

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 1, 2012 10 AM First Sunday after Christmas

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Walther
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Hughes/arr. Smith

Leader The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome

Opening Scripture: Psalm 146:1,2, 6-10

*All Sing: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Psalter 253:1-3

*God's Greeting

*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "He Has Made Me Glad" Sing 13
"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" Sing 242

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

*Call to Confession: Isaiah 64:6-9

*Response: "Spirit of the Living God" Psalter 424
Prayer

Children's Worship Blessing

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

People: May the Lord be with you as you learn of Jesus and his love.

Children: And also with you.

People: May the word of the Lord grow in your hearts.

Children: Thanks be to God.

People: Go in peace.

[Children ages three through Grade 1 dismissed for Praise and Play, & Children and Worship]

Concerns of the Church
Congregational Prayer

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry/Christian Education
Offertory: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Bukhardt
[Please pass the Fellowship Pads]

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Prayer of Illumination: "Be Still and Know"
Celebration 585:1,3,5

Be still and know that I am God (3x)

My boundless mercy shall endure (3x)

In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust (3x)

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (p. 699)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "60 Years Old: Now What?"

Prayer

*All Sing: "O Lord, You're Beautiful" Celebration 643

**O Lord, You're beautiful, Your face is all I seek:
And when your eyes are on this child, Your
grace abounds in me.**

**O Lord, You're wonderful, Your touch is all I
need; And when Your hand is on this child, Your
healing I receive.**

O Lord, You're beautiful,...

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

Invitation

*God's Parting Blessing

People: Amen.

*All Sing: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Psalter 340:3

*Postlude: "Trumpet Tune in D Major" Purcell
(*stand, if you are able)

Minister
Organist

Rev. Steve De Vries
Annelle Dekker

SERMON OUTLINE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Sixty Years Old: Now What?

Introduction: Turning 60 and wondering....

1. The question: Is it all worth it? (vs. 9)

- The church question
- The personal question

2. The bad news: stuff happens (1-8, 10,11)

- A beautiful lament
- The burden
- The hope

3. The Good News: it's not complicated (12-15)

- Enjoying life's simple pleasures
- Getting over yourself

Conclusion: The end of the matter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday January 1, 2012

Happy New Year and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church on this first day of 2012! This morning Pastor De Vries is preaching on Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, reflecting on the New Year and Plymouth's 60th birthday. There will be no service this afternoon.

Next Sunday Mr. Phillip Westra will lead the morning worship service, preaching on *The Temptations of Jesus*. Pastor De Vries will lead the afternoon service, preaching on Ephesians 3:1-12, *Playing the Race Card*.

Church Office Hours: The office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

January 1, 2012 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
January 8, 2012 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds
January 8, 2012 PM: Mission India

YOUTH & EDUCATION

High School Ministries

Lifeline: We will not be meeting until January 15. We will be visiting the Bridge Street House of Prayer that evening, so Youth Group will be extended until 7:30pm. We will still meet in the Youth Room at 5:00pm.

Inklings: We are joining a larger group of the congregation to make our way through the book, "Not a Fan" by Kyle Idleman. We will be joined in Inklings by others from the congregation, making Inklings not just high school students, but intergenerational.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to come to Inklings in January and February so that we can get a book for you.

Middle School Ministries

Breakaway: We are meeting on January 8 for a New Year's Party! We have a mystery location lined up and a great night planned. Stay tuned!

Discovery Hour: We are off until January 8.

Have you ever thought you might want to be a Discovery Hour teacher? Well you are in luck! I am looking for some more volunteers for 2012 and that could be you! Discovery Hour meets at 9am, before the morning service. Please let Kristen Van Allen know if you are interested. Don't forget, the kids need you.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Yesterday's Kids/Today's Retirees: January 11 we will get together at church for a wonderful meal at noon followed by a "Harmonica Band" of 7 people featuring hymns and familiar "oldies". Sign up at the Welcome Center and bring a friend!

Thank you to the Plymouth Heights Church family for all the Christmas Cards and the beautiful poinsettia plant. We miss going to church and seeing all of you! We hope you had a blessed Christmas. With love, Goldy and Andrew Bok

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers and the beautiful poinsettia plant. I really appreciated them. Henrietta Bergmans

"Not a Fan" Small Groups: Spend some time this New Year investing in your faith journey. Join a small group in reading "Not a Fan" by Kyle Idleman and discuss what it really means to be a true follower of Christ, not just a "fan." There are 2 options available:

Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm (Jan. 4-Feb. 8, with nursery provided) and Sundays at 9am with Inklings (Jan. 8-Feb. 26). All groups are intended to be multigenerational. Sign up at the Welcome Center today! Questions? Contact Gretchen Driesenga, Jenna Wiersma or Kelly Buist.

Reminder from Properties: Various rooms in church are heated only as needed during winter months. If your group or committee does not have a regular meeting time, please call the church office a day ahead to arrange for heat. Also, please remember to turn off all lights and lock doors when you leave the building after your meeting. Thank you.

OUTREACH

Special reminder: Friendship starts up again on Jan. 10. Our Lesson is number 1 of Unit 2, God Our Father.

Treats for Basketball and Bible Club: There are still a few slots available to bring snacks to either Basketball or Bible Club in January and February. If you are able to support either ministry with treats, please see the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center. Thank you to all of you who have brought delicious goodies this year!

During January at Mulick Park the students will be focusing on the character muscle of SELF DISCIPLINE. Please remember to pray for teachers and students as they exercise and talk about this important character muscle. And please remember to bring your change on the fourth Sunday of each month.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

New2You, the Grand Rapids Christian School Thrift Shop, has been busier than ever! Last year, with your

help we were able to provide a record amount of support to parents for Christian School tuition reduction. Please remember us as you clean your closets this winter. We are happy to arrange pick-up of large items if you call the store at 942-2929.

Have you considered becoming a volunteer? The store is run by volunteers and you could commit as little as 3 hours a week. You could help a wonderful cause and make great new friends at the same time. Please call the store to get more information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK **January 1, 2012**

Sunday January 1, 2012

9:00AM NO Discovery Hour Gr. 2-8
NO Inklings

9:15AM NO Sanctuary Choir

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Ushers: Paul Van Swol, Kumar & Chrysanthi Sinniah

Prayer Servants: Mary Gerritsen, Alice Geelhoed

Praise and Play (3 and young 4):
Rosemary VanAllsburg, Jack VanAllsburg

Children and Worship (4 through first grade) is off today

Nursery: Nathan Studer, Michelle Westra, Brian Holwerda, Anya Schmidt

Coffee Fellowship: Chuck & Ellen Hekman

Tuesday

6:00AM Oasis Men's Book Study

(meet at Russ' Restaurant)

Wednesday

6:30PM-8:30PM Oasis (Library)
6:30PM GEMS meet at Shawnee Park CRC

Thursday

6:45AM Faith Builders
9:30AM Women's Bible Study (Library)

Saturday

7:00PM Bowling Park Center Lanes

Sunday January 8, 2012

9:00AM NO Discovery Hour Gr. 2-8
NO Inklings

9:15AM NO Sanctuary Choir

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Ushers: Steve Penning, Bill Kamstra, Mark VanAllsburg, Bruce Gilman

Prayer Servants: Atts De Vries, Bruce Gilman

Praise and Play (3 and young 4):
Linda Vellenga, Jake & John Vellenga

Children and Worship (4 through first grade): Amy Blom, Emily Diepstra

Nursery: Judy Block, Amy Blom, Christine Hekman, Emma Tilma

Coffee Fellowship: David & Danelle Leugs