

November 4th, 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.

“Samuel named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far has the LORD helped us.’”

1 Samuel 7:12

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Bennett

Call to Worship

Psalm 134

***Hymn of Praise**

O Bless Our God with One Accord

No. 400

Tune: *Doxology; Old Hundredth*

O bless our God with one accord, ye faithful servants of the Lord,
who in His house do stand by night; and praise Him there with all your might.

Lift up your hands, in prayer draw nigh unto His sanctuary high;
bless ye, the Lord, kneel at His feet, and worship Him with reverence meet.

Jehovah bless thee from above, from Zion in His boundless love,
our God, who heav'n and earth did frame; blest be His great and holy name.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96

Pew Bible Page 934

New City Catechism Question # 8

What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

Call to Confession

Congregation on bold print

The good news is this: Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Let us therefore open ourselves to Christ's saving love as we humbly confess our sins, and in faith receive cleansing. (1 Timothy 1:15)

Prayer of Confession

Congregation on bold print

O gracious and loving God, Your commandments instruct us to have no other gods before You.

But we allow many other idols to take Your place.

We are called to worship You with single-minded devotion,

But we become distracted by the worries and cares of this world.

Lord, our hearts are willing but our flesh is weak. Have mercy on us.

By the power of Your Spirit, help us to experience complete forgiveness. Help us to have transformed hearts.

Help us to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, restore us, redeem us, and make us whole.

Hear us now, Lord, as we silently lift up our personal prayers of confession.

(Silent prayer concluded with solo: *Change My Heart O God.*)

Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

1 Peter 2:24

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

No. 695

By grace I am an heir of heaven: why doubt this, O my trembling heart?
If what the Scriptures promise clearly is true and firm in ev'ry part,
this also must be truth divine: by grace a crown of life is mine.

By grace alone shall I inherit that blissful home beyond the skies.
Works count for naught, the Lord incarnate has won for me the heav'nly prize.
Salvation by His death He wrought, His grace alone my pardon bought.

By grace! These precious words remember when sorely by your sins oppressed,
when Satan comes to vex your spirit, when troubled conscience sighs for rest;
what reason cannot comprehend, God does to you by grace extend.

By grace! Be this in death my comfort; despite my fears, 'tis well with me.
I know my sin in all its greatness, but also Him who sets me free.
My heart to naught but joy gives place since I am saved by grace, by grace.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Rouse

*Hymn of Preparation

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

No. 716



Sing to the Lord_ of__ har - vest, sing songs of love and praise: with
By Him the clouds drop_ fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring, the
Heap on His sa - cred_ al - tar the gifts His good - ness gave, the
To God the gra - cious_ Fa - ther, who made us "ver - y good," to



joy - ful hearts and__ voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise! By
hills leap up__ in__ glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing. He
gold - en sheaves_ of__ har - vest, the souls He died to save. Your
Christ, who, when__ we__ wan - dered, re - stored us with His blood, and



Him the roll - ing_ sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der__ move; sing
fill - eth with His__ full - ness, all things with large_ in - crease; He
hearts lay down be - fore Him when at His feet_ you_ fall, and
to the Ho - ly__ Spir - it, who doth up - on__ us__ pour His



to the Lord_ of__ har - vest a song of hap - py love.
crowns the year_ with__ good - ness, with plen - ty, and with peace.
with your lives_ a - dore Him who gave His life for all.
bles - sed dews_ and__ sun - shine, be praise for - ev - er - more.

Trinity Hymnal #716; *Wie Lieblich Ist Der Mainen*

**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 Outline:

1. The Meaning

2. The Manner

3. The Gracious Reward

***Hymn of Response**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.,
the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

***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**

For All the Saints

arr. Nielsen

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

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Piano

Soloist

Scripture Reading & Intercessory Prayer:

Sandy Schoon

Elyssa O'Neal

Bruce Hrivnak, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 11/04	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
		High School Youth Ministry/SS class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
MON 11/05	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
WED 11/07	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Schoon Care Group
THURS 11/08	6:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
	7:00 PM	Session & Deacons Joint Meeting
SAT 11/10	8:00 AM	GSPC Men's Study
SUN 11/11	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
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting – Missions Focus

Announcements

☞ **Guest Minister:** We welcome Rev. Nathan Brummel to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Brummel is the administrator and professor of theology at Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary.

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** Because Pastor Rick is gone for his one-week sabbatical leave, we will be celebrating The Lord's Supper next week Sunday morning.

☞ **Prayer for Missions:** Please join in MTW's 30 Days of Prayer for Global Missions. Prayer calendars available on the table in narthex.

☞ **Duane Stocker Internment Service:** This internment service is to take place at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Gary (Ridge Road) on Wednesday, November 7, at 2 pm. Cremation urn will be buried. Meet at the cemetery gate. If you desire to car pool, cars will be leaving our parking lot at 1:10 pm. See Bruce Hrivnak or Pastor Rick for more information.

☞ **Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner:** We will be having a carry-in lunch after the morning worship service on Sunday, November 18. We will enjoy fellowship and have an opportunity as a church family to thank God for His goodness. Families: please bring a main dish and a salad/side or dessert. Individuals: please bring a main dish, salad/side or dessert. Please do not bring soup or chili. This is a good time to invite your friends to the worship service and fellowship!

☞ **Ladies Bible Study:** The group will be studying the epistle of 1 John from this week through Dec. 12, taking the week off on Nov. 19. The group meets at two times on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 am and 11 am. At 11:00 am there is a shared prayer time with both groups. After the prayer time, the second Bible study begins, meeting in the large nursery to include young children.

☞ **\$5,000 Matching Gifts:** If you desire to give above your normal monthly gift, please write "Matching Gift" in the memo of your check going toward these two \$5,000 matching gifts or include a note with your cash gifts. If you have questions, please see one of the deacons.

☞ **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. The cost is free and further information, as well as registration details, can be found online at midamerica.edu.

Serving the Lord

	<i>11/04</i>	<i>11/11</i>	<i>11/18</i>
S.S. Nursery	S. Lauer	B. Schoon	L. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	V. Lash, Cordie A.	L. Hrivnak, Mallory V.	Y. Lindborg, Grace V.
Greeters	CL Yonker	Lauer	Stechly
Bring Treats	J. Rogers	LE Greene	Carry-In Meal
Server & Clean-Up	Lindborg	LE Greene	Carry-In Meal
Children's Bible Time	B. Stoltzfus, Emily S.	No CBT	S. Schoon, Sophia S.
	Holiday - Come, Gather, & Eat	No CBT	Holiday - Thanksgiving: Thank You
Audio	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Hrivnak	Schoon	Stoltzfus
Deacon of the Week	Stechly	DeGroot	Vanderstar

Offering

Last 4 weeks 10/07/18 – 10/28/18	Year to Date 01/01/18 – 10/28/18	
	Offering	Budget
\$19,511	\$139,293	\$143,843 (\$4,550)

Building Fund

Last 4 Weeks 10/07/18 – 10/28/18	Since Campaign Began 10/20/2013 – 10/28/18
\$0	\$535,500