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### Bulletin Announcements

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### Reformed Witness Hour Radio Broadcast

Sunday, 8 a.m. - 102.9 FM (WFUR)

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### Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; I believe an holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



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Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

A recording of the service may be obtained by calling Aaron Lehrman at (616) 365-2137 or you can visit [www.sermonaudio.com/firstprc](http://www.sermonaudio.com/firstprc) and listen to our archive of sermons.

To listen to the service live, call (616) 942-9955.

The Lord's Day • Sunday, March 7, 2010

Morning Worship Service  
Rev. Slopsema

Evening Worship Service  
Rev. J. Laning

Prelude  
Call to Prayer / Silent Prayer  
\*Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
\*Votum and Salutation  
\*Psalter # 400  
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17  
\*Psalter # 2  
Prayer  
Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund  
\*Psalter # 184  
Scripture: Matt 21:1-9  
Sermon: "The King Coming in Meekness"  
1. A Fulfillment of Prophecy  
2. A Joyful Reception  
3. A Significant Sign  
Prayer  
\*Psalter # 318  
\*Doxology  
Blest be the Lord, our fathers' God,  
Eternal King of Kings,  
Who only is omnipotent,  
Performing wondrous things.  
Blest be His great and glorious Name  
For evermore, Amen,  
And let His glory fill the earth  
From shore to shore. Amen.  
\*Benediction  
Postlude  
\* Congregation Standing

Prelude  
Call to Prayer / Silent Prayer  
\*Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
\*Votum and Salutation  
\*Psalter # 323  
\*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin.)  
\*Psalter # 371  
Prayer  
Offertory: Adams Christian, Biblical  
Counseling Center  
\*Psalter # 392  
Scripture: Hebrews 12:12  
Sermon: "Lifting up the Hands that Hang  
Down"  
1. The Need  
2. The Calling  
3.  
Prayer  
\*Psalter # 73  
\*Doxology  
May the grace of Christ the Savior,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor  
Rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess in sweet communion  
Joys which earth cannot afford.  
\*Benediction  
Postlude

Volunteer Schedule

Nursery this week

AM: Kristi Thompson, Stephanie Vink, Renae Wilson, Debbi Young

PM: Grace Seif, Sarah Windemuller, Rebecca Bol, Dawn Furrow

Prayer Day: Crista Phelps, Dana VanPutten, Christine Lehrman, Kayla Corson

Next Sunday

AM: Jackie DeVries, Kris Meyer, Jill Hop, Allisyn Dykstra

PM: Shelly VanderKolk, MaryAnn Key, Hannah Monsma, Rachel Corson

Greeters:

Prayer Day

Next Week

AM: Tom & Amy Flikkema Rog & Kris Meyer

AM: Tim & Kristi Thompson

PM: Agatha Lubbers, Joyce VanEenenaam

PM: Phillip & Kristin Kleyn

Library this week: Grace Seif

Next week: Lori Pastoor

Ushers: AM- Jordan Whiteley, Brian VanderKolk

PM- Dan Pastoor, Gary Slopsema

Transportation for March: Holland Home-Bob Pastoor, Kay Ezinga-Ron Seif, Mark Voortman-Dwight Quenga

Our Church Family

Jim Koning was released from the hospital this past Tuesday. Further tests verify the need for surgery to repair a valve in his heart. This surgery is planned for sometime in April. Let's continue to remember this brother in his affliction.

Marcia Pastoor was hospitalized this past Wednesday to regulate her blood pressure. She was able to return home Friday. Let's remember these members in our prayers.

Henry Westra was informed by the doctor that he will need another surgery to help the wound of his first surgery to heal. Surgery is scheduled for Tuesday.

First Church News

Coffee is served downstairs after this morning's service.

There are still spots available for all ladies interested in joining us for the taste-a-lot on March 20. Please sign up on the table downstairs. **ALL** recipe cards for the dish you will bring must be given to Cathy H., Melinda K., Ericka P., or Stephanie V. **By Today**.

Rev. J. Laning and our pastor will have a pulpit exchange this evening due to their involvement in Classis West this past week. We welcome Rev. Laning to our worship.

Catechism assignments for this week are:

- o Wednesday – Lesson 21
- o Belgic Confession – Articles 30&31
- o Heidelberg Catechism – Lord's Day 44
- o Essentials – Proof texts of Lesson 27

The Junior Adult Bible Study will meet Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 PM. Discussion will begin at Matthew 5:43 and study material is available in the narthex. Servers are Ericka Pastoor and Christine Lehrman. Nursery is provided.

Women's Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, March 10. Coffee is available at 9:45 AM;

discussion starts at 10:00. We will discuss chapter 10, "Praying with a Good Conscience," starting with question 1 of the study guide. Extra study guides are available in the narthex. Kristin Kleyn has refreshments.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Our annual Prayer Day service is Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. Prof. Engelsma will lead the service. He will preach Proverbs 11:24-26, "The Scattering that Increases". The offering is for the RFPA.

Reformed Doctrines Class will not meet this week because of Prayer Day. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 24. At this time the topic will be "The Holy Spirit as the Comforter," in particular as regards assurance of salvation.

The Consistory is scheduled to meet Thursday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. The Council is scheduled to meet Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday evening offering: Eastside Christian, Building Maintenance Fund

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#### Announcements

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Church News: Holland PRC call Rev. J. Laning. Bethel PRC called Rev. M. VanderWal.

Psalm Choir practice is today at 2:15pm at Grandville PRC.

Classis West approved the request of the Heritage Protestant Reformed Fellowship of Sioux Falls, SD to be organized into a church. Classis also approved the emeritation request of Rev. R. Miersma. Two appeals and a request from a consistory were treated in closed session.

The PRC Women's Retreat "Women Walking in Fellowship" will be held this Friday, March 12 7pm-9:30 pm and Saturday, March 13 9 am-2:45 pm at First CRC of Byron Center, 2450 85th St, Byron Center MI. Those planning to come should remember to bring their Bibles and Psalters. If you have any questions regarding registration call Rachel Sleda @ 616-406--686.

The "Crisis of Caring" book is going to be at the Women's Retreat. The RBO has secured 30 copies that will arrive in time for sale at the retreat. E-mail [rbo@bookbox.org](mailto:rbo@bookbox.org) to reserve your copy.

Young People: Please plan to attend the Easter Young People's Mass Meeting for a time of praise and fellowship. It will be held on March 28 at Southeast PRC in Grand Rapids at 2:00 p.m. with refreshments following.

**Taste of Covenant II:** Mark your calendars now! Taste of Covenant II, annual dinner sponsored by the Covenant Christian High School Foundation, will be held on Thursday, April 29 at Georgetown PR Church. Look for the flyer in your next monthly newsletter for more details. Contact Cathy Postmus at 616-634-1328 or [cathy@vibtest.com](mailto:cathy@vibtest.com) to make your reservation. Donations are greatly appreciated to defray expenses.

Southwest Young People's Society will be hosting the 2010 Softball tournament on Saturday, May 29, at Whistlestop Park in Byron Center. Teams interested in playing in our tournament should contact Doug or Melissa Looyenga at [mel815@att.net](mailto:mel815@att.net) or 530-2933. The cost is \$275 per team. We will be accepting both men's and women's teams. The registration deadline is May 8. Space is limited so reserve your spot now. Fun activities for the children are being planned in the

afternoon!

SAVE THE DATE: Plan now to attend the DMC-sponsored Mission Awareness Day on Saturday, June 12 at Georgetown Protestant Reformed Church. A variety of interesting sectionals will highlight the current state of Protestant Reformed mission efforts around the world. More details will follow.

*Attention young people: the 2010 convention sponsored by Hudsonville PRC will be held at Springhill Camp in Ewart, MI. Convention details and registration forms are now available on the convention website (<http://www.prcconvention.com>).*

The Perspectives in Covenant Education has a new business manager. Please send all correspondence and payments to 1745 Westwood Ct, Jenison, MI 49428.

*2010 Reformation Day Lecture.* The public, Reformation Day lecture on “The Federal Vision, an Unconditional Covenant, and the Gospel of Grace,” scheduled for Friday, October 29, 2010, will build on, and go beyond, the lecture dealing with the federal vision that the Evangelism Committee of SWPRC sponsored in 2006. (Since that lecture, four years ago, no public lecture in W. Michigan has addressed the continuing and spreading heresy of the federal vision.) That lecture concentrated on the federal vision’s denial of justification by faith alone. This lecture will carefully examine the very root of the heresy—the doctrine of a conditional covenant—and both explain and defend the doctrine of an unconditional covenant as the only covenant doctrine that safeguards, confesses, and develops the gospel of grace restored to the church by the Reformation and defended by Dordt. An extended period for questions will follow the speech. The speaker will be Prof. David J. Engelsma. The place will be the First Christian Reformed Church in Byron Center, MI. Reserve the date; make plans to attend; spread the word; and pray for God’s blessing on this work of evangelism on behalf of the Reformed faith.

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#### School News

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Hope Chr. School Board will meet next week Wednesday, March 17, at 7:30 PM, due to Prayer Day Services.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF CCHS is again sponsoring a Blood Drive. This year's drive is a month earlier than previous years, being held on March 23. If you would like to donate, call Jennifer Knott at Covenant Chr. High, 453-5048, by March 15.

Eastside Christian Promoters invites you to a "Deluxe Breakfast Dinner" on Saturday, March 27 from 5-7p.m.at First PRC. Menu includes Egg Casseroles, our Signature Pancakes and a Fruit Smoothie station. There will be a "Kiddie Corral" and Activity Table, so bring the whole family and help support our school!

The Adams Area Preschool is now accepting enrollees for the 2010-2011 school year. Children must be 4 years of age by October 1, 2010. We are also in need of donations to help offset the cost of tuition for our parents. Please contact Betty Peterson at 791-9042 by March 31. Thank you for your consideration.