

*“Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me,
and I will hearken unto you.” Jeremiah 29:12*

Peace Protestant Reformed Church
This is the Lord’s Day - August 23, 2009

Morning Service - 9:30 AM

“Faith that Saves”

I. Faith as an Instrument

II. Faith as a Bond

III. Faith as a Gift from God

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2

Text: Lord’s Day 7, Q&A 20

Psalter Numbers: 182, 87, 260, 28

Offerings: General Fund & Benevolence

Evening Service - 5:00 PM

“Training Up Our Children”

I. The Important Activity

II. The Ultimate Goal

III. The Unfailing Promise

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 22

Text: Proverbs 22:6

Psalter Numbers: 141, 89, 322, 278

Offerings: Reformed Witness Hour
& Emeritus Fund

Offerings

Last Week’s Offerings: Benevolence: \$460.50 N.I. Building Fund: \$549.00 PRCS Building Fund: \$571.25

Next Week’s Special Offerings: Domestic Missions & Building Fund

Announcements

A warm welcome is extended to any who are visiting with us today. Our prayer is that God may bless us in this worship service and prepare us by it for the week to come.

The congregation rejoices with Mr. and Mrs. Joel and Shanda Houck who were blessed with the birth of a baby boy, Carson Wesley, this past Friday. We praise God for the addition of another little member to our midst and give Him thanks for the health of both mother and son. “Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.” Psalm 150:6

Mrs. Bea Poortinga is steadily regaining strength after the surgery to remove her thyroid. We thank God for the measure of recovery she has already experienced and pray that He will continue to care for her.

From the Consistory: Parents and children please note that the Consistory has set Wednesday, September 2 as the first day of catechism. The materials for catechism are on the table in the back of church; please pick them up as soon as possible! The Consistory has also decided to move the **Monday evening classes to Wednesday afternoon**, which means September 2 will also be the first day of class for Heidelberg Catechism and Essentials. These classes will now meet at **school**. The Heidelberg Catechism class will meet from 3:00 to 4:00, and the Essentials class will meet from 4:00 to 5:00. Thank you for your diligent attention to these matters. May God bless our children and our congregation through the upcoming year of catechetical instruction.

Synod will reconvene this Tuesday at Georgetown PRC to deal with some very weighty matters. May God grant wisdom to the delegates of Synod and bless the decisions that are made for the peace and unity of our denomination.

The Evangelism committee will meet at 7:30 PM tomorrow, August 24, at church.

Save the Date: Saturday, September 19. **Jr./Sr. Bible Society Kick-Off Cook-Out**. The societies will combine for our 2nd annual dinner. Those able/interested are invited to join us for a late afternoon bike ride to be followed by a cook-out for everyone in the early evening. More detailed information will be coming, but be sure to mark your calendars!

If you would like a copy of a sermon, please use the “Sermon Request” form located on the bulletin board in the back of church. If you have requested a sermon, your copy can be found on the bookshelf.

This Sunday’s message on the Reformed Witness Hour was “Total Depravity.” Tune in to the 1160 AM dial

next Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear “In Praise of Sovereign Grace: #3 Unconditional Election.”

Church News

Candidate Cory Griess is considering calls from Calvary, Lacombe, Holland, and Byron Center.

Rev. W. Bruinsma is considering the call from Trinity PRC.

Requested Announcements

Mothers: If you are planning on your child (ages 3-5) attending Children’s Story Hour on Wednesday mornings in connection with Women’s Bible Study, please contact Melissa Ophoff (219) 365-1819 or Adelle Lenting (219) 365-2798 by August 30.

The school board will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 PM at the school.

The 2009 Denominational Directories are still available and the cost is only \$12.00. If you haven’t ordered yours yet, please place your order using the order forms found on the bulletin board or contact Laura Huizinga at (616) 453-6858 or by email at hopeprcdirectory@hotmail.com.

The Seniors Retreat to be held October 1-6 in Estes Park, Colorado, has one room available due to a cancellation. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Dave Poortinga at (970) 667-9059 or email dnlpoortinga@juno.com.

Trinity Christian High School, our new Protestant Reformed high school in Hull, Iowa, will celebrate an important milestone tomorrow evening. There will be a convocation and dedication service celebrating covenant secondary education in Trinity’s newly constructed facility. Rev. A. Brummel will speak on the theme of “Planted by the Rivers of Water.”

The Hope Heralds will be giving a program at Cornerstone PRC on Sunday, September 20, 2009 after the evening service. More details will follow.

The RFPA Annual Meeting has been scheduled for September 24 beginning at 7:30 PM at Trinity PRC.

RFPA Book Club - Join the RFPA Book Club and receive a free copy of the new *Calvin’s Calvinism*. See your church’s RFPA Book Club Agent or call (616) 457-5970 or email paula@rfpa.org.

Attention those who plan on attending the John Calvin Conference September 3-5: The Young People Society of Byron Center PRC plans to provide meals during the conference as a fundraiser. The meals will be provided at Byron Center PRC Thursday evening and Friday for lunch and dinner. More details will be provided at the conference. Please plan to support this Young People’s Society and enjoy the delicious meals planned.

“Adore with astonishment the secret counsel of God, through which, those which seemed good to him are elected, and the other rejected.” That statement encapsulates the genius of John Calvin. Calvin lived, breathed, and did his theology in awe of the glorious and sovereign God revealed in His Word. He insisted upon double predestination because he adhered to that deepest principle animating the Protestant Reformation - Sola Scriptura. Calvin was, by the standards of today’s modern-moderate Calvinism, a thoroughgoing hyper-Calvinist. Calvin would be an instrument of reform in the churches today, if his doctrine were let loose in fearless preaching under the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear Rev. Connors of the EPCA speak on this topic at the Calvin Conference, September 3-5. Plan to attend! **500yearsofcalvin.org**

Visitors for Katheryn Poortinga: This Week: Mary Lou V. Next Week: Ken & Marilyn DJ.

Nursery Schedule

This Week

AM - Beth V., Amy B., Rachel W.

PM - Liz B., Kristina K.

Next Week

AM - Stacy B., Janelle DJ., Beth H.

PM - Jennifer DJ., Hannah V.

Usher Schedule

August

AM - Brian B., Adam B., Scott VDG.

PM - Nate H., David V., Greg B.

September

AM - Justin V., Aaron L., Daniel T.

PM - David W., Michael DJ., Mike V.