

“O LORD, that art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.” Isaiah 25:1

Peace Protestant Reformed Church

This is the Lord's Day - August 24, 2008

Morning Service - 9:30 AM

“The Sign and Seal of Baptism”

I. The Meaning

II. The Institution

III. The Significance

Scripture Reading: Romans 6

Text: Lord's Day 26

Psalter Numbers: 15, 140, 360, 425

Offerings: General Fund & Benevolence

Evening Service - 5:00 PM

1 Thessalonians (1)

“The Church Which is in God and Jesus Christ”

I. Her Relationship to God

II. Her Concerned Pastors

III. Her Beautiful Blessings

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:1-10, 1 Thes. 1

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1

Psalter Numbers: 168, 81, 134, 260

Offerings: Reformed Witness Hour
& Emeritus Fund

Offerings

Last Week's Offerings: Benevolence: \$456.35 Northern Ireland Building Fund: \$511.10 PRCS Building: \$364.00

Next Week's Special Offerings: Domestic Missions & Foreign Student Fund

Announcements

The congregation extends a warm welcome to any and all who are worshipping with us today. May God grant that we be fed by His Word in this day and that His Name be glorified in our midst.

Mrs. Evelyn Poortinga continues to improve as she undergoes therapy. It is hoped that she will be able to return home on August 27, DV. Let us continue to remember our sister in Christ in our prayers.

Church visitation with the Council will be conducted by Rev. R. Miersma and Rev. S. Key on Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM. We covet the prayers of the congregation as this important function of our federation of churches is exercised.

Catechism: Monday night catechism will begin September 15, and Wednesday afternoon catechism will begin September 17. The materials for this year's catechism classes can be picked up from the table in the back of church. A new class will be held this year on Monday nights at 9:00 PM, after Essentials. Those who have completed Essentials, but have not yet made profession of faith are required to attend. Others who may be interested are also invited to attend. This year we will study the Belgic Confession.

Newsletters from our missionaries in Spokane, WA; Pittsburgh, PA; and Sioux Falls, SD, are available in the bulletin racks.

Senior and Junior Adult Bible Societies: Please plan to attend a Pre-season Combined Society Cookout. The cookout will take place Saturday, September 13, at 5:30 PM at the home of Rev. and Allison Spronk. The activities committee asks that you sign up on the bulletin board for food to bring. Please also be informed that we will ask for \$2 per person to cover the price of meat. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair and a Psalter for the night. We hope to see you there and hope this kicks off a great society season.

Please make note of a new address and phone number for Mike and Heidi Poortinga: 8860 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN 46311. Phone: (219) 365-1842.

The Council will soon be making nominations for the office of elder and deacon. According to Article 22 of the Church Order, the congregation is asked to prayerfully consider men who would fulfill the qualifications as set forth in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1:5-9 for these offices and submit their suggestions to the Council.

Our church is privileged to host the September meeting of Classis West. The Consistory is looking for volunteers willing to pick up delegates from the airport on September 2, and returning them to the airport, likely

on September 3, and/or providing the delegates with lodging. If you are willing to volunteer, please call Elder Warner at (219) 322-9773, or e-mail him at btwarner@hotmail.com.

To request a CD or cassette tape copy of a sermon, simply complete the “Sermon Request” form which is located on the back bulletin board. Copies of sermons can be retrieved from off the bookshelf.

Tune in to the Reformed Witness Hour, broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:00 on WYLL, 1160 AM. This Sunday's message was “Craving Knowledge - Christian Education,” based on Proverbs 1:7. Next week's message is based on I Corinthians 8:1-3 and is entitled “Knowledge vs. Knowledge and Love.”

Church News

DMC News: In recent months the Domestic Mission Committee has been corresponding with a group of four families in Tucson, AZ, who are interested in our churches starting work in their city. These people, through personal study, have become very familiar with the PRC and are also giving good witness in their community on a personal level and with the Internet. The DMC will be sending a delegation of Rev. Van Overloop, Missionary Brummel, and Dave Rau to visit with these people from September 11-15 and to investigate this field of labor. Let us pray for this group, for the delegation that will visit them, and for an open door to labor with them.

Myanmar Update: The Council of Hope PRC continues to administer cyclone relief to the Protestant Reformed Churches in Myanmar at the rate of \$5,000 per month. The funds continue to be used for food and medical expenses. To date, two houses have been rebuilt and one more is in the process of being rebuilt. Continue to keep the needs of the saints there in your prayers as they continue to face many difficulties.

The trio of Calvary PRC consists of Candidate Heath Bleyenbergh, Rev. W. Langerak, and Rev. R. Hanko.

Providence PRC has formed a trio of Candidate H. Bleyenbergh, Rev. J. Laning, and Rev. M. Vander Wal.

Rev. R. Smit is scheduled to labor in the Philippines for several weeks. May God give him safety in his travels and bless his work among the saints there.

Rev. J. Slopsema continues to consider the call to labor at Grace Protestant Reformed Church.

Requested Announcements

The Protestant Reformed Christian School will begin their 2008-2009 year tomorrow, August 25, 2008, at 8:15 AM with a full day of school.

Reformed Fellowship will meet on Sunday, September 14th at 7:15 in the Music Room of our school. We will continue our study of the book of Ephesians. Old and new members are encouraged to come.

Seminary Convocation will be held on Wednesday, September 3, at 7:30 PM, in Trinity PRC. Prof. R. Dykstra will speak on the topic “Seminary and Saints: A Reciprocal *Sine Qua Non*.” Everyone is invited, and encouraged, to attend.

The Hope Heralds, a male chorus from the Grand Rapids area Protestant Reformed churches, will present a program at Cornerstone PRC on Sunday, September 14, after the evening service. Please plan on attending to support this group.

The First Protestant Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta, is hosting a family conference July 2-5, 2009, on the topic of Calvin and the Christian Family Life. Plan now to attend! Check out our website www.edmontonprc.org. More details to follow.

Visitors for Katheryn Poortinga: This Week: Nellie DV. Next Week: Kim M.

Nursery Schedule

This Week

AM - Stacy B., Liz B., Beth H.

PM - Carrie B., Kelly W.

Next Week

AM - Janelle DJ., Jennifer DJ., Jenna B.

PM - Gina H., Kristin W.

Usher Schedule

August

AM - Adam B., Joel H., Brian B.

PM - Nate H., Scott VDG., Jeremy H.

September

AM - Mike V., Lee W., Greg B.

PM - Aaron L., David V., Michael DJ.