

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 8, 2012 10 AM

ENTER INTO HIS PRESENCE: GOD AWAITS US!

Prelude: "O Lord Most Holy" Franck/arr. Hopson  
"What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright"  
Arr. Hopson

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

Welcome  
Prayer

\*All Sing: "Blessed Be the Lord God, Almighty"  
[sing twice] Sing! 113

\*God's Greeting  
\*Greet One Another

\*Opening Scripture Psalm 91: 1-2

\*All Sing: "O Worship the King" Psalter 428: 1, 3-5

\*All Sing: "How Great Is our God" csw 3  
**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.**

**Refrain**

**How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

**And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.** (refrain)

\*All Sing: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
Great Hymns 354: 1-2

HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE HIM:  
GOD ACCEPTS US!

Call to Confession Hebrews 4: 14 – 16  
Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon Romans 5: 1-2

All Sing: "To God Be the Glory" Psalter 632

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 Funds  
Offertory: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
arr. Carter

[Please pass the Fellowship Pads]

OPENING HIS WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US!

\*All Sing: "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart"  
csw 16

**I will hide your word inside my heart so that it may guide me. Like a shining light, let it burn so bright; I will follow you.**

**Come and pour your grace into my heart so that it may fill me with the precious things that your Spirit brings; I will live in you.**

Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-11 (p. 1009)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Trials and Temptations  
Prayer

\*All Sing: "How Firm a Foundation" Psalter 500: 1,2,5

**GO BOLDLY AND SERVE:  
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!**

Invitation

\*God's Parting Blessing  
People: **Amen.**

\*All Sing: "We Receive Your Blessing" csw 37  
**We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace, as we walk in the light shining from Your face. May the peace that You give change the way that we live. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him, above you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.**

**We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace, as we walk in the light shining from Your face. May the peace that You give change the way that we live. We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.**

\*Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major" Purcell

(\*stand, if you are able)  
Seminarian Intern Phillip Westra  
Organist  
Plymouth Band  
Pianist

Annelle Dekker  
Charlie De Vries, Curt Schmidt  
Deb Feys

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday January 8, 2012

Good morning and welcome to Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. This morning our Ministry Intern, Mr. Phillip Westra, will lead worship and preach on Matthew 4:1-11, *Trials and Temptations*. Pastor De Vries will lead the afternoon service with a meditation on Acts 19:1-7, *Baptism and the Holy Spirit*.

Over the next three Sundays Pastor De Vries will be preaching about Plymouth's vision statement by looking at the Great Commandment, the Great Commission and how they come together in the church's vision. Next Sunday we'll look at the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40) in the morning Service and at I Corinthians 6:12-20, *Not My Own*, in the afternoon service. We'll be celebrating communion during the morning service on January 22.

**Youth Choir** will resume on Sunday, January 15.

## TITHING OPPORTUNITIES

January 8, 2012 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds  
January 8, 2012 PM: Mission India  
January 15, 2012 AM: Ministry/Christian Education Funds  
January 15, 2012 PM: Youth Unlimited

## FROM THE DEACONS

The deacons express their gratitude to the congregation for the year end giving that occurred.

Year end collection report (January - December)

Collected \$ 640,146.86

Budgeted \$ 653,061.53

Ministry Fund Receipts

Week of January 1 \$ 6,290.27  
Weekly budgeted amount \$12,601.31

## YOUTH & EDUCATION

### High School Ministries

Inklings: We began our study of the book "Not a Fan" by Kyle Idelman this morning by looking at Chapters 1 & 2. Please read through Chapters 3 & 4 for next week.

Lifeline: We are meeting on January 15 and heading down to Bridge Street House of Prayer. Please arrive promptly at 5:00pm. We will be returning to church at 7:30pm instead of 7:00pm.

### Middle School Ministries

Breakaway: We are meeting tonight from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at a special location. Please be dropped off & picked up at Rob Carpenter's office, located in Alger Heights at 2445 Eastern Ave SE, 49507. If you are familiar with the area, it is the old Poortenga photography studio set back behind Chase bank.

Holland Aquatic Center: We will be heading to Holland for a few hours of swimming and then going out for ice cream! Cost is \$5. Please let Gretchen know by January 15 if you plan to attend.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Thank you for the lovely poinsettia and Christmas cards. I enjoyed them very much. May you all have a blessed New Year.  
Sylvia Ver Merris

My deacon, Brian Bardolph, brought me a beautiful poinsettia and many Christmas cards. Thanks to all of you. The following week a visit from my elder, Ernie Noorman, covered it all. To God be the glory in the New Year!  
John H. Ritsema

**We wish** to thank the congregation for the cards and other remembrances we received over the Christmas season.

Nancy and Larry Kuipers

Thank you to our Plymouth Heights congregation for all the cards and the lovely poinsettia.  
Julio & Dulce Florida

Yesterday's Kids-Today's Retirees: This Wednesday, January 11, is our noon meal prepared by Dave Diepstra. After lunch we will relax and enjoy a harmonica band featuring hymns and familiar "oldies". **TODAY** is the last day to sign up at the Welcome Center. Bring a friend! If you signed up and cannot attend, please contact Draismas or Mulders today so your meal will not be ordered and paid for.

**The Endowment Fund Committee** has \$9000.00 available for distribution in 2012 to enhance the ministry of Plymouth Heights CRC. Ministry and program leaders will be sent invitations to submit proposals for funding projects or programs not included in the regular budget. Members of the Congregation who want to suggest funding proposals should submit those suggestions to the appropriate church committee.

## OUTREACH

**Thank you** for adding warmth to 18 guests at Degage. The blankets are greatly appreciated.

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

**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

**The refugee family** our church helped in 2010-2011, has asked for our help. They are expecting a baby boy in February 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 on the table by the elevator for the donations on Sunday January 8 through Sunday January 29. Contact Helene Bardolph (452-6354) if you need help transporting a larger item.

**Oakdale Neighbors needs** several more volunteers to prepare tax returns for lower-income families. We would love to have two members of Plymouth Heights Church join us in this important project. It's a great way to meet and work with neighbors. Plenty of training and support is provided. Contact Tom Bulten at 248.2848 for more information.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK** **January 8, 2012**

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#### **Sunday January 8, 2012**

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

9:15AM NO Sanctuary Choir

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

**Prayer Servants:** Mary Gerritsen,  
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, Ellen Hekman,  
Christine Hekman, Emma Tilma

**Coffee Fellowship:** David & Danelle  
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#### **Monday**

7:00PM Deacon Meeting (Reflection Room)  
Elder Meeting (Fellowship Room)

#### **Tuesday**

6:00AM Oasis Men's Book Study  
(meet at Russ' Restaurant)

6:45PM Friendship; Unit 2 Lesson 1

7:00PM Basketball

#### **Wednesday**

6:30-8:00PM Small Groups

6:30PM Cadets

#### **Thursday**

6:45AM Faith Builders

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (Library)

#### **Sunday January 15, 2012**

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

9:15AM Sanctuary Choir

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

**Prayer Servants:** Ralph Honderd,  
Fran Karnemaat

**Praise and Play (3 and young 4):**  
Sarah Start, Claire Slotsema

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

**Nursery:** Alice Boender, Vonda  
Brasser, Emily Diepstra, Eric VanSwol

**Coffee Fellowship:** Mark & Rosemary  
VanAllsburg