

Order of Worship

Organ Prelude. Worship preparation.

Invocation

Psalter

Ten Commandments (Morning)

Apostles' Creed (Evening)

Reading of Holy Scripture

Congregational Prayer

Psalter and Offering

Sermon

Psalter*

Sermon Continued

Closing Prayer

Psalter and Offering

Doxology: At the right →

Benediction*

Organ Postlude *Congregation standing

Morning Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Evening Doxology

1. Jehovah reigns supreme:

Let nations tremble now;

He dwells between the cherubim:

Let earth before Him bow.

4. Exalt ye now the Lord,

Our God in praises laud,

And at His footstool worship Him,

For holy is our God.

Psalter 267: 1,4

Nursery

Provided for infants and toddlers at all Sunday services.

Sunday School/Catechism Classes

Classes are held from the 2nd week in September to the 2nd week in May.

Consistory Meetings

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Services

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Titus 2 Women's Group

Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Internet Ministry

Digital audio files of sermons and live streaming of worship services are available at www.sermonaudio.com/prcgr; our website: www.ProvidenceReformed.org

Youth Group

Held monthly

Pastor

Rev. J. Th. Pronk

Bulletin announcements should be sent to hoogmoed@comcast.net by noon, Friday

ENTER INTO HIS GATES
THANKSGIVING WITH



“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Psalm 122: 1,2

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LORD'S DAY SERVICES

Morning ----- 9:15 a.m.

Evening ----- 6:00

PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

December 21, 2025; All this the Lord willing

Dec 22: Caroling – Mount Mercy and Neighborhood

Dec 25: Christmas Service 9:30AM

Dec 28: Rev. W.M. Mulder

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Service 7PM

Jan 1: New Year's Day Service 9:30AM

Jan 4 & 11: Rev. Jacob Matze

Offering Schedule

Today: General Building
Dec 25: Schipper Family – South Africa Mission
Dec 28: General Schipper Family – South Africa Mission
Dec 31: General
Jan 1: Building

Nursery Schedule

Today: AM Maria Verbeek, Anna Boerkoel, Justus Bazen
PM Ellen VanderBoon, Kristen Bazen, Carter Schipper
Dec 25: AM Kim Boerkoel, Gayle Dykema
Dec 28: AM Janelle Walma, Olivia Dykema, Tanner Klaasen
PM Roberta Hoogmoed, Silvia Boerkoel, Theo Rozeboom
Jan 1: AM Katie Klaasen, Pat Sweetman
Jan 4: AM Heidi Schipper, Kristen Bazen, Lauren Boerkoel
PM Ruth Hoogmoed, Jane Heikoop, Caleb Schipper

Announcements

- There are no catechism classes today or next Sunday.
- RCA Global Mission has published a children's book, the true story of Ida Scutter, a missionary to India. A copy of the book is in the back of church for each family having elementary age or younger children.
- After the evening service we will sing a few Christmas carols. Singing will begin within a few minutes after the conclusion of the service. Song sheets have been emailed and will be in the back of church.
- From Pastor D.J. Budding: May the Lord bless you richly the coming year with His strength in your weakness with the abundance of His grace. In my thoughts I am still often in Grand Rapids. Give my love to the whole congregation. May the Lord bless and keep you.
- From Gary Kwekel: Dear church family, I wish to express sincere gratefulness for the many prayers and tokens of love shown to me throughout the year. I wish you our precious Lord's Christmas and New Year blessings. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Numbers 6:24-26.

November 2025 Collections and Gifts

General	\$ 16,920.74	Ministry support	\$ 3,933.00
Benevolent	\$ 1,379.01	Mission GCA	\$ 226.00
Building	\$ 9,679.53	Mission SA	\$ 7,355.67
CEF	\$ 1,233.00	Youth Group	\$ 50.76
Total			\$ 40,777.71

Meditation

Luke 1:68-69 The Lord visits His people.

Zacharias couldn't believe the word of the Lord spoken through the mouth of his heavenly messenger, Gabriel. The Lord chastised Zacharias, and for many months, he couldn't say a word. He spoke without faith and fell silent. But this changed the moment Zacharias stood side by side with Elisabeth and stood up to resist the people in his house. They wanted to call his newborn son after him, Zacharias! He then wrote on a tablet, "His name is John." Here, he embraced God's word. There was no doubt anymore. God is gracious, and he will do the impossible. Zacharias then begins to sing, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David."

The Lord chose the people of Israel to be His people. The Lord's choices stand unwavering. He chose a people no better than others; in fact, He chose the least of all people to be His people. His people forgot Him many times and didn't serve and worship Him with gladness of heart. The Lord will never forget His people and redeem them.

The Lord visits His people time and again. He visited the barren woman to make her fruitful. He visited His people in Egypt, sighing under the burden of slave labor. Sighing under the burden of sin and misery, we might echo Psalm 80:14, "Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine." But the Lord will never forget, and He visits to set free and redeem. Looking back in wonder, we then sing with Psalm 8:5, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

How does the Lord visit His people and set them free so they will worship Him? We read in verse 69, "By a horn of salvation raised in the house of David." David sang in 2 Samuel 22:3, "The God of my rock; in him will I trust: He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, My saviour; thou savest me from violence." The horn is a symbol of power. Zacharias sings of a horn of salvation. He says that a horn is raised. That horn symbolizes the Messiah. As we read in Psalm 132:17 and 18, "There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish." The horn is therefore the Anointed One who will reign forever.

We live in Advent times, and we remember, in wonder, how the Lord visited His people. He reached out with His mighty arm in His Son, the Messiah, the Savior. He is a Savior mighty to save. With Him is complete salvation.

Rev. J. Th. Pronk