# **September 13, 2020**

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today: 9:30 a.m. catechism reading service and 2:30 p.m.

service with Rev. Witvoet

**Next Week:** 9:30 catechism reading, Rev. Hofman at 2:30 p.m.

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund

2<sup>nd</sup> Living Bread 2<sup>nd</sup> School Fund

Office Bearer: Mr. Derek Kattenberg was chosen to be deacon. If there are no objections, he will be installed on September 20. Any objections must be submitted to the consistory in writing. This is the second announcement.

#### We Remember in Prayer:

- -Mr. & Mrs. Spaans, who are still in quarantine in the care home. Mrs. Spaans is recovering well.
- -Our elderly members who cannot come up to God's house from week to week.
- -Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

# **MEDITATIONS**

#### A MOTHER'S PRAYER

A young man, on whose mind the doctrine of religion had been early impressed by his pious mother's instruction, gave way to evil associations and at length went to sea. Although he was early taught to study the sacred Scriptures, and at one period of life gave hopeful evidence that he desired to be guided by its precepts, he fell deeply into sin, and ultimately became, alas, an abandoned and miserable creature. He was thrown into prisons and workhouses, and into dens of wretchedness and vice; but into all these places his faithful mother seemed to follow him with her prayers and tears.

The mother died, nearly broken-hearted, while her son was in prison, because he had been convicted of crime. He was an object of so much dread that the keepers were afraid to approach him. In about six months, however, the tiger began to grow tame and, to the surprise of everyone, his inquiry was, 'What must I do to be saved?"

I questioned him about his feelings, and he informed me that for two months he had paced his room, with sleepless nights, in agony and remorse, except when his exhausted body would sometimes overcome his painful convictions. I enquired what particular means had led him to his present remarkable change of feelings.

He replied, "My mother's prayers and counsels! Her last words to me were, 'William, there is no other name given under heaven among men, whereby you can be saved, but the name of Jesus Christ.' "

His mother's prayers were answered, and this poor wandering prodigal became a God-fearing soul, a true and consistent follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Children, prize a godly mother's counsel and tremble at the first step towards breaking a loving mother's heart. Where one breaker of a mother's heart is brought to repentance, there are scores who go on in sin and perish. ~Wm. Bradford, a prison chaplain (Reprinted from Banner of Truth, 1952)

### "Unclean, unclean." Lev. 13. 45; Job 40. 4

Jesus, thou alone canst save, Thou canst raise the dead to life; Thy reviving power I crave, To decide this inward strife.

Sin my every power defiles, Thought, and word, and action too; Jesus, in thy mercy smile; Cleanse, and make me white as snow.

> Surely none on earth's so vile, So polluted as I am; Condescend, in love to smile, O thou sin-atoning Lamb!

Fierce, impetuous, o'er my head Billows of temptation roll; Sorrows rise, and joys are fled; Darkness veils my shipwrecked soul.

'Midst the waves O bear me up; In thy strength alone I stand; In thy promise is my hope; Guide me safe to Zion's land. ~ W. W. Horne

# **NOTES**

# Netherlands Reformed

# Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Psalm 95:2

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

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