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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 email him at lehrmana@yahoo.com or visit www.sermonaudio.com/firstpr and listen to our archive of sermons.

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

The Lord's Day • Sunday, September 5, 2010

Morning Worship Service

Evening Worship Service

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 # 251
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17
*Psalter # 62
Prayer
Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund
*Psalter # 144
Scripture: Lord's Day 41 Lev 18
Sermon: "Sexual Defilement"
1. What It Is
2. How We Are Warned
3. How We Are Encouraged
Prayer
*Psalter # 360
*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 # 317
*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin.)
*Psalter # 265
Prayer
Offertory: Covenant Christian, Building
Maintenance Fund
*Psalter # 247
Scripture: Matt 24: 6-8
Sermon: "The Beginning of Sorrows"
1. A Sure Prophecy
2. A Glorious Purpose
3. A Needed Exhortation
Prayer
*Psalter # 221
*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. Amen
*Benediction
Postlude

Volunteer Schedule

Nursery this week

AM: Mary Baldwin, Nancy Talsma, Crista Phelps, Noah Windemuller
PM: Kristi Thompson, Shelly VanderKolk, Cathy Hayes, Ericka Pastoor

Next Sunday

AM: Lori Pastoor, Kristin Kleyn, Bethany Whitely, Lorenette Herring
PM: Joan Slopsema, Linda Young, Jill Hop, Josie Vanderkolk

Greeters

AM: Rog & Kris Meyer
PM: Phillip & Kristin Kleyn

Next Week

AM: Dave & MaryAnne Flier
PM: Brian & Shelly VanderKolk

Library this week: Kim Kuiper

Next week: Cheryl Corson

Ushers: AM- Aaron Lehrman, Dan Pastoor

PM - Brian VanderKolk, Jordan Whiteley

Transportation for September: Holland Home-Agatha Lubbers, Kay Ezinga-Ron Seif, Mark Voortman-Roger Meyer

Our Church Family

Al Offringa is scheduled for surgery on vertebrae in his neck this Tuesday to improve his balance and numbness in his legs. We commend him to God's gracious care.

Steven C. Ophoff appeared before the Consistory this past week to make confession of his faith in Christ. If the congregation has no legal objections, he will make public confession of faith during the evening worship service on September 19.

The Consistory has received and approved the membership transfer of Randy Kuiper from Hope PRC of Walker, MI. We joyfully welcome Randy into our congregation.

First Church News

Coffee is served downstairs after this morning's service.

Jr. Adults: First Church is hosting the annual mass meeting this year, which will take place on Tuesday, September 21 at 8:00 pm. Please sign up to provide a refreshment; signup sheet is on the downstairs table.

Classis East will meet, D.V., this Wednesday at 8:00 AM in the Byron Center PRC. The agenda for Classis includes only routine business. Our pastor and elder Ophoff have been appointed to attend.

The Council is scheduled to meet Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Catechism will begin Monday, Sept 13 according to the following schedule and with the following assignments: Monday: 7PM Heidelberg Catechism (Grades 8&9) Lord's Day 1; 7 PM Essentials (Grades 10&11) memory work of Lesson 1; 8PM Canons of Dordt (Grades 12&up) no assignment. Wednesday: 4:00-4:30 Beginners (Grades K-3) OT Stories for Beginners Bk I Lesson 1(older simpler edition); 4:30-5:15 Juniors (Grades 4&5) OT History for Juniors and workbook, Lesson 1; 4:00-4:45 Seniors (Grades 6&7) OT History for Seniors and workbook, Lesson 1. Notice time changes from last year. Kindergartner's attendance is optional. All Catechism materials are available in the downstairs foyer after the services today and next Sunday.

NOTICE: The 2010 edition of our denomination's Church Order book is now available. To order a copy, please contact Bob Faber no later than Sunday, September 19.

Next Sunday evening offering: Eastside Christian, Domestic Missions

Reformed Doctrines Class, taught by Prof. David Engelsma, will meet again on Sept. 22 at 7:45 PM in the fellowship hall of Faith Protestant Reformed Church in Jenison. Thereafter it will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The subject of the first class is "The Holy Spirit and the Charismatic Movement," concluding our study of the doctrine of "The Holy Spirit." We plan to decide on a new general topic. All who are interested in reviewing Reformed, Biblical doctrine are invited to attend.

Announcements

Rev. DeVries' new E-mail address is: revmjdevries@gmail.com.

Church News: Candidate D. Holstege received the call from the Holland, MI PRC. Rev. C. Haak received the call from the Wingham, ON PRC.

Hope Heralds will not meet this morning. We will practice next week at Grandville PRC at 11:25 in preparation for our concert that night at First Jenison CRC.

Plan now to attend a Breakfast on Labor Day, Sept. 6, from 8 to 10:30 AM hosted at Hope School by Grace PRC young peoples. Proceeds are for the 2011 convention.

The Hope Heralds concert is at First Jenison CRC on Cottonwood at 8 PM on Sunday, September 12.

The Monday night Bible class in Hope Church (led by Prof. Dykstra) will begin on September 13. The meeting time will be 7:30 PM (note the change). At the first meeting, Prof. Dykstra will give a presentation on the visit to the Reformed churches in South Africa and Namibia. After that, we will return to our study of James, beginning at James 2.

Seminary Convocation will be held on September 15, at 7:30 p.m., in Southwest PRC. Prof. Barrett Gritters will speak on the topic "The Minister as Physician." The seminary will be open after the Convocation, to allow everyone to see the newly renovated classrooms.

The League of Protestant Reformed Adult Bible Societies' Mass Meeting/Lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 at 8pm at First Protestant Reformed Church, Grand Rapids. Seminarian Brian Huizinga will speak on "Manna - The Wilderness Food". Plan now to attend this timely lecture to begin our society season.

The Reformed Free Publishing Association was begun by men who took seriously their calling and privilege to "witness to the truth contained in the Word of God, and expressed in the Three Forms of Unity" (RFPA constitution). How seriously do you take this duty today? The RFPA annual Association meeting is an opportunity for you to get involved in this work by learning more about the RFPA and giving your time for this worthy cause. The meeting will be held on September 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Hope Protestant Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Come and listen to a key address of a topic pertinent to the work of the RFPA with reports of the Association officers following. All are welcome and encouraged to attend: current members, interested persons, faithful supporters, and readers.

Fall Lecture by Prof. Hanko hosted by Byron Center PRC Evangelism Committee will be held October 14, at 7:30 PM. Bring your friends and family. More details to follow.

School News

Covenant Christian High School will begin the 2010-2011 school year on Tuesday, September 7 at 8:10 AM. The Students, Board, Faculty and Staff covet your prayers as we begin another year of covenant education.

Hope Christian School will begin its 2010-11 school year on Tuesday, September 7, at 8:15 AM.

Adams Christian School will begin the new school year on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 8:30 AM with a full day of classes.

The Hope Christian School Board will meet this Wednesday, September 8, at 7:30 PM.

Adams Christian's Mothers Club meets Thursday, September 9 at 8:00 PM.

Plan now to attend Heritage Christian School's Fall Kid's Clothing and Toy Sale on Saturday, September 18th from 9:00 AM until Noon. Items for sale include gently used kid's clothing, toys, sporting goods, winter wear, baby items and much more. Hope to see you there!

Heritage Christian School Fundraisers will be hosting their annual Fall Supper on Friday, September 24 from 5:00 -7:00 PM. A delicious menu of grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and ice cream will be available. The proceeds from this event are used to provide our school with many necessary items. Your support is appreciated!

The NWIPR School in Doon, IA, is seeking an administrator/grade 6-8 teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Any individual with an administrator's license or anyone interested in pursuing the same is urged to contact Brent Meyer at bameyer@c-i-service.com / 712-439-1982 -or- Joel Van Egdom at joel.vanegdom@gmail.com / 712-726-3065.

College students, in the busyness of the new school year, it is important that you make time to read good, edifying, Reformed literature. Did you know that you are eligible for a FREE *Standard Bearer* subscription sent to you while you are in college? This offer applies to those who live on campus or at home. It's simple to sign up! Just call the RFPA office at 616.457.5970 or email Paula at paula@rfpa.org.

Heritage Christian School is looking for two afternoon bus drivers for two of our bus routes. Hours would be from approximately 2:10 until 3:50 PM. Interested persons please contact DaVonna Holstege (Transportation Supervisor) at 896-8781 or Dave Schimmel (Transportation Committee Chairman) at 669-5251.

Heritage Christian School Fundraisers is hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for all students in grades 3-9 to be held at CCHS on Saturday, October 16. Teams of 4 players can register for \$60 per team. Forms are available at the school office. Call Charlynn Kamps if you have any questions (669-7219).