



THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH OF SUNNYSIDE

Planting and nurturing ordinary disciples of Christ,
through the extraordinary gospel of Christ,
unto the glory and dominion of Christ.

The Divine Services

on

December 3, 2017

Soli Deo Gloria!

WELCOME!

“How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.” Psalm 84:1-2

We gather together in the morning and evening of this holy day to meet with our holy God. We are here, as ordinary sinners saved by extraordinary grace, to **receive** from him through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ—from Genesis to Revelation—and to **respond** by offering him worship with reverence and awe and by offering our neighbor tender love and mercy, all by the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you are visiting our church today, please fill out a visitor’s card and place it in the offering. You are also invited to stay after the service for some refreshments so that we may get to know you better! You may also find more information about us by visiting our foyer for some free reading materials, or visiting our website at **www.sunnysideurc.org**.

PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN: Parenting is difficult enough; parenting our children through a worship service can be especially so. In a desire to assist you—during each worship service—we have a staffed nursery (in the back, by the bathrooms) for our littlest ones, as well as for those children that have the much-dreaded “meltdown.” However, we would encourage you to begin training your children to sit through the worship service as soon as they (and you!) are able. As Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 19:14). Our children are members of God’s covenant community, and it is through participating in the liturgy—hearing the Gospel preached, singing the songs of Zion, reciting the Apostles’ Creed, observing the melodies and harmonies of holy worship—that our children are brought to saving faith and slowly nurtured into budding disciples of Christ and participating members of His church, men and women equipped to confess His name before the world. Likewise, we kindly ask all in the congregation to be patient with these parents as they seek to train their children in the worship of God; try to even offer a helping hand, if you are able.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Apostle Peter commands us to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18). Unto this end, we are pleased to offer four Sunday School classes after the AM service during the Fall, Winter, and Spring, from 11:35am—12:15pm:

- 1) *Toddler—K Class* with Mrs. Smeenk and Mrs. Slegers in the Nursery
- 2) *1st—4th Grade Class* with Mrs. Haak in the Classroom
- 3) *5th—12th Grade Class* with Elder Smeenk and Mr. Bolin in the Pastor’s Study
- 4) *Adult Class* in the Sanctuary

ABOUT COMMUNION: We celebrate the Lord’s Supper on the first Sunday morning of each month. If you are not presently a member of this church and wish to partake, we kindly ask that you receive permission from the elders. Please respect our policy as we seek to fence the table in a biblical manner. An elder will be available to speak with you before the morning service. They will ask you about the following: 1) Baptism, 2) Public Profession of Faith, and 3) Biblical Church Membership.

For those visitors who have received permission to partake: the elements will be handed out together after some words are spoken. Please wait until the elements are distributed before you partake. Grape juice is provided in the center two rings, while wine is provided in the outer two rings. Gluten free bread is available as well for those with a wheat allergy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week...

Mr. Ronnie Curfman will lead us in Morning and Evening Worship. Welcome, Brother!

A big THANK YOU to our visiting piano accompanists.

PLEASE BE IN SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE URCS COUNCIL in the weeks and months ahead.

THE URCS Council is looking for volunteers to host meals, house, and provide to-and-from airport transportation for visiting pastors in the coming months. If you are able to do one or more of these things, please let Deacon Haak or Elder Smeenk know. Thank you!

Regular Resources...

THE CHURCH LIBRARY has been significantly restocked with titles pertaining to theology, apologetics, marriage and family, and Christian living. Feel free to peruse the selection and check out a book!

SERMONS ON CD are available for those who sign up in the foyer.

PLEASE AVAIL YOURSELF to the monthly publications and pamphlets in the foyer.

THE LEADERSHIP OF URCS

Christ has instituted three offices in His church: Pastor (Eph. 4.11; 2 Tim. 2.15; 4.1-5), Elder (1 Tim. 3.1-7; Acts 14.23; Tit. 1.5-9; Heb. 13.17), and Deacon (1 Tim. 3.8-13; Acts 6.1-7; Phil 1.1).

Pastor:

Jordan Huff, *Clerk of Consistory* [Leave of Absence]

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OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Treasurer: Fransisca Vander Meulen

Building and Grounds: Scott Wolters,
Pete Waller, Jonathan Haak

Custodian: Jeremy Van Dam

Special Events: Sheryl Slegers, Maria Roosendaal,
Tamera Smeenk

Bulletin: Dawn Haak

SERVICE SCHEDULES

Nursery:	Dec 3: AM: Julie Waller PM: Breya Faber	Dec 10: AM: Sonya Faber PM: Dawn Haak	Dec 17: AM: Rebecca Bolin PM: Haylie Wolters	Dec 24: AM: Tamera Smeenk PM: Dawn Haak
Kitchen:	Dec 3: Erika TerWisscha	Dec 10: Fransisca VM	Dec 17: Julie Waller	Dec 24: Chris Wolters
Ushers:	Dec 3: AM: Mark VM PM: Trevor W	Dec 10: AM: Darrin VM PM: Jon H	Dec 17: AM: Scott W PM: Rick S	Dec 24: AM: Carson S PM: Jon H

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT 2017

Five Minutes a Day, Five Days a Week

Week 49	Week 50	Week 51	Week 52
Mon, Dec 4—Rev 4	Mon, Dec 11—Rev 9	Mon, Dec 18—Rev 14	Mon, Dec 25—Rejoice!
Tues, Dec 5—Rev 5	Tues, Dec 12—Rev 10	Tues, Dec 19—Rev 15	Tues, Dec 26—Rev 19
Wed, Dec 6—Rev 6	Wed, Dec 13—Rev 11	Wed, Dec 20—Rev 16	Wed, Dec 27—Rev 20
Thu, Dec 7—Rev 7	Thu, Dec 14—Rev 12	Thu, Dec 21—Rev 17	Thu, Dec 28—Rev 21
Fri, Dec 8—Rev 8	Fri, Dec 15—Rev 13	Fri, Dec 22—Rev 18	Fri, Dec 29—Rev 22

PRAYER

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

Congregational Needs:

Jim and Pyt Reitsma (Jim moved to nursing home, fatigue, weakness, pain); Erika Terwisscha (widow, gastroparesis; mother in convalescence, planning for the future); Mary Top (high blood pressure); Kris Chopper (mother in convalescence); Tamera Smeenk (mother Helen has breast cancer); Jon and Dawn Haak (chronic back & hip pain); Esther Hayter, Maisie Wolters, Justin Faber (college/grad school students); Maisie Wolters (wedding preparations); Huff Family (Adjusting to moving, uncertain future); all unbelieving family and friends

Ministry Needs: Pray for the URCS leadership, the weekly ministry of the Word, the work of missions, and the ministries throughout the week—especially to the sick

Answered Prayer:

Rebecca Bolin gave birth to Luke Bolin and both are doing well!

Lisa Lems is currently cancer-free!

Maria Roosendaal has some relief of her leg pain.

If you would like an item added to these lists, please see Deacon Haak.

THE MORNING DIVINE SERVICE

10:00 AM

Mr. Ronnie Curfman preaching and leading worship

Mrs. Norene Buschbach accompanying on piano

** Please stand if you are able*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Deut. 7:6-10

*INVOCATION

*GOD'S GREETING

*PSALM OF PRAISE

#38 Psalm 23"(1-5)

READING OF THE LAW

1 Thes. 4

CONFESSION OF SIN

*READING OF THE GOSPEL

1 Tim. 1:12-17

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#439 *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (1-4)

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe a holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***PSALM OF PREPARATION**

#23 Psalm 16 (1-3)

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 1:3-14

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 1:3-14

"Our Blessed Trinitarian Salvation: The Father who Predestines

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#444 A Mighty Fortress is Our God (1-4)

***GOD'S BENEDICTION**

Sermon Notes

THE EVENING DIVINE SERVICE

5:30 PM

Mr. Ronnie Curfman preaching and leading worship

Ms. Danika Wagenaar, accompanying on piano

** Please stand if you are able*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Zech. 9:9-12

***INVOCATION**

***GOD'S GREETING**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#315 *O Worship the King* (1-4)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Canons of Dort: Head 5, Article 1 & 2

Pg. 109 in back of Psalter Hymnal

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

***PSALM OF PREPARATION**

#3 *Psalm 2* (1-4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Matthew 21:1-11

The Arrival of the King

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#22 *Psalm 16* (1-3)

***CLOSING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE**

#493 *Doxology*

***GOD'S BENEDICTION**

MORNING SERMON NOTES for COVENANT CHILDREN

(parents: please follow up with your children at home)

Morning Sermon: *Our Blessed Trinitarian Salvation: The Father Who
Predestines* (Ephesians 1:3-6)

In this sermon we will see how God's predestination of those who believe in Christ gives us a joy and confidence that drives our sanctification, and an anchor in the midst of temptation.

1. What are the three points of this sermon?

God's Sovereignty in _____

Election and _____

Election and _____

2. Is it unfair for God to drag people into heaven against their will? Why or why not?

3. Is faith a work that we do to be saved? Explain?

4. How does our knowledge of God's election bring believers comfort when we see the sin

that is still in our hearts?

EVENING SERMON NOTES for COVENANT CHILDREN

(parents: please follow up with your children at home)

Evening Sermon: *The Arrival of the King* (Matt. 21:1-11)

This sermon is about how Jesus arrival in Jerusalem on a colt is an announcement of His royal reign, and the arrival of God's salvation.

1. What are the three points of this sermon?

The announcement _____

The _____ of the King

The Response of the _____

2. Jesus' disciples laid down their cloaks for Jesus to walk on. What does that mean?

3. What does it mean that Jesus came to give his life as a ransom for many (Matt. 20:26-

28)? Can you give an example of a ransom?

4. Why do you think some people rejected Jesus as King when he arrived in

Jerusalem?

OUR BELIEFS

As an historic Christian Church we believe the Apostles', Nicene, Athanasian, and Chalcedonian Creeds summarize the biblical doctrines of the Holy Trinity and the person of Jesus Christ.

As a Reformed Church we believe Scripture alone is our only guide for faith and life, that we are saved from sin and eternal wrath only by God's grace alone, because of the perfect righteousness of Christ alone, which is received not by our goodness but through faith alone, and all this is according to the glory of God alone. To summarize the Reformation doctrines we confess the "Three Forms of Unity," which are the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Belgic Confession (1561), and Canons of Dort (1619). If you'd like a copy of these documents—or have any questions about them—please see Pastor Huff.

We wholeheartedly believe these creeds and confessions faithfully summarize "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

SERVICE TIMES

Morning Divine Service: 10:00 am

Evening Divine Service: 5:30 pm

Sunday School: 11:35 am

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