# October 21, 2018

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** We hope to have a morning catechism service and an evening reading service. Classes after the morning service (Assignments are listed on the members page of the website)

This week **Thursday**, study groups hope to meet at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Week:** We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service. Classes after the morning service.

#### **Advance Notices:**

October 30, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Witvoet - Reformation Day

November 4, 2:30 p.m. Rev. Witvoet

November 11, 9:30 a.m. conf. of faith & 2:30 p.m. Rev. Vergunst

November 21, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Adams - Thanksgiving Eve

December 23, 9:30 and 2:30 p.m. Rev. Witvoet

December 24, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Adams - Christmas Eve.

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund

2nd School Fund

2nd Banner of Truth

**Membership:** We have received the membership papers of Miss Rhonda Hup, transferring from the Corsica congregation. We welcome her into our midst and pray that she may receive a blessing amongst us.

### We Remember in Prayer:

- -Mrs. Emma Zomer who hopes to commemorate her 77<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow, October 22
- -Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, any others who are unable to gather with us today, are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

#### **MEDITATIONS**

How stands the case, my soul, with thee? For Heaven are thy credentials clear? Is Jesus' blood thy only plea? Is He thy great Forerunner there? ~J. Kent I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Acts 20:20.21

Though the Bible is to be found in almost every house; yet we see, in fact, it is a sealed book; little read, little understood, and therefore but little regarded, except in those places which the Lord is pleased to favour with ministers who can confirm [its truths] from their own experience; and who, by a sense of His constraining love, and the worth of souls, are animated to make the faithful discharge of their ministry the one great business of their lives.

When the gospel, in this sense of the word, first comes to a place, though the people are going on in sin, they may be said to sin ignorantly; they have not yet been warned of their danger. Some are drinking down iniquity like water; others more soberly burying themselves alive in the cares and business of the world; others find a little time for what they call religious duties, which they persevere in, though they are utter strangers to the nature or the pleasure of spiritual worship; partly, as thereby they think to bargain with God, and to make amends for such sins as they do not choose to relinquish; and partly because it gratifies their pride, and affords them (as they think) some ground for saying, "God, I thank Thee I am not as other men." The preached gospel declares the vanity and danger of these several ways which sinners choose to walk in. It declares, and demonstrates, that, different as they appear from each other, they are equally remote from the path of safety and peace, and all tend to the same point, the destruction of those who persist in them. At the same time it provides against that despair into which men would be otherwise plunged, when convinced of their sins, by revealing the immense love of God, the glory and grace of Christ, and invites all to come unto Him, that they may obtain pardon, life, and happiness. In a word, it shows the pit of hell under men's feet, and opens the gate ~John Newton and points out the way to heaven.

"Tremble at sinful thoughts. We startle at gross sin, but we are not troubled so much for sinful thoughts. Know firstly, that sin may be committed in the thoughts, though it never blossom into outward act: 'The thought of foolishness is sin. (Prov. 24:9)' ~Thomas Watson

# Notes

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

#### Consistory

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.