

PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

November 23, 2025; All this the Lord willing

Nov 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7PM

Nov 27: Thanksgiving Day Service 9:30AM

Dec 3: Lay Preaching Class

Dec 10: Midweek Service

Dec 17: Ladies and Girls Fellowship Night 6:30PM

Offering Schedule

Today: General Mission – Schipper Family South Africa

Nov 26: Grace Christian Academy

Nov 27: Building

Nov 30: General Ministry Support Fund

Nursery Schedule

Today: AM Faith VanderBoon, Pat Sweetman, Kate Boerkoel

PM Meleah Tubergen, Anna Pronk, Ryan VanderBoon

Nov 27: AM Maria Verbeek, Kristen Bazen

Nov 30: AM Kim Boerkoel, Jane Heikoop, Caleb Schipper

PM Janelle Walma, Monica Bazen, Austin VanderBoon

Dec 7: AM Roberta Hoogmoed, Charity VanderBoon, Mya Schipper

PM Katie Klaasen, Linda Lanning, Nicholas Schipper

Family Visitation

Dec 2: Dave Meeuwse family 7PM / Dan Rozeboom 8:15PM

Dec 9: Pastor Schipper family 7PM / Walter Rozeboom family 8:15PM

Announcements

- After the evening service tonight, we will sing a few Thanksgiving hymns. Kindly remain in the pews; singing will commence within a few minutes after the conclusion of the service. Song sheets have been emailed with the bulletin and will be available in the back of church this evening.
- There will be no Christmas program practice for the children tonight.
- Rev. Schipper is preaching at Springford Reformed Church today.
- The Thanksgiving Eve offering is for Grace Christian Academy and the Thanksgiving Day offering is for the Building Fund.
- A ladies and girls fellowship night is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec 17 at 6:30PM.
- The Providence Reformed Christmas Program is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 20 at 11AM, followed by a potluck lunch.
- Christmas caroling is scheduled for Monday, Dec 22. All are invited to join for singing at Mount Mercy at 4PM, then pizza dinner at church at 5:30PM, followed by caroling in the neighborhood.

- A small church library is being created in the room in the basement by the lift. Donations of child or adult religious books are welcomed. A box is in that room for the book donations.

October 2025 Collections and Gifts

General	\$ 12,817.04	Youth Group	\$ 50.76
Benevolent	\$ 465.00	Family Camp	\$ 343.00
Building	\$ 1,905.53	Mission SA	\$ 5,556.00
CEF	\$ 1,757.00	Mission PRTS	807.00
Total			\$ 23,701.33

Meditation

A mighty angel comes down from heaven (Revelation 10:1)

Revelation 10 and 11 describe a pause between the sixth and seventh trumpets.

These chapters give another view of the end times, presenting this period from the church's perspective. Let us remember that the book of Revelation is meant to be a source of comfort for the church, showing that the Lord is in control.

In Revelation 10:1-4, we read about an angel, "*And I saw another mighty angel.*"

John had already seen a mighty angel before, specifically in Revelation 5. That was the angel who cried out, "*Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*" At that time, it was the Lamb who stepped forward, took the scroll from God's hand, and broke the seals one by one. We conclude that the strong angel then was very close to Christ and related to the scroll of God's counsel. Similarly, in Revelation 10, we see a strong angel who also has a direct connection to Christ and a scroll, which also pertains to God's counsel.

We do not know who this angel is. His name isn't mentioned, so we won't speculate about it. Some interpret this angel as Christ, but in the overall context, that doesn't seem likely. Christ is never called an angel in the book of Revelation, let alone "*another mighty angel.*" Additionally, this angel is not worshipped. However, he is an angel who is very close to God and the throne, as we will see shortly.

What is striking is that it says, "*Coming down from heaven.*" This is emphasized. God does not leave His church alone. Just as God comforted His children after the series of seals by showing the 144,000 and the multitude that no one can count, God does so again now. He comforts His church, which also suffers from the warning judgments on earth. "*An angel comes down from heaven.*" God reigns, and no one else. And God does not leave His church and children alone. We hear the same message several times in this chapter. In verses 4 and 8, there is mention of a voice from heaven speaking to John and thus to the church and to us! God does not leave us alone. He reigns! In verse 6, God is described as "*him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein.*" He does not abandon His creation. He reigns!

Rev. J. Th. Pronk