

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 2, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:23-25

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Glorious Day"*
"He Is Exalted"

Standard of Righteousness: Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Prayer of Confession

Covenant Baptism of Noah Grant Top

*Song of Thanksgiving: #473 *"To God Be the Glory"*

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21 (p. 1820)

Sermon: *"The Beauty of Prayer"*

*Song of Response: #556 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Prayer of the Lord's People (including the offering)

Offering: Westminster Seminary, California

*Benediction

*Closing Song: *"May the Lord"*

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EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
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Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 62:1-2

Pastor: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be
shaken.

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 46:9-10

*Opening Song of Adoration: #146 *"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!"*

Bible Reading: John 1:1-18 (p. 1645)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

Confession of Faith: The Belgic Confession, Article 19 (selected portion)

Scripture: Hebrews 2:14-18 (p. 1864)

Sermon: *"The Only Mediator"*

*Song of Response: *"In Christ Alone"*

Offering: Westminster Seminary, California

Offertory: *"I Surrender All"* - Jessica Sjaarda

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

REFORMATION MATTERS: "May the King of heaven be praised, exalted and glorified. For everything you do is right, and all your ways are just. You know how to humble the proud. Your dominion is an everlasting dominion, and your kingdom endures from generation to generation. You do according to your will in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can hold back your hand or say to you, 'What are you doing?' "
- Matthew Henry, "A Way to Pray"

NEXT SUNDAYS OFFERING: Christian Education

STEWARDSHIP VERSE:

"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
Matthew 6:3-4

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning worship
	10:30 am	- Sunday school & Catechism & Kid's Praise
	11:00 am	- Choir practice
	6:30 pm	- Evening worship
Mon.	2:00 pm	- Mary Guild
Wed.	9:30 am	- NO Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	- NO Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Youth Group (small groups)
		- NO Evening Coffee Break
	7:45 pm	- NO Chimes
Thurs.	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
	7:00 pm	- Friendship

FUTURE DATES:

October 9	- Prayer warriors
October 10	- Men's Society begins
October 18	- Consistory meeting
October 30	- Church Potluck

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

It is our privilege this morning to witness the covenant baptism of Noah Grant Top, son of Cody and Carrie. May the Lord bless his covenant people as the promises and excellencies of the Gospel are made visible in the sacrament.

Next Sunday morning, we will have the delight to see the baptism of Barrett James VanMeeteren, son of Brett and Laura. We rejoice with anticipation as the risen Lord Jesus gathers Barrett into his visible church.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Does anyone want to join the flower/decorating committee to help with swapping arrangements in and out of the front of church? If not, then this aesthetically pleasing aspect of Sunday worship will simply go away. Please contact Brian Busker if interested!

Prayer warriors & students: Next week Sunday, October 9, is our second prayer warriors meeting after the morning service. If you know you will be gone, please let your prayer partner know ahead of time so you can share requests.

Congregation of First CRC: In recent months we have had ongoing issues with our sound system. The council and sound team have received many comments regarding sound quality and inconsistent volume within the sanctuary as well as on the livestream and radio. Two separate parties have assessed our sound system, and both concluded that while repairs may be possible, it may be time to look at replacing the system as it is over 30 years old and no longer compatible with new equipment. We have received a quote to replace the system which was approximately \$36,000. If anyone feels compelled to give towards this project please mark it on your giving envelopes or speak to a deacon.

Men's Society: Our meetings are scheduled to begin soon. Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Monday evenings each month (Oct.-Mar.) at 7:00 pm beginning October 10. Anyone wishing to meet with us for good Bible discussion should notify either Rolland Schelhaas (442-6893) or Bud Vis (442-4771) on or by October 2 so that study materials can be ordered in time for the first meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Growing Hope Globally: We are continuing in our effort to combat hunger around the world by helping individual communities be able to feed themselves. The local project of Growing Hope Globally is accepting donations of corn and soybeans at all Chandler Feed locations. If you want to donate some bushels to help us in this effort, just let the employees at Chandler Feed know and they will take care of it. Any questions, check with Harley Buys (507-920-7954) or Harv Vander Top (507-215-1548).

Save the Date: Word & Deed Fall Dinner - You are warmly invited to attend a Word & Deed Fundraising Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 12 D.V. at the Lunch House in Rock Valley. We are pleased to have Juan Carlos Ramirez of Education Plus as our keynote speaker. Juan is the director of Education Plus and an elder in the church Rev. Bill Green pastors. More

details to follow. Plan on joining us for good food, fellowship, and a presentation highlighting what the Lord is doing in Costa Rica!

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calvin University Inauguration - Calvin University will inaugurate its 12th president on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022. We invite you to join in person or watch online as we welcome Dr. Wiebe Boer and celebrate the legacy and future of Calvin. The ceremony will take place at 4:00pm Eastern in the Van Noord Arena (Calvin's campus, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA). Visit calvin.edu/go/inauguration for information, a schedule of events, and a link to the livestream.

Indispensable in God's Eyes - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God says something very important about those of us who are weak. He says we are indispensable. How can you make someone who is different from you feel indispensable today? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: God Always Cares and Never Leaves - What's one thing we can be sure of in life? That it will change. Whether change is expected or not, it can still be unsettling. Join Groundwork as we study James 1:16-17, Malachi 3:6, Lamentations 3:22-23, Mark 4:35-41, and Jeremiah 29:11 to remind us of God's constant nature for encouragement in the midst of life's inevitable changes. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Help Survivors of Hurricane Ian - World Renew Disaster Response Services is making plans to respond to Hurricane Ian in southwest Florida. Ian is one of the top 5 storms to hit Florida in the last 100 years along with Andrew, Charley, Wilma, and Irma. Many homes are underwater from heavy rain and historic storm surge. You can help by praying for those most affected and by giving generously to World Renew at worldrenew.net/donate, calling 800-552-7972, or mailing your check made out to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Ian Response 2022 in the memo line to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Drive, Byron Center, MI, 49315-7400.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - Thankfulness is an important faith practice. Each day between now and Thanksgiving, notice the things in your life that you can give thanks for. Write those things on slips of paper and collect them in a jar or box to read during your Thanksgiving celebration. Also visit tinyurl.com/ThanksPsalms for some beautiful Psalm printables you can use to decorate your Thanksgiving table. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

CRCNA Position Openings - The Christian Reformed Church has immediate full-time openings for: a Donor Relations Manager based in Grand Rapids, MI, with Resonate Global Mission, and a Church and Customer Service Connector (Bilingual) anywhere in North America with CRCNA Ministry Support Services. For more details and to apply visit www.crcna.org/jobs

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Karen Fey, Mindy Blankers, Carmen Fey, Shawnie Veldhuizen, Kevin Van Hulzen, JT Van Hulzen

PM – Nicole Vis, Thea Nykamp, Kaden Schmidt, Tyler Pap

Valet: Coleton Hilarides

Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Brian Schelhaas, Brett Kroeze, Duane VandenBerg

Medical Assistant: Carmen Fey

Children's Worship: Shannon Nykamp, Jorja Holm

Praise Team: Kirk Van Hulzen, Brad Prouty, Mark Boeve, Kurt Talsma, Greg Masselink

Keyboard: Brittany Forness

NEXT WEEK – OCTOBER 9:

Nursery: AM – Kim VanHofwegen, Kim Veldhuizen, Phil & Katie Feikema, Carli Schaap, Clara Talsma

PM – Tanya Talsma, Becky Schelhaas, Blaire Talsma, Kalli Blom

Valet: Dale Mesman

Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Brian Schelhaas, Brett Kroeze, Duane VandenBerg

Medical Assistant: Barb Obbink

Children's Worship: No Lesson – School break

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna
En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletougou
Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green
Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed
Churches, Costa Rica

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