

September 22nd, 2019

*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.

“Sovereign Lord, You made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.”
Acts 4:24

This Is My Father's World

arr. Kauflin

Call to Worship

Psalm 133:1-3

***Hymn of Praise**

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

No. 353

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God: her walls before Thee stand,
dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascent;
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, Thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:11-15

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Prayer of Confession

O God our Father, even though we are allowed to approach You, we are still mindful of our sins. We do not deny our guilt. We confess our unfaithfulness, and earnestly plead for Your forgiveness. Help us to place ourselves always under Your guiding care. Help us to take firmer hold of the sure covenant that binds us to You and to feel more and more the purifying and softening influence of Your relationship with us. Cause us to have more compassion, love, pity, courtesy, and to consider it an honor to be employed by You as instruments in Your hands, ready to seize every opportunity of usefulness, and willing to offer all our talents to Your service. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Hebrews 10:19-22

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

New City Catechism Question # 1

What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Intercession**Tithes and Offering***Let All Things Now Living*

arr. Hobby

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

*Chorus of Preparation

O Church Arise



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - die, that we may run with faith to



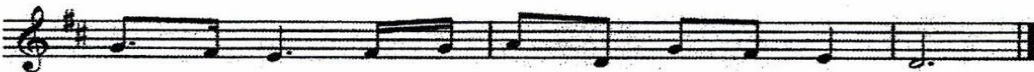
they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven.
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or.
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a -
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tie
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

Outline:

1. Slavery

- a. Who wrote, “Everybody’s got a hungry heart?”

- b. One of the central truths of Christianity is that we were all created to _____.

- c. Serving Christ _____ us from all other _____ masters.

2. Partnership

- a. In the Gospel . . .
 - i. What does this mean?

- b. In God’s grace . . .
 - i. Grace is:

 - ii. Mercy is:

 - iii. How can I love my church family better?

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but His smile quickly drives it away;
not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
can abide while we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove, the delights of His love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way;
what He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

***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**

Postlude on "Old Hundredth"

arr. Bock

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

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Organ / Piano

Sandy Schoon

Scripture

Melissa Stoltzfus

New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg, Elder

Serving the Lord

	9/22	9/29	10/06
AM Nursery	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.	L. Hrivnak, Krystal T.	V. Lash, Grayden L.
Greeters	C.L. Yonker	J. Rogers	Lauer
Treats	Lindborg	Lash	Hrivnak
Serve/Cleanup	Lindborg	Lash	Hrivnak
Audio	J. Martin	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Schoon	Hrivnak

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 9/22	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
WED 9/25	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
THURS 9/26	11:30 AM	Brunch at Viking Chili Bowl
FRI 9/27	4:00 PM	Session Meeting
SUN 9/29	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Announcements

☞ **Presbytery Examination:** Andrew Gretzinger was examined by our presbytery this weekend and his call as our new pastor was approved! Praise the Lord for this good conclusion to our pastor search process as we welcome the Gretzingers into our church family.

☞ **Installations Service of our Pastor on Sunday, October 13 at 4 pm:** We will be hosting a commission of Presbytery who will install teaching elder Andrew Gretzinger as our pastor in a special installation service. It will include a sermon, a charge to the pastor, and a charge to the congregation. Pastor Walter Lorenz will preside. Afterward we will have refreshments for members and guests. Please plan on joining us in praising God and celebrating this joyous occasion. You are welcome to invite friends.

☞ **Update on Gretzingers:** The Gretzinger family will be in temporary housing here in Valparaiso for the next 2.5 weeks as they await the closing on the purchase of a house in Valparaiso (2607 Shannon Drive). Andrew will begin his pastoral duties this week and the children will begin in the Valparaiso school system tomorrow.

☞ **Brunch Fellowship:** Meet for brunch on Thursday, September 26, at 11:30 am at the Viking Chili Bowl (105 E Morthland Drive, Valparaiso). Everyone welcome!

☞ **Apple Cider Activity:** The Stoltzfus Care Group is planning an all-church event for either Saturday, October 26 or Saturday, November 2. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table so please indicate which date is better for your family. Jason and Valerie Lash can borrow their families' cider press and we would purchase apples from a local orchard to make fresh apple cider. With 18 bushels of apples we could make 54 gallons of cider! That is enough for everyone involved to take home several gallons of cider! This would be an "all afternoon" activity with plenty of jobs to do for a variety of abilities. More details to follow.

☞ **Nomination for Officers:** During September, nominations will be taken for the offices of elder and deacon. There will be two openings for each office. Elections will be held in April. Bruce Stoltzfus will rotate off as he will have completed his second consecutive 3-year term. Bruce Hrivnak is eligible for election. Matt Stechly will complete his first 3-year term and is eligible for re-election. Please prayerfully consider nominating men who you think would serve well in these offices. See 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 for qualifications. If you wish to nominate someone, submit the name in writing to one of our elders.

☞ **Special Gift for RUF:** Reformed University Fellowship is celebrating their tenth anniversary of ministry at Purdue on October 11. Yon and Alice Lindborg would like to show support for Curtis McDaniel's ministry by contributing a special financial gift. If there is anyone who would like to do the same, please designate your gift and give it to the Deacons. This gift will be presented to Curtis, from GSPC, at the anniversary celebration on October 11.

☞ **Care Groups:** Care Groups will start again in early October. These are times when we get together in small groups for fellowship, study & discussion, prayer, and perhaps service. There are four such groups, meeting at different times and locations, either once or twice per month, and most include a meal together. Everyone is strongly encouraged to join one of these, whether you are a member or a regular attender. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex, with last year's participants listed. If you wish to join or change groups, or if you wish to remain in the same group, please indicate this. If you have been in the same group for several years, you might find this to be a good time to get to know other people in the church by changing groups. Please see one of the elders with questions.

☞ **Divine Hope's Annual Shooting Sports Fundraiser:** Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary's fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 at the Deer Creek Hunt Club in Three Oaks, MI. Registration begins at 8:30 am eastern time with a 9:30 am eastern time start. Cost is \$125 per person per shells, 14 stations, and lunch. For more details, visit Divinehope.net.