

Grace Reformed Church

January 6, 2019
Order of Service

Prelude

Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Revelation 1:4-6

*Salutation – Opening Blessing

*Invocation – Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn 38: Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 16.

Canons of Dort, First Head of Doctrine, Articles 1 and 2.

Tithes & Offerings

Congregational prayer

*Hymn 692: To You, O Lord, I Fly.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1-21.

Scripture text:

Sermon Title: Christians Imitate Christ

*Prayer of application

*Closing Hymn 603: He Who Would Be Valiant.

*Benediction – Closing Blessing

*Doxology [Hymn #731]

*Postlude

*Congregation Stands

The LORD Jesus said, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS. A staffed nursery for children three and under is available. May you receive strength from God's Word and experience the love of Christ within our church family.

Scheduled Events

1. **Sunday School at 9:00 am.** Post-confirmation and adult class are studying the attributes of God by Steve Lawson. "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. High views of God lead to high and holy living, worship, evangelism, and service. Low views of God lead to a low and base way of interacting with God, self, and others" (Steve Lawson).
2. **Bible Study Tonight:** at 6:00 pm. We begin a study of Ruth.
3. **Wednesday:** weekly prayer meeting 6:00 – 6:30 pm.
4. **Sun. Jan. 13:** RCUS Day of Prayer and Fasting for God to raise up new ministers. All who are able and willing are asked to come to worship service without having breakfast.
5. **Mon. Jan. 14:** Consistory meeting at 6:30; Spiritual Council at 8.
6. **Jan. 20:** Fellowship Dinner. Set up: Julie Bentz, Diane Dyrum, Aaron Charnholm. Clean up: Sookhee Dawson, Bonnie Fagrey, Rebecca Fagrey.
7. **Jan. 20:** Lord's Supper.
8. **Jan. 20:** Black Hills Pregnancy Center's annual Baby Bottle fundraiser for the Sanctity of Life kicks off Sunday, Jan. 20th and ends Sunday, Feb. 17th. This will be the 4th year Grace Reformed has participated. Travis will have baby bottles for distribution on the 20th and those who take a bottle place any loose change, bills, or checks they would like to donate to Black Hills Pregnancy Center's mission of saving unborn babies. They may take the receipt inside and fill it out for their records of donation (leave the filled-out slip in the bottle). Then on Feb. 17, Travis will collect baby bottles and deliver them to Black Hills Pregnancy Center.
9. **Sun. Jan. 27:** Annual meeting of the congregation.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Talitha is scheduled for open heart surgery this Tuesday. They will replace the conduit and also reconstruct her pulmonary artery.
- Wanda, Darnell, and Kay LaFrance's cancer treatments.
- Phyllis Hatzenbuhler's cousin Erica being treated for cancer.
- Phyllis Grossmann is suffering back pain from disk deterioration.
- Darlene Ochsner is living at Morning Star assisted living.
- Isaiah Lasseter will have an MRI to check for any abnormality behind his eye.
- Susan Rudolph as she struggles with her auto-immune disease.
- Bonnie Fagrey's dad Charles DeBoer was released yesterday to a swing bed in Sheldon, IA as he recovers from hip surgery.

400th Anniversary of the Canons of Dort (Five Points of Calvinism)

The Canons of Dort is a confession of faith produced by the Synod of Dort, which met on and off from November 1618 to May 1619.

“Everyone has a creed. Even those Christians who claim that their “only creed is Christ” have a creed, because the very moment they begin to explain what they believe about Christ, they are in fact reciting their creed about Christ. In truth, it’s impossible not to have a creed. So, the question is this: Is our creed carefully formulated and written down, biblically and doctrinally orthodox, and attested to by faithful forefathers of the church? ... If indeed we are Christians, we will care what we believe and, therefore, what we confess in our creed.... The historic Reformed creeds and confessions summarize and systematically articulate what the Word of God teaches us, to the end that we might glorify God and enjoy Him forever. If we care about what we believe, we will care about the historic creeds and confessions of the church, and we will care about what happened in the Netherlands four hundred years ago and how the Reformed church responded.

After the death of professor Jacobus Arminius in 1609, his students took some of his thoughts and many of their own and protested the long-established doctrines of the Reformed church. These protesters, or Remonstrants, drafted five points of doctrinal disagreement with the Reformed church. Their five points were nothing new. They were some of the same old Pelagian heresies dressed in seventeenth-century garb. In response to their unorthodox doctrinal formulations, a synod was held in Dordrecht in 1618–19 to combat their false teaching. The synod produced the Canons of Dort, which are consistent with the Belgic Confession (1561) and the Heidelberg Catechism (1563). These documents are known as the Three Forms of Unity, and the Reformed church has heartily affirmed them through the centuries to the end that the church might continue to know and worship the one, true God who made us in His image” (*Table Talk*, Jan. 2019).

The Canons of Dort THE FIRST MAIN POINT OF DOCTRINE Divine Election and Reprobation

Article 1

As all men have sinned in Adam, lie under the curse, and are deserving of eternal death, God would have done no injustice by leaving them all to perish and delivering them over to condemnation on account of sin, according to the words of the apostle: *That every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God* (Rom. 3:19). And: *For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God* (Rom. 3:23). And: *For the wages of sin is death* (Rom. 6:23).

Article 2

But *in this the love of God was manifested, ... that He sent his only begotten Son into the world* (1 John 4:9) *that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life* (John 3:16).

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WELCOME

Worship service – 10:30 am

Sunday, January 6, 2019

“Whoever calls on the name of the LORD
will be saved” (Romans 10:13)

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