

Food for Thought:

Worship: "Ascribe ye greatness unto our God" (Deut. 32:3)...by worshiping Him properly. By this we do not mean that costly buildings must be erected, or that they need to be richly furnished and an elaborate and imposing ritual instituted. No, that were to ascribe littleness to God, as though He could be attracted by outward show, and pleased with the baubles which amuse children. "The most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands" (Acts 7:48) .. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24): that is, from the heart, in sincerity: it is the homage of the soul which He requires. "For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 96:4): but the very fact He is so high above us, requires that we take our place in the dust at His feet. "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker" (Psalm 95:6). Let us in deep humility, yet in fervent gratitude, adore Him and return thanks for all His manifold mercies. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him" (Psalm 89:7)." ~ A. Pink

"Take a look at your own heart, and you will soon find out what has stuck to it and where your treasure is. It is easy to determine whether hearing the Word of God, living according to it, and achieving such a life gives you as much enjoyment and calls forth as much diligence from you as does accumulating and saving money and property." ~ Martin Luther

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This is the Lord's Day, May 20, 2012

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7

Morning Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Scripture: John 14:1-21
Text: Lord's Day 46; John 14:13
Psalms: 174, 75, 72, 310, 196

"The Requisites of Acceptable Prayer"

- I. Heartfelt Submission
- II. Deep Humility
- III. Childlike Faith

Collections: General/Emeritus

Next Week: General/Seminary Student Asst.

Afternoon Worship Service – 3:00 PM

Scripture: II Peter 1:1-21
Text: II Peter 1:1-11
Psalms: 376, 241, 112, 428, 197

"The Believers Spiritual Growth"

- I. The Divine Source
- II. The Human Striving
- III. The Gracious Assurance

Emmanuel PR School Soc./Foreign Student Fund

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We welcome all who worship with us today and pray that God will bless us by His Word and Spirit. If you would like more information regarding our church, please contact our pastor, Rev. John Marcus, or one of our elders. If you would like CD's of today services, please place a completed request slip in the pamphlet rack slot. Our worship services are streamed live over the internet and past sermons can also be downloaded from our website www.EdmontonPRC.org.

Visitors are invited to join us for coffee and Christian fellowship following the afternoon service in the basement of the church.

Listen to the current or archived broadcasts of the **Reformed Witness Hour** on the web at <http://www.reformedwitnesshour.org/> . Today's message by Rev. C. Haak is "*Come Let Us Build*" based on Nehemiah 2:11-20.

Ushers: Dan van den Berg

Next Week: Ed Huizing

Nursery: (AM) A. Tolsma, S. Tolsma, Kristi

(PM) P. Huizing, L. Ferguson, Alyssa

Next Week: (AM) N. Tolsma, R. Ferguson, Laura

(PM) K. DeVries, H. Tolsma, Kayla

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands, Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before His presence with singing." May the Lord bless and strengthen us in the preaching of His Word.

Family visitations will begin this week, Lord willing, with the theme: "The Believer's Spiritual Growth" based on II Peter 1:5ff. A schedule for family visitations can be found in the back of the church. If the date set for you or your family does not work, please see the clerk to arrange any changes.

Tuesday – May 22

9:00 AM H. Nieuwenkamp

10:00 AM U. Tolsma

11:00 AM T. van den Boogaard

Thursday – May 24

7:00 PM J. Molenkamp

8:15 PM T. Wierenga

We rejoice with Jon and Rachel Huizing in the birth of Lucas Jonathan on Friday, May 18. Mother and child are at home and doing well. Psalm 128:3: "*Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.*"

The April 15th issue of The Standard Bearer and the May issue of the Beacon Lights are available from the back of the church. A newsletter from the Randolph Association for Protestant Reformed Secondary Education and the May 15th newsletter from Covenant PRC in Ballymena can be found in the back of the church.

CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY: The adults and young people are invited to play volleyball from **7:30-9:30 PM** at **Westminster Junior High School**, 13712 - 104 Avenue. This is the last volleyball evening.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Covenant Ladies Circle's next meeting will be held, Monday, May 28 at 7:30 PM at the home of Tracy van den Berg. All the ladies of the congregation are welcome.

Advance Notice: Please reserve Saturday, June 2 for the annual Ladies Circle Ice-Cream Social, from 1-3:30pm. Please see Rosanna or Tracey for more information or to volunteer your time. Any items you wish to donate to the Ladies Circle Garage Sale should also be brought to church that Saturday.

Advance Notice for Garage Sale: The Covenant Ladies Circle is once again planning a garage sale for June 6-8 so save all your saleable items for this event. Please contact Pat Huizing if you have any questions or require more information.

Convention 2012: We are in need of more **Male** chaperones for this year's convention. The date for the convention is August 13 - 17, 2012. Applications can be found at www.prconvention.com, or contact Dan DeVries at 616-735-4817.

Young People: We are looking for volunteers to do special numbers at the 2012 Young People's Convention. Please call Jon or Cheri Rutgers at 616-669-0708 or email to jon253@sbcglobal.net. We appreciate your help. We have extended the deadline to **Tuesday, May 22** to register for this year's convention without paying a late fee! Looking forward to seeing you in August.

Plan now to attend the 2nd Protestant Reformed Senior's Retreat scheduled for September 18-21 in Sioux Falls, SD! The registration forms will be available in a few weeks and will be sent to the churches and available online at our website. The registration fee of around \$195 per person will cover the expenses apart from the lodging. Optional day bus trips and activities will be available. You must make your own lodging reservations with the Holiday Inn by contacting them 605-339-2000 and requesting the Heritage Protestant Reformed rate of \$89 per night or by using the link from our website. Check out www.reformedsiouxfalls.org under "upcoming events" for the schedule of daily events and the hotel reservation link. We look forward to seeing you!

The Loveland Protestant Reformed Christian School invites all interested in joining them June 22, 2012, for a celebration of 50 years of education as well as a dedication of the new church and high school addition. Please RSVP by May 26 to Jordan Kamps at jnckamps@yahoo.com or 970-776-8151 if you will be able to attend.

What do you know about the **Reformed Witness Hour**? Are you a **regular listener** of the program? Did you know you can listen to the messages 24/7 through our website, at reformedwitnesshour.org? Do you **support** this important cause of spreading the gospel in the U.S. and throughout the world? We **thank you** for the generous offerings taken in the churches and **encourage you** to remember us in our current (deficit) needs. Did you know that you can now also contribute to this ministry directly through our website? Hit the "donate" button and follow the instructions. And, would you have **an interest in serving** on the RWH Committee here in the Grand Rapids area? We meet every other month at First PRC, and are in need a few new members. We would welcome your presence and talents! Contact our chairman, Mr. C.Terpstra (cjterpstra@sbcglobal.net), if interested.

The evangelism committee of Hope Protestant Reformed Church in Redlands, Ca. is offering a DVD box set featuring 4 speeches on "Herman Bavinck: The Theologian". The speeches were given at the officebearers conference during Classis West and feature 2 speeches by Prof. Engelsma regarding Bavinck's theology and doctrine of the covenant, and two speeches by Rev. Hanko and Rev. Laning regarding Bavinck's doctrine of the church and doctrine of common grace. To order send a check for \$12 to the "The Reformed Witness" at 1307 E. Brockton Avenue Redlands, CA 92374. The audio of the speeches can also be downloaded at <http://www.hopeprc.org/>.

NEWS OF OUR CHURCHES

Hope PRC (Walker, MI) has formed a new trio consisting of Rev. A. den Hartog (Southwest), Rev. J. Marcus (Edmonton), and Rev. D. Overway (Doon). They plan to call on Sunday, May 27.