

March 14, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Passion Reading Service
2:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service.
Classes after the morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service.
2:30 p.m. Rev. Witvoet
Classes after the morning service.

Wednesday, Bible Study groups meet at 7:00 p.m. at Living Bread.

Sunday, March 28, we will be resuming our 6:30 p.m. services

Tuesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., baby shower for Alyssa deWit at Split Rock Fire Station

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Living Bread 2nd Disaster Relief

The **Directory** draft is on the foyer table. Please make any changes or additions of cell phones and email addresses that you would like in it.

Thank You:

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, food and phone calls during my recovery. ~Mrs. Jennie Johnson

We Remember in Prayer:

-Mr. Zomer, who also went into Good Samaritan this past week
-Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATION

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought.” Romans 8:26

There are many Christians who find it difficult, if not impossible to give expression to the heart's utterances, in what is termed free prayer. They are, at times, perplexed to know whether they are acquainted with the reality and power of true prayer. And thus many a saint of God, whose wants are not the less real, whose desires are not the less spiritual, and whose breathings are not the less fervent and divinely acceptable, may through this his infirmity, be much cast down and discouraged. But who is free from some clinging infirmity, interfering with the sanctity and power of this hallowed engagement? Who is not mournfully sensible, that of all his spiritual privileges, this, his highest, most sacred, and solemn, is the most encompassed with, and marred and fettered by, the deep corruptions of his fallen and depraved nature? That after all his rigid observance of the duty, his many devotional engagements, public and private, there should yet be so little felt nearness to God, so little confidential communion – in a word, so little *real* prayer. Oh, how much *prayerless prayer* do we have to mourn over! But there is encouragement. “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities.” The word here rendered “helpeth,” properly means to take part with. It implies, not merely sympathy with, but a personal participation in our infirmity. The Spirit helps our infirmities by sharing them with us. Now take the general infirmities of the believer – infirmities which, unaided by another and superior power, must crush and overwhelm – and trace the help thus afforded by the Spirit. We are taught to adore the love of the Father, from whence each rill of mercy has its rise. We delight to dwell upon the love of the Son, through whose channel all redemption blessing flows. And shall we overlook the love of the Holy Ghost? Shall we forget His affection, His grace, His succourings? Forbid it, Thou eternal and blessed Spirit! Thy essential Deity, Thy personal subsistence, Thy tender love, Thy Divine power, Thy efficacious grace, Thy sovereign mercy, Thy infinite patience, Thy exquisite sympathy, all demand our deepest love, and awake our loftiest praise. How is this sympathy of the Spirit expressed? Seeing the soul bound with an infirmity, all His compassion is awakened. He takes hold of the burden. Constrained by a love which not thought can conceive, moved by a tenderness no tongue can describe, He advances, and places the power of His Godhead beneath the pressure, and thus He helpeth our infirmity.

~Octavius Winslow

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*Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at his holy hill; for the
LORD our God is holy.
Psalm 99:9*

All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

Consistory

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