

December 16, 2018

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: We hope to have a 9:30 a.m. advent reading service and a 6:30 p.m. catechism service. Classes after the morning service.

This week **-Monday**, Ezra for Israel concert and singalong at Dordt College starting **7:30** p.m. (note corrected time)

-Friday, 7:00 p.m., Christmas sing-a-long and fellowship time after. Please bring your friends and a snack or drink to pass afterwards too.

Anyone who would like to pass the TBS calendars out to the neighborhood beforehand please meet at the church at 6:00

Next Week: We hope to have 9:30 and 2:30 p.m. services with Rev. Witvoet. No classes.

Advance Notice: December 24, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Adams

House Visitation: December 16 6:00 Miss Tara Thompson,
7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Zdenek,
8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Johnson

-All the Lord Willing-

A new **daily mediation book** is available in the foyer.

Congregational Meeting (second announcement)

Mr. Craig Timmer was re-elected as elder.

Any legal objections need to be brought to the consistory.

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd School Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

-The call sent out to Rev. Vergunst to be our shepherd and pastor
-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.

MEDITATION

From Ambrose Serle on the Incarnation of Christ:

Who shall unfold this mystery, or fathom this love of my God! The Ancient of days became a Child of days, and the Lord of all would be the Servant of all, that He might be a Redeemer, a Brother, a Friend of poor unworthy mortals, of vile apostates and rebels, such as I am, and such as, without Him, I and all others for ever must have been.

He took our nature without sin, that He might bear our sin. If sin had been in that which He took for Himself, it would not have been possible that one who was equally sinful should have taken off sinfulness from others. Thus He, who was not, and could not be a sinner by nature, did, by imputation, become the greatest of sinners. He bare our sins in His own body on the tree; and Jehovah laid upon Him the iniquities of us all. This dear Immanuel was a Lamb without spot, and therefore meet to be slain for atonement; and a scapegoat, or strong-one, going off, laden with iniquities; and so able to bear them away into everlasting forgetfulness.

He was very God and very man in one Christ. As Christ He is Immanuel, or God with us. What His name implies, that He truly is. He is God with us, able to save and to succor, able to bless and to enliven, in all our pilgrimage from earth to heaven. "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

And is this Thy promise, O Thou meek and lowly Jesus! and shall I be still slow of heart to believe it? Shall I always be hanging my head like a bulrush; and shall my eyes be still gushing out their faithless tears; when Thou hast promised not only the best of creatures in earth and heaven, but thine own blessed Self to be with me, Who art Lord of all? O my dear Redeemer, be so with me by Thy gracious power, that I may be deeply sensible of Thy continual presence; manifest Thyself to me as Thou dost not unto the world; for I am Thine, and I desire to give up myself and all I am and have, to Thy blessed will, for evermore. Be indeed, according to Thy name, my Immanuel, my God with me, and in me of a truth, that I may walk with Thee as one agreed, and draw from Thee all those supplies of grace, life, and peace, without which I can neither be happy, nor alive to Thy glory. O hear and answer, for mine eyes are upon Thee.

Notes

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*Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I
pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my
voice.*

Psalms 55:17

Consistory

Mr. Craig Timmer, President Mr. Norm DeWit, Treasurer

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