

*“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” II Corinthians 9:15*

## Peace Protestant Reformed Church This is the Lord’s Day - January 31, 2010

### Morning Service - 9:30 AM

Communion

“Jesus Stricken for Our Iniquity”

I. Our Horrible Iniquity

II. Our Stricken Substitute

III. Our Great Comfort

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53

Text: Isaiah 53:6

Psalter Numbers: 270, 342, 55, 222

Offerings: General Fund & Benevolence

### Evening Service - 5:00 PM

Applicatory

“The Communion of the Saints”

I. The Blessing of Church Membership

II. The Gift of God

III. The Calling to Seek and Maintain It

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2

Text: Lord’s Day 20 Q&A 54-55

Psalter Numbers: 380, 328, 348, 383

Offerings: Foreign Missions & PRCS

### Offerings

Last Week’s Offerings: Benevolence: \$927.25 Covenant Christian School: \$256.30 Seminary Students: \$290.70

Next Week’s Special Offerings: Emeritus Fund & Heritage Christian High School

### Weekly Calendar

Tuesday: 7:45 PM - Junior Adult Bible Study

Wednesday: OT for Beginners Grades 1-3 - Review Lessons 11-15

NT for Juniors Grades 4-5 - Review Lessons 11-15

NT for Seniors Grades 6-7 - Review Lessons 11-15

3:00 PM - Heidelberg Catechism - Lord’s Day 16 - Memory and Written Work

4:00 PM - Essentials - Lesson 8 - Memory Work

7:30 PM - Deacons’ Meeting

### Announcements

A warm welcome is extended to any who are visiting with us today. This morning we are privileged to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. In obedience to the will of Christ that the Church supervises admission to the Lord’s Table, only members of the congregation and those who have received permission from the Consistory are permitted to partake of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. After the sacrament has been administered, please pass your wine cups to the end of the row where the ushers will collect them.

Mr. Menno Poortinga was able to return home from the hospital this week. Also this week Holland Hiskes was diagnosed with pyloric stenosis and submitted to surgery to correct the problem. The surgery went well. We thank our Father God for his tender care of His children and ask that He continue to watch over our fellow saints.

The Warner family expresses their deep appreciation for the many comforting words and deeds of Christian charity expressed during the recent illness and passing of Mary’s father. “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforted us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” II Corinthians 1:3-4

**Mark your calendars!** You are cordially invited to a **Marriage Conference** hosted by Peace PRC on Friday evening and Saturday morning, April 30 and May 1, 2010, DV. The conference begins at 7:30 PM Friday with Prof. Gritters presenting “God’s Will for Marriage”. Saturday’s program begins at 9:00 AM. Rev. Van Overloop will develop the theme “The Calling of Husband and Wife”, and Rev. Eriks will speak on “Building Your

Marriage”. Question and answer periods, coffee breaks and fellowship time will be provided at both sessions. The conference will conclude approximately 12:30 PM on Saturday.

A newsletter from our missionary in Pittsburgh can be found in the bulletin racks.

The Junior Adult Bible Study meets this Tuesday. Bible discussion will be an introduction to I Corinthians. Article 15 of the Canons of Dort will be discussed during the after recess. Greg & Liz B., Bob & Alyssa K., Adam F., and Hannah V. are in charge of the refreshments.

The Deacons will meet this Wednesday night.

Young Peoples: A sign up sheet will be at school tomorrow for the ski trip to Bittersweet on Monday, February 15. Prices are on the sign up sheet, more details will follow.

Anyone who would like to add or remove their name from the Nursery Attendant Schedule is asked to please contact Shanda Houck.

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. The audio of today’s messages will also be available this week from our website at [www.peaceprc.org](http://www.peaceprc.org).

### Church News

Bethel PRC has called Rev. Spriensma to serve as their next pastor.

Holland PRC has called Rev. K. Koole.

Cornerstone PRC has extended a call to Rev. J. Laning.

Trinity PRC plans to call from their trio of Rev. Haak, Rev. Key, and Rev. A. Lanning.

Rev. Key has accepted the call to Loveland PRC.

### Requested Announcements

The Young People’s Societies of the area churches will be hosting a singspiration on Sunday evening, February 14 at Cornerstone PRC. A collection will be taken for this year’s PRYP convention.

Please see the bulletin board for a flyer with information on this year’s Young People’s Convention.

Ladies, please reserve Thursday night, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Ladies Auxiliary Spring Appreciation Dinner. More details to follow.

Mrs. Maatman will be testing students for kindergarten readiness the week of February 22. If you would like to have your child tested to see if he/she is ready for school, please call the school office (219) 558-2660. Students must have reached the age of five before September 1, 2010.

Advance Date: Friday, March 19 will be Beginners’ Day. More details later.

**The Standard Bearer - audio:** Each issue of *The Standard Bearer* will now be available in an audio format (for listening and downloading) at the Southeast Protestant Reformed Church website. The web address is [southeastprc.org](http://southeastprc.org) or can be found by going through the PR church listings at [prca.org](http://prca.org).

Heritage Christian School of Hudsonville, MI, invites you to attend our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The celebration will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 1, 2010, DV. We give thanks to God for His covenant faithfulness and anticipate this occasion with great joy.

**Requested Announcements (continued)**

PRC Women's Retreat 2010: March 12 & 13 at First Byron CRC. Registration forms are available online at [www.byronprc.org](http://www.byronprc.org). Registration deadline is February 18.

Retreat: Loveland PRC will be hosting a young adults retreat to be held March 15-18, 2010, D.V. at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. All young adults, post-high to age 30, are invited to attend and discuss the theme, "Receiving Wisdom from Elders". Registration forms are located on the Loveland PRC page of [www.prca.org](http://www.prca.org), and will be received through February 13. Please email [lovelandyaretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:lovelandyaretreat@yahoo.com) or call Esther at (970) 775-0068 with questions.

Adams Protestant Reformed Christian School is accepting applications for an elementary teaching position. Applicants must be members of the Protestant Reformed churches. For questions or inquiry please call the school administrator, Rick Mingerink at school (616) 531-0748 or cell (616) 309-0274, or the Education Chairman, Tim Block at home (616) 878-4617.

The gospel of salvation by grace alone, as confessed by the 16<sup>th</sup> century Reformation, is now openly challenged and gravely threatened in almost all conservative Reformed and Presbyterian churches. The challenge and threat come from the movement that calls itself the "federal vision." The issue is the truth of the covenant of God with the children of believers: Is the covenant conditional or unconditional? Thus is finally brought to a head the ages-long controversy in the Reformed churches over the covenant of grace--a controversy that has repeatedly occasioned division and schism in the churches, including the Protestant Reformed Churches. Southwest PRC is sponsoring a public Reformation Day lecture to address this burning contemporary issue, and to defend the gospel given us by the Reformation. On Friday evening, October 29, 2010, Prof. David J. Engelsma will speak on "The Federal Vision, an Unconditional Covenant, and the Gospel of Grace" at the First Christian Reformed Church in Byron Center, MI. An extended period for questions will follow the speech. Reserve the date; make plans to attend; spread the word; and pray for God's blessing on this work of evangelism on behalf of the Reformed faith!

**Visitors for Katheryn Poortinga:** This Week: Bart & Tillie Z. Next Week: Matt & Stephanie M.

**Accompanists:** Today: **AM** - Lauren Warner **PM** - Lisa K. Next Week: **AM** - Lauren Wiltjer **PM** - Wanda B.

**Nursery:** This Week: **AM** - Kelly W., Danielle B., Jenna B., Kristina K. **PM** - Carrie B., Kristin W.  
Next Week: **AM** - Amy B., Lisa K., Jennifer DJ. **PM** - Stacy B., Lauren W.

**Ushers:** January: **AM** - Scott VDG., Nate H., David V. **PM** - Jeremy H., Justin V., Aaron L.  
February: **AM** - Daniel T., David W., Michael DJ. **PM** - Mike V., Joel H., Jeremy H.