

March 24, 2019

Worship 9:30 AM

Gathering

Prelude

*Gathering Song: "Sing to the King"

*Welcome and Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise: "Who You Say That I Am"

Depending on God

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: John 10:27-28

Thanking God For His Grace

*Song of Gratitude: "Man of Sorrows"

Congregational Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Offerings: The General Fund and Special envelope – The Bible League

Offertory

Sydney Wagenmaker

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Children's Worship

Children grades K-4 are dismissed for KidsOwn Jr and KidsOwn

Receiving God's Word

*Song of Preparation: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Scripture Lesson: Mark 14:12-31

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Message: "Making Preparations"

Departing as Witnesses

*Song of Response: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

*Blessing from God

*Parting Hymn: "In This Dry Land"

*Postlude

*Stand if able

Piano: Kaitlyn Arendsen

Violin: Amy Brasser

Cajon: Ben Vandenberg

Vocalist: Sydney Wagenmaker, Jane Wolffis, Jon Volz

Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod

WORSHIP

WORSHIP TODAY, The Third Sunday in Lent, March 24. The next passage in the Gospel of Mark contains additional preparations for Jesus' sacrifice. Mark 14:12-31 is the text for Pastor MacLeod's message, "Making Preparations." Our offerings are for the General Fund and The Bible League.

WORSHIP SYMBOLISM FOR LENT: The banner and pulpit parament depict the crosses of Calvary with a mosaic of fabrics representing the variety of those for whom Christ died. **The purple cloth** is the traditional liturgical color for repentance and it is draped on the cross representing why Jesus journeyed to the cross. In front of the pulpit is **the beam** we used to bear the candles of Advent and which will be affixed to the cross to bear Jesus. Each week an object is included as a symbol from the text for each Sunday in Lent. This week we have a **loaf of bread** as Jesus gave his disciples the Passover bread saying, "This is my body" (Mark 14:22).

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 31. The story in Mark 14:32-42 tells of "Difficulty in Discipleship" as Jesus' disciples fail him and he will travel the path from Gethsemane to Golgotha alone. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and for the Crossroads Bible Institute.

PLAN AHEAD: Maundy Thursday, April 18, and Good Friday, April 19, there will be combined evening community worship services hosted by the Reeman CRC (Maundy Thursday) and First CRC (Good Friday). Everyone is invited.

EVENTS

MID-WEEK STUDY on *Reformed: What it Means, Why it Matters* continues this Wednesday, March 27, 2:00 pm. We will discuss some of the distinctives of Reformed worship practices. Read pages 56-58, but even if you don't read it, feel free to come and join in our discussion. This will be our final class of the year.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday evening, March 27 at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room.

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST continues this Friday, 7 am, March 29, at First Christian Reformed Church, 721 Hillcrest Drive. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00. All men of the community are encouraged to attend.

Friday, April 12, Second Church will be hosting the Men's Lenten breakfast. If you would like to help out, contact Pastor Doug.

EASTER PLANT SALE: Please check your church mail box or the literature ledge for the FYSH Easter Plant Sale order forms! The Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips which you order can be used either as decoration in the church or may be taken home on Good Friday (April 19). The money and orders forms must be in by April 9 for guaranteed pick up on April 19, but late orders will be accepted. Proceeds from the sale of Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips will go towards student mission trip accounts. Any questions? Contact Zach by calling or emailing the church office.

LIBRARY NEWS: IF: Gathering nonfiction books and new fiction books are available for checking out. Stop by the table in the lobby and pick up a good read!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

EILEEN ALDERINK had her left rotator cuff (shoulder) surgically repaired on Friday at Gerber Hospital.

MARV FOLKEMA spent a couple of days at Gerber Hospital this week with a respiratory issue. He came home on Thursday.

Pray for the **Appalachia Reach Out** program in Inez, Kentucky.

FYSH

- March 24, 7:13 PM – FYSH Bible Study
- March 31 – No FYSH – Spring Break

Young Life

- March 25, 7:56 PM – YL Campaigners at Van Wyks

STOCK THE PANTRY: For March our Deacons welcome donations to the TrueNorth food pantry of peanut butter and jelly.

SECOND CHURCH CALENDAR

Today

9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
10-10:45	Children's Worship for ages 3-5
10-10:45	KidsOwn Jr for grades K-1, KidsOwn for grades 2-4
10:45-11:30	Sunday School grades 5-12
7:13 PM	FYSH

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Coffee Break
7:00 PM	Worship Committee

Wednesday

2:00 PM	Mid-Week Study
6:30	B.A.S.I.C. at FCS Gym

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- TODAY Devotional for March/April
- March 20 edition of *2nd's Matters*

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers (*Call Bob Hayward if you cannot find your own substitute*)

Today: Gordon Polanski, Mike DeWeerd, John Mellema, Roger Folkema

Next Week: Brad Gilliland, Joe Jiran, Matt Mellema, David Brasser

Nursery Attendants

(*Call Mary V. Folkema if you cannot find your own substitute*)

Today: Infant: Kim Hayward, Helen Mellema

Toddler: Rebekah Mellema, Hallie Snyder, Kendall Barnhart

Next Week: Infant: Ann Pell, Mary Boven

Toddler: Jane Wolffis, Abby VandenBerg, Ben Mellema

Greeters

Today: Jason and Heidie Snyder

Next Week: Kyle and Jessica Folkema

Newaygo Medical Care Facility Visitors Service begins at 2 PM

Today: Speaker John Mellema, families of Ryan and Katie Boven, Jeff and Chelsea Breuker, Tyler and Jodie Cook and Helen Mellema, pianist

Next Week: Speaker Rev. Bob Broekema, Stan and Pat DeKuijper, Andrew and Donna DeLonge, Louis Deur

Drivers for Deerfield Residents

Today: Steve Wagenmaker

Next Week: Chris Boven

Sound and Video Operators

Today: Joe Jiran, Tyler Cook

Next Week: Phil Deur, Paul Mellema

Children's Worship

Today: Elizabeth Wolffis, helper Carly Smith

Next Week: Gail Wagenmaker, helper Kyler DeKuijper

Kids' Own

Today: Audra Powell

Next Week: No Class – Spring Break

Kids' Own Jr

Today: Ann Pell

Next Week: No Class – Spring Break

Cookies (*6 dozen each to be at church by 9:15 am*)

Today: Cathy MacLeod, Rebekah Mellema

Next Week: Valerie Volz,