

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

9:30AM

**"The Mother of Our Savior"**

Matthew 1:16,18

6:00PM

**"The Leaping Baby"**

Luke 1:41

**PSALTER NUMBERS**

320, 35, 317, 400

**OFFERINGS**

This Week: 1- General; 2- Special Education

Next Week: 1- General; 2-Heritage Chr.

**PSALTER NUMBERS**

409, 215, 281, 49

**OFFERINGS**

This Week: 1-Benevolent; 2- Berean PRC Bldg Fund

Next Week: 1-Benevolent; 2-Foreign Missions

**Reformed Witness Hour**

Sunday - 8 AM on WFUR-FM (102.9) and 4 PM on WFUR-AM (1570)—[www.prca.org](http://www.prca.org)

This Week: "Great joy Brought to You" Luke 2:10-11 Rev. C. Haak

Next Week: "Be Strong as You Face the Future" Joshua 1:5-9 Rev. C. Haak

*Welcome to all our visitors today.*

*We pray that God's Word may save and build up all God's people.*

*Please sign the guest book and join us for fellowship after the worship service.*

*CD's and DVD's of sermons are available upon request.*

*See the notebook on the bulletin table.*

**Consistory**

**Christmas:** Today we remember and celebrate the "unspeakable gift" that God has given to us - His Son in our flesh, Immanuel. May the Lord strengthen our hearts in all our sorrows with the good news that His Son was born to die. Before the evening service tonight we will have our Christmas pre-sing. Be sure to pick up a song sheet on your way into church. We will be led tonight by Andy Kuiper.

**Baptism:** This evening the sacrament of baptism will be administered to Will David Langerak, son of Everett and Michelle, and to Joshua Everett Boven, son of Dustin and Nadine. May the Lord use the sacrament to assure us that our sins are washed away and to strengthen us as parents in our calling to rear these children in God's ways.

**Deacons:** The monthly Deacons meeting will be Wednesday, December 28 at 7PM.

**Worship:** We will worship God this Saturday, Dec. 31, at 5:00pm, to remember God's faithfulness through another year. The collection will be for the *Standard Bearer*.

**Installation:** The installation of new office bearers will take place next Sunday morning. Rich Feenstra, Dick Venema, and Ben Wigger will be installed into the office of elder and Derek Cnossen and Brandon Van Overloop will be installed into the office of deacon.

**Welcome:** At our last consistory meeting, the membership papers of Cherith Guichelaar were received from Faith PRC. We welcome Cherith into our fellowship. There will be an opportunity to welcome Erik and Cherith after the worship service this morning by the bulletin table.

**Catechism:** There will be no catechism classes tomorrow or next Monday because of the holidays. The catechism classes will resume on January 9, the Lord willing.

**Church Family**

**Birth:** Mike and Leah Booth were blessed this past Tuesday with the birth of a daughter, Adelynn Grace. Adelynn and Leah are both doing well and have returned home from the hospital.

**Our Sick:** Tuesday night Rob Zolen was admitted to Zeeland hospital and placed in the ICU because of epiglottitis, which is a swelling of the epiglottis. The epiglottis is the small flap that covers the passageway to the lungs. This became so swollen from an infection that they had to insert a breathing tube and he was put on a ventilator. He was taken off the ventilator Thursday night and was planning to return home on Saturday. Let us remember Rob and Vicki in our prayers.

A list was provided in the last Closer Look of all the widows, widowers, and some of the elderly in our congregation. Let us remember them in our prayers and with visits in this season of the year.

**Thanks:** Thanks to all who went caroling. It was much appreciated.

**Food Drive:** The Deacons and the food drive recipients would like to thank the congregation for all the food and gift certificates donated for the food drive. What a blessing when the congregation can care for one another in this way. "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40

**Societies and Committees**

**Young Peoples:** The YP Federation board would like to remind all Young People to please remember to turn in their \$16.00 dues. All dues must be in by Jan 31.

**Young Adults:** We will meet next on January 8.

**Junior Christian Fellowship** will meet again on January 10.

**Hudsonville Women's Bible Study** will now be meeting AT Hudsonville PRC instead of Trinity PRC (NOTE location change!!). Our next meeting is on January 4, 2012. New groups will be made and if you (a new member) would like to join a group email Rosie Bylsma at [rosiebylsma@hotmail.com](mailto:rosiebylsma@hotmail.com).

**From the Helping Hands:** We would like to thank the congregation for all your help throughout the year. You have once again shown the love of Christ as you willingly gave to those in need. I Peter 4:8-10 "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." We have placed new forms on the table by the office. Please fill out this form ONLY if you have any changes you'd like to make, or if you'd like to join or take your name off the list. Please place forms in the HELPING HANDS mailbox by Sunday, January 8.

### ***Closer Look***

The January issue of the *Closer Look* will be distributed today.

### ***Denominational News***

- Hope PRC (Walker) is extending a call to Rev. C. Haak.

<p><b>Nursery: TODAY AM Infants:</b> Holly Feenstra, Terri Boven, Brittany Scholten <b>AM Toddlers:</b> Deb Engelsma, Lynne Huizinga, Logan Huizinga <b>PM Infants:</b> Leanne Cnossen, Rebecca Kuiper, Nikki Westing <b>PM Toddlers:</b> Sharon Kraker, Lois Kamps, Jordan Scholten <b>Old Years PM Infants:</b> Lisa Kraker, Jodi Hugg, Carmen Miedema <b>PM Toddlers:</b> Lisa Kortering, Jessica Scholten, Ashley Schut</p> <p><b>Next Week: AM Infants:</b> Lacey Key, Elizabeth Faber, Jessica Miedema <b>AM Toddlers:</b> Courtney Bylsma, Alyssa Butler, Rachel Rowe <b>PM Infants:</b> Shannon DenHerder, Michelle Langerak, Jori Eriks <b>PM Toddlers:</b> Rachel Cnossen, Danae Overweg, Cindy VanderVeen</p> <p><b>Greeters: TODAY AM:</b> Alex and Pam Bylsma      <b>PM:</b> Ryan and Courtney Bylsma <b>Old Years PM:</b> Derek and Leanne Cnossen <b>Next Week AM:</b> Mike and Helen Cnossen      <b>PM:</b> Mike and Rachel Cnossen</p> <p><b>December Ushers: AM:</b> Ross Holstege, Greg Kalsbeek, George Kamps, Matthew Kamps <b>PM:</b> Rob Huizinga, Caleb Kamps, Justin Kamps</p> <p><b>December Valet Parking: AM:</b> Dan Bergman, Russ Lotterman <b>PM:</b> Eric Miedema, Randy Veldman</p> <p><b>January Ushers: AM:</b> Tim Key, Andy Kuiper, Daryl Kuiper, Everett Langerak <b>PM:</b> Ryan Kraker, Jonathan Kuiper, Randy Kuiper</p> <p><b>January Valet Parking: AM:</b> Jon Mingerink, Keith Feenstra <b>PM:</b> Jordan VanBaren, Ben Timmerman</p>
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### ***Requested Announcements***

**The Young People's Society of First PRC-GR** is hosting an open gym pizza social at Eastside Christian School on December 27 from 7-10pm open to all West Michigan PRYP society members. Cost is \$5 dollars per person. Please join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

**PR Psalm Choir:** This coming year, 2012, marks the 100th year anniversary of our Psalter. The PR Psalm Choir invites you to join them to commemorate this special event in joyful praise and thanksgiving to our God. The choir will select a group of Psalms to sing for this occasion, and will produce a special 100th anniversary CD. Please consider becoming a choir member for this special commemoration of our Psalter. The choir will hold its first practice on January 8, 2012 at Grandville PRC at 2:15 p.m.

**Hope PRC Young People's annual soup supper** will be January 14. This will be held at Hope school the same night as Hope Foundation's Travelogue. Hope PRC is the sponsoring church for the 2012 Young People's Convention so we are hoping for a large turnout. More details to follow.

**Colorado Spring Retreat:** Loveland PRC will be hosting their annual Young Adults Spring Retreat March 12-15, 2012, Lord willing. Pastors Key and Spronk will be speaking on the theme "Are You Healthy?" The retreat, to be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO, is open to ages post-high through 30. Click *Coming Events* on [www.prca.org](http://www.prca.org) for registration, which begins tomorrow, Dec. 19 and will continue through January 31. Registration will be limited to 40 young adults.

**BRF Conference:** Join fellow believers from the UK and around the world at the 2012 British Reformed Fellowship Family Conference to be held on Saturday, July 28, to Saturday, August 4, in Northern Ireland. Booking forms are now available on the BRF website ([www.britishreformedfellowship.org.uk](http://www.britishreformedfellowship.org.uk)), or contact Mary Stewart ([bookstore@cprc.co.uk](mailto:bookstore@cprc.co.uk)) or Cyndi Kalsbeek (708-331-1026, [ckalsbeek@yahoo.com](mailto:ckalsbeek@yahoo.com)) for more information.

**RFPA:** A new book has arrived! *Communion with God*, another beautiful book of meditations by Herman Hoeksema, expresses the wonder of the believer's nearness to God and fellowship with him in Christ by the Holy Spirit. Visit

[www.rpfa.org](http://www.rpfa.org), email [paula@rfpa.org](mailto:paula@rfpa.org), or call (616)457-5970 to place your order. Book Club members, look for your books to arrive in your church in the next few weeks.

#### *School News*

**From CCHS:** Concerned about how you are going to pay for your child's college education? Have a fear of online forms? Wondering if you will qualify for financial aid? If you are the parent of a high school aged student and have any of these questions please plan on attending the financial aid seminar being offered at Covenant Christian High School on Monday, January 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the school's library. Please contact James Haveman at 453-5048 with any questions.

**Save the Date!** Please join us for the annual Adams Soup Supper to be held on February 9, 2012 from 5-7 pm.

**The Special Education Society** is seeking a full-time special education teacher to manage our new Special Education Department at CCHS for the 2012/2013 school year. If you interested in this position and have the qualifications for this position, please contact and/or send a resume to Andy Peterson (616) 260-5830 or [apeterson@kmlinc.com](mailto:apeterson@kmlinc.com) or Jordan VanderKolk (616) 724-1813 or [vanderjo3@hotmail.com](mailto:vanderjo3@hotmail.com)