ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 29, 2012 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "Be of Good Courage" Telemann/arr. Hopson
"The Solid Rock" Bradbury/arr. Broughton

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Welcome
Opening Scripture I John 1: 5-7

*All Sing: "Here I Am to Worship" csw 2

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me. Here I am to worship.

*God's Greeting
*Greet One Another

*All Sing: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Great Hymns 38: 1, 3, 4

"Lord, Be Glorified" Sing! 43: 1,3,4

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:
GOD ACCEPTS US!

All Sing: "God Be Merciful to Me" csw 9: 1, 2

Prayer of Confession

All Sing: "God Be Merciful to Me" csw 9: 3, 4

All Sing: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Psalter 568: 3

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 Tom Van Wingerden

OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING: GOD BLESSES US!

Offering: Ministry and Christian Education Funds
Offertory: "Make Me a channel of Your Peace" Temple/arr. Wagner

[Please pass the Fellowship Pads]

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

All Sing: "Change My Heart, O God" Sing! 56

Scripture: Matthew 22: 36-40 (p. 1034)
Mark 1: 16-17 (p. 1045)
I John 4: 7-21 (p. 1280)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon: Circles
Prayer

*All Sing: "Will You Come and Follow Me" Sing! 267: 1,4,5

[Youth Choir (Grades 2-7) is dismissed for rehearsal]

GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

Invitation
*God's Parting Blessing
People: Amen.
*All Sing: "Song of Hope" Sing! 282

*Postlude: "March Royale" Lully
(*stand, if you are able)

Minister Rev. Steve De Vries
Organist Annelle Dekker
Plymouth Band Charlie De Vries, Andy Geelhoed, Michelle Holwerda, Luke Tilma Duncan Leugs
Pianist Dawn Gebben
Readers April Pierce, Tom Van Wingerden

SERMON OUTLINE

Circles

Matthew 22:36-40; Mark 1:16, 17; I John 4:7-21

Intro: Stitches

1. The Disciple Stitch
   a. Personal
   b. Communal
2. The Neighbor Stitch
   a. Communal
   b. Personal
3. The Kingdom Stitch
   a. Sabbath & Sleep
   b. God and his love

Conclusion: Consider the Membership Covenant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday January 29, 2012

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. This morning Pastor De Vries will finish the Vision Series with a sermon titled, *Circles,* based on Matthew 22:36-40, Mark 1:16,17, and I John 4:7-21. This afternoon we return to Luke 10 (the Parable of the Good Samaritan is in the second half of Luke 10). Pastor De Vries' meditation, *Without Baggage,* is another meditation on discipleship and neighborliness and is based on Luke 10:1-24.

In the month of February, we'll be focusing on the sacraments in all our worship services. Pastor De Vries will begin with *Baptism* next Sunday morning. Rev. Howard Vanderwell will join us for the afternoon services on Feb. 5 and Feb. 12 to share some of the history behind the Synodical decision on Children at the Lord's Table and to lead our discussion about it. Each of those afternoon services will provide time for dialogue and discussion about the related issues. Nursery will be provided. Because we don't normally offer nursery for afternoon services, we're looking for a couple of extra volunteers. Contact Kristen Van Allen if you're able to help.

TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

January 29, 2012 AM:	Ministry/Christian Education Funds
January 29, 2012 PM:	Calvinist Cadet Corps
February 5, 2012 AM:	Ministry/Christian Education Funds
February 5, 2012 PM:	CRC Race Relations

FROM THE DEACONS

Ministry Fund Receipts:

Week of January 22	$ 5,264.00
Weekly budgeted amount	$12,601.31

On Sunday February 12 we will be doing a reverse offering for Safe Haven Ministries/Ramoth House. Please consider taking one or a few slips of paper from the offering plate when it is passed. Bring those items to church on the morning of February 19. There will be a table set up in the Community Room to place your items. Thank-you.

FROM COUNCIL

The process of selecting new members for Council is beginning. We are inviting members of the congregation to submit names of individuals that they believe have gifts that could be well-used in the office of Elder or Deacon. If you would like to nominate a member for either office, contact either your household Elder, or Deacon or Council Clerk, Rick Kehr.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

High School Ministries

Inklings: Please read through Chapters 8 & 9 for next week.

Lifeline: We are meeting tonight from 5:00pm - 7:00pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a 2-liter or a bag of chips.

Next week: High school students are invited to come to the evening worship service from 5:00pm - 6:00pm and then walk over to the parsonage for our Super Bowl party. Bring an appetizer to share!

Ski Trip: If you plan to join us on Saturday, February 11 for our ski trip to Cabrafae, please let Gretchen know! In order to hold your spot, you will need to get $25 in by February 5.

Show A Little Love: For Valentine's Day, we are hoping to bless Josiah Walcott (missionary in Germany) with a care package and also the Bridge Street House of Prayer's free coffeehouse (The

Pavilion) with pounds and pounds of organic coffee. If you'd like to participate, drop off a 1lb bag of whole bean coffee OR a fun goodie to Gretchen either February 5 or February 12.

Degage: We are heading to Degage on Monday evening, February 20, to lead bingo and have a dessert bar. Please let Gretchen know if you plan to attend.

Colorado Challenge: If you are planning to come on the summer trip to Colorado, a $50 deposit needs to be in by February 19 (please note: This is earlier than the date on the brochure). Talk to Gretchen if you have any questions about the trip.

Middle School Ministries

Breakaway: We are meeting on February 12 in the Youth Room from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

Overnighter: We are taking over East Hills Athletic Club on Friday evening, February 3, through Saturday morning, February 4. We will meet at church at 10:30pm and you will need to get picked up from the Athletic Club at 5:30am. Cost is $15.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Households 1 & 5 will be hosting a lunch after the morning service/coffee fellowship next week on Sunday, February 5. All visitors, college students and household members are invited to attend. An information sheet was placed in your communicator boxes 2 weeks ago with all the details. Household members who have not received or responded to an RSVP call are requested to call their elder or deacon.

Plymouth Playgroups: Do you have babies or preschoolers who want to spend some time with friends? Do you know a caregiver who could use a little time with other caregivers to get a break or find encouragement? Join us as we invite neighbors into the nursery on the first Fridays of every month from 9-11am! There will be time for snacks, conversation and play along with our kids! Join us this week **Friday, February 3**! Questions? Contact Liz Brouwers at (616) 581-6391.

Yesterday's Kids-Today's Retirees: February is Black History Month, and you won't want to miss this opportunity to attend our February 8 event –Black History presented through song, drama and narration by John and Cathy Barrows-Williams. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the elevator. Please sign up at the Welcome Center for lunch ($6.50) and this exciting program! Friends and visitors are always welcome. Be sure they are signed up too! A free-will offering will be taken for Central Bible Ministries International.

Are you a "Tweener?" Do you fall between Oasis and Yesterday's Kids? We want you to join us on **February 25** for a progressive dinner with wonderful food and fellowship on the menu! Sign-up sheets with more information are at the Welcome Center. See Mary Kline, Jane Tiesenga or Susan Holwerda for additional questions.

SERVE: The dates for our Youth Unlimited SERVE trip for this summer are July 21 - 28. Mark it on your calendars and look for ways to get involved in the coming months!

Small Group Opportunities: If you would like to get involved in an intergenerational small group, there is an opportunity on Wednesday evenings to study *Compelled by Love: A Journey to Missional Living* by Philip Nation and Ed Stetzer. The group will meet from 6:30pm until 8:00pm or 8:30pm each week, beginning February 22 and ending mid-April. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for those who would like to learn more about it.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The refugee family our church helped in 2010-2011 has asked for our help. They just welcomed a baby boy last week and are in need of baby things. Please check out the list on the bulletin board near the elevator if you have items you might like to donate. There will be a box for the donations on the table by the elevator on today. Contact Helene Bardolph (452-6354) if you need help transporting a larger item.

Faith and Science: A Dialogue – Church of the Servant CRC (3835 Burton St. SE) invites you to our continuing series of dialogues on questions of Christian faith and modern science. This winter's events, on the theme of God and evolution, take place at 6pm on four Sundays Feb. 12, 19 and 26, and March 4 and feature Scott Hoezee, Arlene Hoogewerf, Brian Madison, and Jim Bradley. Nursery provided. For details, see www.coscrc.org/faithandscience or facebook.com/faithandscience. Funded by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK
January 29, 2012

Sunday January 29, 2012

8:45AM Sanctuary Choir
9:00AM Discovery Hour Gr. 2-8
Inklings

10:00AM Morning Worship Service
Ushers: Deacons

Prayer Servants: Frank Diepstra, Karen VanderLaan

Praise and Play (3 and young 4): Michelle Holwerda, Luke Tilma

Children and Worship (4 through first grade): Amy Blom, Jenny Koopmans

Nursery: Jane Brouwer, Wendy Brummel, Adrianna Bolt, Garrit Harkema

Coffee Fellowship: Jeff & Sandy Peterson, Doug & Kathy Kool

5:00PM Afternoon Worship Service

5:00-7:00PM Lifeline (High School)

Tuesday
7:00PM Basketball

Wednesday
6:30PM GEMS meet at Shawnee Park CRC
6:30-8:00PM Small Groups for *Not a Fan*
6:30PM Cadets

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

Saturday
7:00PM Bowling Park Center Lanes

Sunday February 5, 2012
8:45AM Sanctuary Choir
9:00AM Discovery Hour Gr. 2-8
Inklings

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

Prayer Servants: Huds Nyenhuis, Dennis Sikkema

Praise and Play (3 and young 4): Kerri Driesenga, Emma Tilma

Children and Worship (4 through first grade): Amy Blom, Kelly Buist

Nursery: Barb Burman, Kristen VanAllen, Kristin Danielson, Michelle Holwerda

Coffee Fellowship: Paul & Janeen VanSwol

5:00PM Afternoon Worship Service

5:00-7:00PM Lifeline (High School)