournful story,
make a way that we may enter heav'nly glory.

Lord, my Shepherd, take me to Thee.
Thou art mine; I was Thine, even ere I knew Thee.
I am Thine, for Thou has bought me;
lost I stood, but Thy blood free salvation brought me.

Thou art mine, I love and own Thee.
Light of joy, ne'er shall I from my heart dethrone Thee.
Savior, let me soon behold Thee
face to face; may Thy grace evermore enfold me!

***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**

We Will Glorify

arr. Hayes

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

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**Piano
Scripture Reading & Intercessory Prayer:**

Sandy DeGroot
Bruce Hrivnak, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 10/14	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
WED 10/17	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Schoon Care Group
THURS 10/18	6:00 PM	Funeral for Duane Stocker
	6:30 PM	Deacons' Meeting
	7:00 PM	Session & Deacons' Meeting
FRI 10/19	8:00 PM	Stoltzfus Care Group
SAT 10/20	1:30 PM	Welcome Rosemary Robbins Party
SUN 10/21	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Committee Meeting
	12:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting

Important Upcoming Events

SAT 010/27 All Church Bonfire

Announcements

☞ **Prayer Meeting Tonight:** Prayer meeting will be held tonight at 6 pm. Come spend an hour in prayer to our Lord. Childcare will be provided.

☞ **\$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 Joyful Church in a Suffering World*. The last week will focus on *How to be the Church in the World*.

☞ **Funeral Service for Duane Stocker:** A funeral service for Duane will be conducted on Thursday, October 18, at 6 pm at our church. A viewing from 5 - 6 pm will precede the service.

☞ **Bonfire:** Save the date of Saturday, October 27. The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee is planning an all-church bonfire.

☞ **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.

Serving the Lord

	<i>10/14</i>	<i>10/21</i>	<i>10/28</i>
S.S. Nursery	S. Lauer	L. Hrivnak	L. Martin
AM Nursery	J. Rogers, Sara M.	D. O'Neal, Cordie A.	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.
Greeters	Lanenga	Lindborg	DeGroot
Bring Treats	Lauer	LE Greene	Schoon
Server & Clean-Up	Lauer	LE Greene	Schoon
Children's Bible Time	S. Schoon, Elyssa O.	L. Hrivnak, Sophia S.	B. Schoon, A. Stechly
	U.2, S.5 The Lost Sheep	U.2, S.6 The Lost Coin	U.2, S.7 The Runaway Son
Audio	L. Marshall	Jackson G.	B. Armstrong W/ J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Hrivnak	Schoon	Stoltzfus
Deacon of the Week	DeGroot	DeGroot	Martin

Offering

Last 4 weeks 09/09/18 – 09/30/18	Year to Date 01/01/18 – 09/30/18	
	Offering	Budget
\$10,605	\$122,354	\$130,463 (\$11,454)

Building Fund

Last 4 Weeks 09/09/18 – 09/30/18	Since Campaign Began 10/20/2013 – 09/30/18
\$0	\$535,500