

**December 26, 2021**

**MEDITATIONS**

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This Week:** 9:30A Rev Hofman, Communion Service, No Classes  
2:30P Rev Hofman, Reflection and Installation

**Dec 31st:** 6:30p Old Years reading service.  
**Jan 1st:** 9:30a New Year's reading service.

**Next Week:** 9:30A Reading Service, classes after the service  
6:30P Reading service

-All the Lord willing-

**Offerings: 1st offering:** General Fund  
**2nd offering Today:** Magazine Subscriptions

2nd offering next week: School Fund

**Membership:** The membership of Tyler and Elisabeth Maassen and their daughter Abigail has been transferred to our congregation from Rock Valley. We welcome them and pray for the Lord's blessing.

### **We Remember in Prayer:**

- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. "He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17

The fourth matter to be considered is the harmony between the sign and the matter signified, this being nourishment and refreshment. God has granted believers a twofold life: There is a natural life, which they have in common with all men, and they have spiritual life, which consists in the union of the soul with God. God also gives His people a twofold nourishment for this twofold life. He gives them food and drink for the maintenance of natural life, of which bread and wine are the most prominent. God also gives food and drink for the maintenance of spiritual life. Christ is this food and drink. By way of natural food and drink, that is, bread and wine, the Lord signifies the spiritual: Christ's body and blood. Thus as bread and wine have a nourishing and invigorating power when one partakes of them, Christ's body and blood (His suffering and death) upon being received by faith likewise nourish, strengthen, and invigorate spiritual life. "Eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved" (Song 5:1).

Since these signs are not only symbolic, but also sealing, the believer thus accepts them as seals and, upon the basis of the promise, presses them upon his heart, believing that Christ's body has been broken for him, and His blood has been shed for him. He believes that thereby he has the forgiveness of sins and is a partaker of Christ and all the benefits of the covenant confirmed in Christ's death. A believer thus receives Christ while partaking of the signs and uniting the sign to the matter signified. He considers the signs as tokens of Christ's love for him, His merits on his behalf, and of His immutability in making him an eternal partaker of these benefits. It is thus that this spiritual food and drink nourish and refresh him in his spiritual life

Taken from The Christian's Reasonable Service, Wilhelms à Brakel

## NOTES

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*All who would like to stand for the 3<sup>rd</sup> song are welcome to.*

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### Consistory

Elders: Mr. Rick Rozeboom, Mr. Craig Timmer  
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*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:  
Make known his deeds among the people.  
Psalm 105:1*

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