

## THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - March 2, 2008

<p><b>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>The Gospel</b>                  I. What It Is                  II. Its Proclamation                  III. Its Power  <b>Scripture:</b> Romans 10  <b>Text:</b> Lord's Day 6, Q&amp;A 16-19  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 248, 304, 339, 261</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Jehovah's Suffering Servant (2):</b>  <b>Bringing Victory Through Judgment</b>                  I. Its Necessity                  II. Its Accomplishment                  III. Its Comfort  <b>Scripture:</b> Isaiah 42  <b>Text:</b> Isaiah 42:1-4  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 206, 20, 13, 260</p>
<p><b>OFFERINGS: Today:</b> a.m. General Fund, Benevolence                  p.m. General Fund, Foreign Missions  <b>Next Week:</b> Benevolence Fund, Home Missions</p>	
<p><b>USHERS: Today:</b> Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra  <b>Next Week:</b> Daniel VanDenTop, Nathan Buitert</p>	
<p><b>NURSERY Today:</b> a.m. Jessica VanDenTop, Ciarra Flint                  p.m. Mrs. Cathy Hanko, Lisa Heystek  <b>Next Week:</b> a.m. Mrs. Bethany DenHartog, Jeanetta DeBoer                  p.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek, Jocelyn DeBoer</p>	
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. Buitert Next Week: Mr. H. VanderMeulen</p>	

We welcome all who worship with us today and pray that you might be blessed under the preaching of the Gospel

### Congregational Announcements

**Classis West:** Classis West meets this week in Redlands, CA. Rev. Hanko and Elder Heystek are delegates. They will be attending an office-bearers conference on Sabbath observance on Tuesday and Classis on Wednesday. Pray for God's blessing on the work of Classis and safe travel for the delegates.

**Advance Notice:** The Congregation is called to worship on Wed., March 12, for Prayer Day services.

**Thank You!** The Young People's Society thanks all who came to the Valentine's dinner. About \$400 was raised for the Federation Board, responsible for preparing the 2008 Young People's Convention.

**Singspiration:** The Young People's Society will be having an Easter Singspiration, DV, on March 23. If anyone is interested in doing a special number, please let Mandy, Carissa, or Monica know. Thanks!

**Convention Fundraiser:** The Young People's Society will be collecting pop cans as a fundraiser for the 2008 Convention. We ask that you please save all your pop cans from now until mid-June. Drop off locations are at the parsonage garage or Ed and Char's house. Let family and friends know. We appreciate all your help! If you have questions, please call Brent at 966-7950 or Ryan at 966-1171. Thanks!

### Our Church Family

God has given trials to many in our church family. Mr. Jack DenHartog underwent a procedure this week Thursday to get his heart in better rhythm. The procedure was successful. Doctors hope that Jack can recover enough so that he can go the health care center for rehabilitation. In the coming week, Mr. VanderLei will be undergoing tests for kidney problems. Mrs. Kuiper continues her cancer treatments this week. Mr. VanDyken's brother, Andy, died this past week in Montana. Please remember all these brothers and sisters in our church family in your prayers. May they know the mutual love and concern shared for each other in the body of Christ, for when "one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member honored, all the members rejoice with it." (I Cor. 12:26)

### Requested Announcements

**CCS Ladies Aid:** You are invited to a Family Game Night and small craft and baked good sale hosted by the Covenant Christian Ladies Aid this week Friday evening, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Covenant Christian School. Bring your favorite games! If you would like to donate baked goods or small craft items, please contact Lynn Vander Meulen, Laura Heystek, or Mary Flint.

**CCS School Board:** The Covenant Christian School Board meets next week Monday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. There will be an education committee meeting at 7:00 p.m., prior to the board meeting.

**CCS Ladies Aid:** Ladies, our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 pm.

**Advance Notice:** Covenant Christian School's Spring Program is scheduled for Friday, March 28. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

**From the RFPA:** The March monthly special is *When I Survey* by Rev. Herman Hoeksema, a collection of six books (published between 1943 and 1956), each exploring the passion and death of Christ from a different perspective. Initially, these were radio sermons delivered during Lent. The fresh, beautiful insights on the "old, old story" will speak to the hearts of believers without fail, and cause them to survey the cross of Christ with awe and thanksgiving. Go to the website [www.rfpa.org](http://www.rfpa.org) for details on this special offer or call 616.457.5970.

**Retreat for Seniors:** The response to the Senior Adult Retreat has been outstanding. As February 20, we have 55 of the possible rooms spoken for filled. We have the balance on hold until March 3, 2008. The time is short to sign up for five days of spiritual speeches and fellowship in the Colorado Rockies October 1-6, 2009, DV. The cost will be \$75 a day per person which will include your meals. A 20% down payment is required to enroll with the balance to be paid upon your arrival at the YMCA.

**Scholarships:** The Protestant Reformed Scholarship Committee is offering scholarship awards to prospective Protestant Reformed teachers and ministers. If you are interested in receiving a packet, please contact Melinda Bleyenbergh at 616-453-8898 or e-mail [darylme@altelco.net](mailto:darylme@altelco.net) by April 1, 2008.

**Convention Chaperones Needed:** To confessing members over the age of 21: Byron Center PRC is in great need of chaperones for this year's young people's convention. (July 14-18) We need to hear from you soon if you are willing and able to help us! Please go to the web site for the convention and fill out an application soon. [www.prcconvention.com](http://www.prcconvention.com). We would love to hear from you this week!

**Convention News:** Registration for the 2008 convention is now open. Forms have been mailed to all the Young People's societies. They can also be downloaded off our website at [www.prcconvention.com](http://www.prcconvention.com).

### Our Church in Fellowship

**Young Adult's Society** meets tonight. Study will be on "The Christian and Politics". Please pick up study sheets in the narthex. Raphael serves.

**Young People's Society** meets tonight after the evening service. Study will be from chapter 9 of *Jesus Beauty Shining in You*, "Temperance". Mandy introduces the chapter; Mandy, Kyle, Brent, Ed serve.

**Catechism:** Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 18  
 9:15 - 10:00 N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 18, written work, memory verse  
 10:30 - 11:15 N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 18, written, memory verse  
 Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55 Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 20, written work  
 8:00 - 8:55 Essentials: Lesson 10 worksheets

**Bible Study:** Tuesday Bible study will not meet this week.  
 Thursday 8:00 p.m. I Peter 2:13-ff (in the basement; server: Cathy H.)

### Calendar of the Week

Sunday	after the evening service	Young Adult's Society
Tuesday	morning	Catechism Classes
Wednesday	evening	Catechism Classes
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Game Night at CCS

### Church News

**Call:** Rev. D. Kleyn received the call from Doon PRC (IA) to be missionary to the Philippines.

**Call:** Calvary PRC (IA) has called Rev. Slopsema to be their first pastor.

**From Classis East:** Classis East concluded its business at its session of Wednesday, February 28th. Classis decided 1) that, in light of the requirements of Article 21 of the Church Order, Grace PRC's consistory erred when they judged valid the reasons for their pastor's withdrawing his children from two good Christian schools and home schooling them, 2) that Grace PRC work with their pastor to show him

the inadequacy of his reasons, and that they inform their congregation of this and of the fact that they are working with him to show him that his reasons are not acceptable as the pastor of Grace PRC. Because Classis is concerned about the welfare of the congregation and the restoration of peace and unity, it further decided that the Council of Grace PRC consider whether their pastor can be an effective preacher/pastor to his congregation and whether he can lead them out of their present unrest. Classis appointed a special committee to assist Grace's Council and Consistory in implementing these decisions, if they so desire.

### **Quotes to Consider**

**Liberty and Law:** *"Liberty comes through law, not apart from it. When is a train most free? Is it when it goes bouncing across the field off the track? No. It is free only when it is confined (if you will) to the track. Then it runs smoothly and efficiently, because that was the way that its maker intended for it to run. It needs to be on the track, structured by the track, to run properly. You too need to be on the track. God's track is found in God's Word. ...There is a structure necessary for life; that structure is found in the Bible. It is conforming to that structure by the grace of God that makes men godly."* -J. Adams

**The Master Comes:** *"Give thy money to the Master; give thy strength and thy life to Him. For He is at hand. He may be nearer than thou thinkest. And how shouldst thou like to be caught by Him lounging on thy soft couch, or feasting at thy well-spread table, when thou shouldst have been working for Him, or fighting His battles, —visiting His brethren, soothing His sorrowing children, ministering to His poor disciples, grudging no weariness or hardship for a Master like Him?"* -H. Bonar

**False Doctrine:** *"Beware of being taken in by the apparent earnestness of many of the teachers and upholders of false doctrine. Remember that zeal and sincerity and fervor are no proof whatever that a man is working for Christ, and ought to be believed. ...Poison is always most dangerous when it is given in small doses and mixed with wholesome food."* -J. Ryle

**Treasure:** *"No covenant parent has room to complain about how much it costs to bring up a child. He may not be able to buy or build a house. Many of the dainties of this earth may never be his. But if God gives him a covenant child, He has made him rich with that which lasts beyond this earth and all its treasures. ...He will have with him in the house of many mansions, and in the holy city, a gift of God, while the multi-millionaires have seen all their wealth go up in smoke."* -J. Heys

<p><b>Reformed Witness Hour:</b> KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m. March 2 - "Wait on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14) Rev. C. Haak</p>
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