

What We Believe And Teach

Bulletin for Sabbath, January 10, 2010

WE PROCLAIM CHRIST

as the only Redeemer of God's elect and offer His salvation to all mankind, calling upon sinners to repent and believe in Him for forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. We confess Christ as Lord of all, and seek to bring ourselves, our lives, and our world into subjection to Him.

AS HEIRS OF THE REFORMATION

we confess the full authority of God's inerrant Word, the Holy Scriptures, and the Biblical truths summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger Catechism and the Shorter Catechism, as modified and augmented by the Testimony of the RPCNA. We also acknowledge the Three Forms of Unity (Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dort) as Biblically faithful and useful summaries of the Christian faith.

WE ADHERE TO THE REGULATIVE PRINCIPLE OF WORSHIP

as embodied in the Second Commandment, viz., that we worship God as He commands in His Word, and in no other way (Shorter Catechism, QQ. 50, 51; Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 96). We follow the Directory for the Public Worship of God agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, AD 1644, as our manual of worship. We encourage the use of *The Psalter* (1912) as our book of praise in private, family, social, and public worship.

WE ADMINISTER THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

on the first Sabbath of January, April, July, and October, Lord willing, during Morning Worship. Holy Baptism is administered upon request.



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**First Reformed Presbyterian Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

They shall be...
at the...
but the Lord...
is 'the rock of...
And he shall bring...
iniquity, and shall cut...
own wickedness; yea, the Lord...
God shall cut them off.

PSALM 95
COME, let us sing unto the LORD:
Let us make a joyful noise to...
of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with...
thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise...
into him with psalms.
3 For the LORD is a great God, and...
great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the deep places...
the earth: the strength of the hills...
The sea is his, and he made it:
hands formed the dry land.
... let us worship and bow d...
before the LORD our mak...
God; and we ar...
... hear his...

Sabbath Day Services:

Morning Worship 10:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Meeting Place:

Puritan Reformed Seminary Chapel
2965 Leonard Street NE

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Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery

Order for Morning Worship

Ten o'clock AM

Rev. Ray B. Lanning, Officiating

Pre-Service Song: Psalter No. 235

The Call to Worship: Psalm 130

*Singing of Psalter No. 166:1-4

*Prayer for God's Help and Blessing on His Word

Reading of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

Reading of Holy Scripture: Ecclesiastes 7:15-24; Romans 7:1-25

Singing of Psalter No. 389:1,4-6

Prayer before Sermon and the Lord's Prayer

The Sermon: **"THE LAW OF SIN" (Romans 7)**

Part I: The Facts of Christian Experience

Prayer after Sermon

Reception of the Gifts of God's People

*Singing of Psalter No. 236

*The Benediction

*Doxology: Psalter No. 228:2,3

Order for Evening Worship

Six o'clock PM

Rev. Ray B. Lanning, Officiating

Pre-Service Song: Psalter No. 403

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 49:1-6

*Singing of Psalter No. 259:1-4

*Prayer for God's Help and Blessing on His Word

*Confession of Faith: **The Apostles' Creed**

Reading of Holy Scripture: Ruth 1:19-22; Luke 15:11-24

Singing of Psalter No. 342

Prayer before Sermon

The Sermon: **"COMING HOME"**

Prayer after Sermon

Reception of the Gifts of God's People

*Singing of Psalter No. 230:1-5

*The Benediction

*Doxology: Psalter No. 259:5,6

**Congregation will stand.*

The Lord's Prayer: *Matthew 6:9-13*

After this manner therefore pray ye:

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE IN GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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The Church Session

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Our Precentors

Morning Worship: James Lanning

Evening Worship: Craig Shoemaker

OUR BOOK OF PRAISE: Copies of *The Psalter* may be obtained from Reformation Heritage Books, 2965 Leonard Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Telephone: 977-0599, Ext. 126. Available in two sizes, standard (\$9) and half-size (\$8).

First RPC News and Notes

SABBATH SCHOOL: Today we resume our discussions of the contents of the book we are reading as a congregation, Paul Tripp's *Instruments in the Hands of the Redeemer*. Our intern, Shawn Anderson, will present a review of the chapters of the book we have read and discussed in past weeks, to prepare us to move on in our study in the weeks ahead.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAISE AND PRAYER: Let's start the new year right, meeting for praise and prayer this Wednesday night at the home of Doug and Barb Nadeau, 930 Ellsmere Street NE, beginning at 7:30 PM.

SESSION MEETING: The next stated meeting of the church session will be held here in the seminary, D.V., on Thursday, Jan. 14. NB: We have rescheduled this meeting due to conflicting obligations on the part of some members of the session.

MANY THANKS to all who provided food and drink for last week's Fellowship Luncheon, and to those who helped with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Your service to our church in this way is deeply appreciated.

SINGING SCHOOL: Rev. Lanning wants to know if there is interest in commencing a "singing school" for our congregation, as a means to improve our ministry of praise. Meeting for twenty minutes, beginning at 5:30 PM on Sabbath evenings, basic principles of singing and reading musical notation would be taught, and new tunes introduced from *The Psalter*. Please make your views known today!

NEW ADDRESS: Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Bonner, 689 Lincoln Road, Otsego, MI 49078. Telephone: 1 (269) 694 - 2726.

WINTER WEATHER ALERTS: Should the elders decide to cancel services due to inclement weather, they will notify the congregation by telephone no later than 8 AM, before Morning Worship, or 5 PM, before Evening Worship. Adherents and regular visitors may also request to be notified of such cancellations. Please give your name and telephone number to our clerk of session, Elder Kent Van Timmeren.

NURSERY CARE for infants and toddlers is provided in Classroom 2.

SERMON RECORDINGS: Contact Jeff Wykstra at 534-7706 or in person if you desire to have a CD or Cassette recording of today's sermons.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CONCERNS: Call Rev. Lanning at 459-9530.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send any information you would like to appear to: bulletin@firstrp.org or contact Doug Nadeau at 361-2733.