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Morning Worship

March 7, 2021, 9:30 AM

Dr. Jim Poit

We Approach Our God

Prelude

Heather Collins

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship "Peace Be Still"

Praise Team

Greeting and Moments of Fellowship

*Songs of Praise "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms" # 575

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Beginning to End)

*Opening Prayer and Salutation

Jr. & Sr. High Winter Retreat Presentation

Danielle Thomas

Prayers of God's People

Offertory Prayer

We Hear from God's Word

Children's Message

Jeff Coffey

(Children 3 years old - Kindergarten are dismissed to Children & Worship)

*Song of Preparation: "It Is Well with My Soul" # 705 (vs. 1,3,4)

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41 (page 998 in the pew Bible)

Message: "Peace in the Middle of the Storm"

Prayer of Response

We Respond to God's Word

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"The Blessing"

*Postlude

Barb Vander Zwaag

Announcements

KIDS HOPE MENTORS; your pizza boxes are due back TODAY for delivery!

ELDER'S MEETING: Monday, March 8, at 7:00 PM in the GRACE Center, room 105. Anyone wanting to transfer their membership, request baptism, or make confession of their faith is asked to meet with the Elders at this time.

MOMS REVIVED meets this Tuesday at 9:20 AM in the Youth Room. Sue Cramer is the featured speaker. Childcare is provided.

BIBLES & BOWS meets this Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the GRACE Center.

KIDS HOPE USA needs your helping hands and generous hearts! We want to fill a BOREDOM BUSTER BAG for each Kids Hope USA kid to take home for the summer. Would you be willing to adopt a child and help fill a bag for them? If so, take a bag off the cart in the lobby. Buy a few items for that child (approximately \$10) and fill the bag. Place the bag back on the cart by Sunday, April 10. Dollar stores are wonderful for buying items! Some ideas: kites, water/sand toys, sidewalk chalk, playdough, craft kits, sports items. Anything to keep kids busy without TV! Thank you!

PINEWOOD DERBY OPEN CLASS: Is for those who want to participate in the Pinewood Derby on Wednesday, March 24! Each car kit is \$20. The open class will race following the GEMS & Cadets. All proceeds will go toward track improvements. Contact Ed Schrotenboer (616.510.3803) to purchase a car kit!

THE CADET FERTILIZER SALE is underway. Place your order with any Cadet before March 24. Contact Ed Schrotenboer at 510.3803 with questions.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE LILIES: If you would like to order a lily in memory of a loved one, place your completed form and payment in Marcie Gillissie's ORC mailbox by March 28. Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday, April 4. Order forms are in your ORC mailbox and available at the Hospitality Center.

MYSTERY ISLAND VBS is June 21-24! More details are coming soon!

ORC WISH LIST: (1) Men's and Women's Bathrooms in the church's lower level (2) New carpet in the upstairs hallway of the GRACE Center. If you can donate to these projects, please see a Deacon or Pastor Mike.

THE NEW WEBSITE is live; <https://www.ottawareformed.org> accesses it. The website includes a "Members" page. This page requires sign-up/sign-in and contains bulletins, birthday & anniversary listings, nursery schedules, youth group news, consistory notes, ORC address directory, and much more! Moving forward, you will be able to view/print all these additions at your convenience. The bulletin, calendar, birthday & anniversary lists, and consistory notes will no longer be emailed.

ARE YOU A PERSON WHO LOVES CHILDREN and is committed to being used in the children's spiritual development at Ottawa? Maybe God is prompting you to use your gifts in being a part of the Children's Message Team! To join or for more information, please contact Vonnie Vander Zwaag.

LOST ITEMS can be found in the coatroom. Please look in the coatroom if you feel you are missing any items. Thank you!

THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF HOLLAND annual 5k Walk/Run is Saturday, April 24.

Evening Worship
March 7, 2021, 5:00 PM
Pastor Mike Van Buren

We Approach Our God

Prelude

Barb Vander Zwaag

Greeting and Moments of Fellowship

*Songs of Praise "The Church's One Foundation" # 401 (vs. 1-3)

"The Solid Rock" # 526 (vs. 1,2,4)

"How Firm A Foundation # 408 (vs. 1-3, 6)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

We Hear from God's Word

*Song of Preparation: "Sanctuary" # 655

Scripture: I Corinthians 3:1-15 (page 1132 in the pew Bible)

Message: "Roundup or Fertilizer?"

Prayer of Response

We Respond to God's Word

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"Cornerstone"

Postlude

Barb Vander Zwaag

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*Please stand if you are able

1. Read I Corinthians 1:12 - What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."
2. Earthly Pastors are only servants
3. Mere Humans

B. Still Today:

1. I go to _____'s church!!
2. There is only Christ's church
3. Pastors are Servants, not Saviors

- Churches who follow People will Fail

IV. The "Field" (vs. 6-9)

A. Planters

1. Sowers of the Seed
2. Matthew 13:3 - And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow."

B. Waterer or Gardener

1. They "tend" the Garden
2. They "feed" the seed and plants

- All Christians need to be Planters or Gardeners NOT just fields

V. The "Foundation" (vs. 10-11)

A. The Building:

1. Needs a firm foundation
2. Built on a "solid rock"

B. One Foundation

1. Do we build our _____ on Christ? or
2. Do we build on _____ ?

- Only churches whose foundation is Christ will Last and Grow

VI. The "Fire" (vs. 12-15)

A. Fire reveals our building materials

1. Gold, Silver, Precious Stones
2. Wood, Hay, Straw

B. Ephesians 6:16 - In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.

1. Fire is a symbol of testing and trials
2. We are being constantly tested
3. What will the fires reveal?

- Only churches (Christians) that hold up under trials will Grow

The Takeaway:

- Roundup People/Churches
- Fertilizer People/Churches
- What Spiritual spray are we filled with?

"Peace in the Middle of the Storm"

Dr. Jim Poit

March 7, 2021, 9:30 AM

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Leads Feeble Faith Into Life's Dangers (vs. 35-37)

- We take Jesus with us wherever we go, but we don't let him lead.
- We are unprepared for the storms of life because we don't fully trust His guidance. Instead, we are ...
 - Path People: Prone to _____
 - Rocky Ground People: Prone to _____
 - Thorn People: Prone to Our Own _____

Jesus Lets Feeble Faith Wrestle With The Storms of Life (v. 37-38)

- We easily become overwhelmed because _____
- We doubt that Jesus can _____

Jesus Heals Feeble Faith! (v. 39)

- We can learn from Jesus' confidence. He trusted in the Father's ...
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Peace With God brings the Peace Of God

- What does the peace of God look like?
 - _____ are lifted
 - _____ are calmed
 - _____ is given
 - _____ is forgiven
- But we must first make peace with God

Sermon-Based Individual or Small Group Questions

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

1. Have you ever experienced a fierce storm? How did you feel during the experience?
2. Have you ever wondered about the presence of God in the midst of a personal crisis? If you are comfortable, please share with the group.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT — Read Mark 4:35–41

3. Do you think the storm surprised Jesus? Why or why not?
4. Why do suppose Jesus could sleep through such a furious storm?
5. Jesus seemed disappointed with the disciples. Why?
6. How do think the disciples answered their own question: “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” How did their perspective of Jesus change from before and after this miracle?
7. What do these verses mean to you? *Psalms 89:8-9; 104:5-7; 107:29*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

8. What assurance does it give you that Jesus can control both natural storms and personal storms in your life?
9. How can coming to grips with the fact that God is in control of nature affect your daily life, especially your current circumstances?

PRAY

Dear Lord, in this life there will be storms. Storms that cause our world to rock and shake. Storms that make us feel like we are sinking. Lord, bring peace and calm to the storms. Remind us that you are with us and that you control the waters. In Jesus' name. Amen.

"Roundup or Fertilizer?"

Pastor Mike Van Buren

March 7, 2021, 5:00 PM

1 Corinthians 3:1-15

(What kills church growth and what causes it?)

Introduction:

- It's time to spray the lawns soon
- Two spray containers: Roundup and "Miracle-Gro"
- One causes all Green things to Grow
- One Kills all Green things
- Two different types of Churches and People: Ones who cause growth and ones who kill Christian growth

I. The "Food" (vs. 1-2)

A. Spiritual Baby Food Then:

1. Spiritual Milk
2. People who do not grow up
3. People who expect to be "Bottle Fed"
4. People who do not "mature" spiritually

B. Spiritual Baby Food Today:

1. People who want to be fed rather than feed
2. People who want to be led rather than lead
3. People who want to be carried rather than carry others
4. People who stay on the spiritual surface of scripture
5. People who are spectators rather than players

- A church (person) can't mature on Baby Food

II. The "Fighting" (vs. 3)

A. You are acting "in the flesh"

1. Paul expects "More"
2. You're acting "Ordinary"
3. "Jealousy" and "Strife"
4. Acting only in a human way
5. Why would anyone follow THAT?

B. We still have this Today

1. Jealousy
2. Quarreling
3. Childish
4. Fights over ...

- Who would join a fighting church?

III. The "Following" (vs. 4-5)

A. Following People (Pastors)

Prayer Corner

JERRY AVINK (brother of Ruth Timmer) struggles with MDS. Results from a bone marrow test show no signs of leukemia. The chemo he received has done its job. Praise God. He will have bi-weekly blood tests to evaluate his health.

ALLIE BLAUKAMP (sister of Minnie De Witt) struggles with ALS.

DALE BOS (nephew of Kathy Overbeek) struggles with non-small cell lung cancer.

BRIAN BROWER (friend of Del & Sheila Vanden Bosch) struggles with stage four bladder cancer.

SUE BURR (sister of Linda Poit) struggles with colon cancer.

MIKE BURSLEY (son-in-law of Don & Minnie De Witt) had back surgery on Monday.

CADE (6-year-old family friend of Dell & Sheila Vanden Bosch) was diagnosed with leukemia.

ANITA HASSEVOORT is receiving rehabilitation therapy at MediLodge.

GERRY HOEKEMA (brother-in-law of Marilyn Gilman) struggles with lung cancer.

CINDY JACOBS receives a double dose of immunotherapy every six weeks.

ROGER JACOBS struggles with liver cancer.

LAURA JANSSEN (friend of Denise Miedema) struggles with breast cancer.

LIAM (Denise Miedema's coworker's grandchild) was born 14 weeks early. He is staying steady at the Helen De Vos Children's Hospital.

JOHN SZOKE (friend of Tim Emmert) struggles with gum cancer.

CONNIE VAN KOVERING (mother of Carol Morren) is at Freedom Inn in Holland for rehabilitation therapy.

SHUT-INS: Anita Hassevoort, Duane Kossen, Ken Merryman, Barb Rozema.

KIDS HOPE: Please pray for Roosevelt's bus drivers and janitorial staff. Also, pray for Amy Emmert & her student Eli, Karen Thomas & her student Emmett, Pastor Jim & his student Avery, and their families.

MILITARY: Daniel Bekius - Army Reserve, Jason Bekius - Army, Chris Hart - Marines (son-in-law of Doug & Nancy Vanden Brink), Robin Lewis - Coast Guard (daughter of Rosemary Van Oosterhout), Logan Thimm - Air Force (son-in-law of Steve & Nancy Kempker).

Sympathy

WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Glenn and Lisa Emmert and their family on the passing of Lisa's uncle, Joe Fiedorwicz, on February 26.

Thank you

THANK YOU for supporting us at our Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser! We were able to raise money for our summer mission trip to Nashville, TN. It was a fun night of laughter, competition, and fellowship. We really appreciate you! The Sr. High Youth Group Students & Leaders

THANK YOU so much for all the cards, gifts, meals, and visits since my surgery. Thank you, most of all, for your prayers. We are thankful to God for hearing and answering those prayers. God has helped us each step of the way. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church family! John & Brenda Hoffman

Missionaries of the Month

PETER & PATTY FORD IN LEBANON: A cool, salty sea breeze wafts through the crowded city streets and across the countryside of Lebanon, bringing relief from the warm climate. Yet, the climate between Middle Eastern Christians and their Muslim neighbors can be less balmy. As a minority population, Christians often face varying levels of discrimination, which can affect how they show respect and compassion to their Muslim neighbors. Within the tension stands the Near East School of Theology (NEST), one of only a handful of accredited Protestant theological seminaries in the Arab world. Here, Peter serves as Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies, teaching courses in Islam and Christian-Muslim relations to help Christian students better understand Islam and develop positive relations and a respectful witness with Muslims. Patty volunteers her time in various teaching and administrative activities at NEST and at All Saints International Church in Beirut. To learn more about this ministry, visit www.rca.org/pford or pford@rca.org.



This Week at Ottawa

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:45 AM Sunday School
- 5:00 PM Worship
- 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Group – YR
- 6:30 PM YAP – MG & FR

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting – MG
- 7:00 PM Elders Meeting – GC 105
- 8:00 PM Guitar Lessons – Sanctuary
- 8:15 PM Consistory Meeting – GC 105

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- 5:30 AM Men's Recharge - MG
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting - MG
- 9:20 AM Moms Revived - YR
- 9:30 AM LAMB Bible Study – GC 105
- 6:30 PM Bibles & Bows – GC Gym & GC 105

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 12:30 PM Quilting Group – GC 102
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Activities
- 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice – Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:30 PM Men's Basketball – GC Gym

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

- 6:30 PM Game Night – MG

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- 3:00 PM Youth Room Rental