

PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

June 26, 2022; All this the Lord willing

Tonight: Installation of new office bearers

Wednesday, June 29: Prayer Service, *John Boerkoel*

Sunday, July 3 AM: Rev. Vanden Belt

PM: Dr. Kranendonk

Tues.-Sat., July 5-9: Youth Group Summer Mission Trip

Tuesday, July 12: Consistory Meeting, 7:00

Sunday, July 17 AM: Dr. Bilkes

PM: Dr. Kranendonk

Sunday, July 24 AM: Dr. Bilkes

PM: Dr. Kranendonk

Sunday, July 31 AM: Dr. Kranendonk

PM: Dr. Bilkes

Collection Schedule

Today: General PRC Family Camp

July 3: General Benevolent

Nursery Schedule

Today: AM Paula Rozeboom, Kate Boerkoel

PM Allison Kelderman, Lauren Boerkoel, Charity V.B.

July 3: AM Maria VerBeek, Gloria Vander Boon

PM Kim Boerkoel, Mairi Heikoop, Hosanna Bazen

Youth Group

July 5-9: Summer Mission Trip

Announcements

- The annual HRC Youth Camp is planned for July 12-15 at camp Michawanna. Brochures are in the narthex or at+ youthcamp@hrcgr.org The camp is focusing on “The Word of God - a Firm Foundation.” Please register soon if you are planning to attend. Any questions can go to Eric and Brenda Kamp (brendasuekamp@gmail.com) or (616) 477-4846.
- PRC Family Camp is scheduled for Sept. 2, 3.
- Sumba Mission Fundraiser Sept. 10.

Meditation

Psalm 2:4, ‘He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh.’

The LORD is the One who rules heaven and earth. He is the Sovereign. But fallen humanity is doing everything in its power to free itself from this reality and to suppress the knowledge that there is a Creator who upholds and maintains this world and directs it

towards the purposes He has set. Fallen humanity does everything it can to break these bonds and cast away these cords. Mankind wants to be like God and determine for itself what is good and what is evil. It does everything to free itself from God’s holy laws. Mankind likes to build a tower over and over again whose top may reach heaven. We see it all around us and we recognize it in our old nature, our old man of sin. But Psalm 2 emphatically declares that despite the heathen rage and the imagination of vain things of the people, God shall laugh.

In recent days we have seen this in a remarkable way. The Supreme Court of the United States overturned the 1973 Roe versus Way ruling and ended the 49 years long recognition of a constitutional right to abortion. Life is precious in God’s sight! How clear it became that He is and always will be on the Throne. We clearly see God’s hand in this. What a reason to give thanks to Him. It is an undeserved gift that God heard the voice of so many praying for Him to intervene. It is a wonder God saw those who fought for this for so many years. He gave five judges the courage to make the right decision.

But having said this, we all know how the fight for unborn lives will continue. Their parents need our compassion but most of all God’s comfort and guidance in their lives. We should continue to pray earnestly that the Biblical truth as expressed, for example, in Psalm 139 will be accepted by us all, ‘*For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*’

But what our country and our state and all of us need first and foremost is repentance and faith. We must turn to God in repentance of our sins and flee to Jesus Christ and to find in Him forgiveness of our sins and righteousness and acknowledge Him as the One who sits on the throne of God. Psalm 2 is also clear about that. We read at the end of Psalm 2 the following words: ‘*Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*’ Let us therefore thank God and continue to pray earnestly. *Rev. J. Th. Pronk*