Platte Christian Reformed Church

“In All Things, Christ Pre-Eminent”
Pastor Drew Hoekema

Sunday, October 1, 2017
9:30 AM Coffee & Prayer Times
10:00 AM Communion Worship Service
11:15 AM PreK—12 Sunday School
11:15 AM Fellowship Hour
5:00 PM Adult Bible Study in Society Room
5:30 PM Growth Committee Book Study in Choir Room
7:00 PM Evening Worship Service

520 Wyoming Ave, PO Box 386, Platte SD 57369
Phone: 605-337-3572 Email: plattecrc@gmail.com
Website: plattecrc.org

Mission Statement
To Know Christ—as Savior and Lord
To Be Like Christ—by Our Words and Actions
To Share Christ—at Home and Throughout the World

...This do in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19
October 1, 2017
Morning Worship Service
A Service of Word and Sacrament

God Gathers Us for Worship
Prelude
The Call to Worship
*The Passing of God’s Peace
*Opening Song of Praise: CH 112 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

We Confess Our Sins and Seek Forgiveness
Confession and Assurance
Song of Response: PH 492 Glory Be to the Father
The Dedication
*Song of Commitment: CH 713 Seek Ye First
~~ Children ages 3-5 meet in Foyer for Children's Church~~

God Speaks to Us by His Word
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Text: Acts 4:13-22 (pg 1696)
Sermon: Acts - King on a Mission [8]: “We Cannot Help Speaking”
Moment for Reflection
Prayer for Application and Intercession

We Respond to God in Faith and Gratitude
Offering: Improvement Fund
Communion Thank Offering: World Renew
Offertory Song: How Can I Keep from Singing?
Offertory Prayer
~~ Children return from Children's Church~~

God Feeds Us with His Holy Supper
The Service of Communion
Songs: Lord, I Need You and O Praise the Name
*The Thanksgiving: O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God (vs 1-2)

We Are Sent Out in God’s Blessing
*Benediction
*Doxology: O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God (vs 5)
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude
Gathering
Song Service: Vonnie Kuipers
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
*God’s Greeting

Professing
*Song of Praise: PH 444 A Mighty Fortress is Our God
*Profession of Faith: Colossians 1
*Response: Before the Throne of God Above

Learning
Confessional Teaching: HC Lord’s Day 40 (PH pp. 53)
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading: Job 2:7-10; 3:20-26 (pg 790-792)
Sermon: “Suicide, Suffering and the Sixth Commandment”
Prayer for Application
Song of Response: CH 788 Now Thank We All Our God (vs 1,3)

Sharing
Prayers of God’s People
Offering: Improvement Fund
Offertory Song: PH 34 My God, My God, I Cry to Thee
Offering Prayer
(vs 1,2,5,6,11)

Sending
*Benediction
*Doxology: PH 301 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (vs 1,4)
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude

*Please rise as you are able

CH= Celebration Hymnal (Red)       PH= Psalter Hymnal (Blue)
“Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way for His steps.” Psalm 85:11-13

**WELCOME:** In this autumn time of the year, when the nights are getting chilly and the daylight hours are getting shorter, we worship together mindful that the season of our life is marching on. In these days when the crops of harvest stand waiting in the field, we together worship our Eternal God. **Please join us** after the morning service for a time of refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**Children aged 3-5** meet your teacher in the foyer during the noted song this morning for **Children’s Church**. **PARENTS:** please watch for your children as they return during the offering to be present during Communion.

**Please pause for a moment** after the morning service to allow the children to exit for PreK-6th grade Sunday School.

**Adult Bible Study** will start today at 5:00 PM in the Society Room. We will study the book of Philippians. All adults are invited to come and join us. Questions? John or Elsie 337-3226.

**ABOUT OUR MESSAGES**

Most people consider themselves to be ‘open-minded,’ until confronted with truths or realities they don’t like. In **Acts 4:13-22**, the Jewish authorities respond to Peter’s explanation of how a cripple was healed in the name of Jesus, the Savior they killed. This story displays two responses to Christ: closed-minded denial, or fervent praise that says, “**We Cannot Help Speaking.**”

This evening, in taking up our church’s teaching on the sixth commandment, we will deal with some difficult and sensitive questions. Topics like suicide and other end-of-life issues are complex, yet God’s Word brings much-needed light. **Job 2:7-10 & 3:20-26** will give perspective on **“Suicide, Suffering and the Sixth Commandment.”**
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jonathan and Taryn (VanderPol) Hoeksema, who were united in marriage yesterday afternoon. We wish God’s blessings on their commitment and also pray that this new family would be blessed by living as a part of our church family.

Our church council recently approved a baptismal transfer request from Justin Kok to New Holland Christian Reformed Church. We pray that Justin will be blessed as he becomes a professing member of New Holland CRC, and that God would use Justin to bless his new church home.

Dear [Platte CRC] SERVE Team, This is long overdue. Thank you for all of the kindness and love you shared with our family this summer. The casseroles have been a true time saver on busy days and the care put into them makes them more special. Also thank you for all the planting and weeding at the butterfly garden. Your help was a life saver! Thank you for all you do for our community and thank you for remembering our family! ~Mari, Brian, Jaysea and Tommy Biehl

OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, October 8 at 2:30 PM, Care Center Devotions will be provided by Devotion Group #5. If you are in this group, you will have instructions in your church mailbox.

The GEMS are in need of 8 oz containers, with matching lids. If you have any to donate, please put on back counter of kitchen.

Elders will meet next Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM. If you have any items for discussion at their meeting, please talk to your district elder by Wednesday this week.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Stone Prison Church in Springfield is remodeling an area in the prison to make a permanent house of worship and classrooms and needs your help! Please contact Ken or Karla Overweg if you are interested. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.
Pancake Breakfast Benefit for the victims of recent hurricanes TODAY from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM at the Platte Legion Hall.

Platte Days for Girls sewing day to bless girls in Malawi with hygiene kits. Friday, October 6 from 10 AM–4 PM at the Senior Center. Come for an hour, or all day. Sewers and non-sewers needed! Sewers, bring a sewing machine. Potluck at noon. Questions? Su–680-4615.

The DCS Band students are selling Dakota Tom sandwiches. There are order forms in your mailbox or in the back of church. Please put your order form, with a check made out to "DCS" in the box/bag in the narthex by Sunday, October 8 to be counted. The sandwiches will be delivered to church on Wednesday, October 18. Thank you for your support!

Senior High Youth Group annual retreat is at Outlaw Ranch by Custer, SD. We leave Friday, November 3 after school and return November 5 early afternoon. Sign up next week. Cost: $85/student covers meals, lodging, activities etc. Scholarships available....do not stay home because of money! If you need a scholarship talk to your mentor! Call or text Mike 680-2726 or Kristi 680-0969 if you have any questions.

Refresh, Renew, Reconnect- A Cursillo weekend for refreshing and reconnecting with old friends for anyone who has previously attended Cursillo. Mark your calendars for Friday evening, November 3 through Sunday afternoon, November 5 at Inspiration Hills. Deadline to register is October 2. For more information contact Karla Overweg at 680-4848 or go to nwiacursillo.com

The Dakota Christian Harvest Sale Committee would like to extend a big “Thank You” to everyone for a successful and fun Harvest Sale last week! Thanks to all who came out and supported Dakota Christian, and to those who donated items or helped in any way. We couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you from the Food Committee for such a great lunch served. Great food and fellowship were enjoyed by all who came. God is So Good!!
**FROM WORLD RENEW**

World Renew DRS is expanding their **hurricane response** to include Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Internationally, efforts are underway to alleviate the suffering of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Your prayers and financial support are greatly needed for these and other disaster response efforts in the US, the Caribbean, and around the world. Learn more and give at worldrenew.net or call 800-552-7972 in the U.S.

Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? **World Renew’s Global Volunteer Program** offers opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants you to use your talents and skills for His purpose. Check out worldrenew.net/gvp and contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

**ABOUT OUR OFFERINGS**

Our offerings today are for our church’s **Improvement Fund**. This morning’s **Communion Thank Offering** will be for **World Renew**. “World Renew serves worldwide as the development, disaster response, and justice arm of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.” (paraphrased from worldrenew.org)

Next week, our offerings are for **Dakota Christian School**. “Dakota Christian School educates children and young people from the perspective of God’s Word, in the Holy Bible, in all subjects. We emphasize God’s truth in all areas of life to equip students for service in our world today and tomorrow.” (from dchs.net)

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

*Sun, Oct 8, 2:30 PM Care Center Devotions—Devo Group #5
*Tue, Oct 10, 7:00 PM Elder’s Meeting
*Sun, Oct 29, 7:00 PM Reformation Service at DCS
*Tue, Oct 31, 6:00 PM Deacon Mtg, 7:00 PM Council Mtg

[FYI- Care Group #1 is in line for the next activity]
**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

**WEDNESDAY**
- 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men’s Bible Studies
- 9:30 AM Coffee Break Women’s Bible Study
- 3:45 PM GEMS
- 7:30 PM Junior High Community Youth Group

**THIS WEEK – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**Offerings:**
1) Improvement Fund 2) World Renew

**Toddler Church:** Katie Hoekema

**Nursing Home Visitors:** Albert & Delores Kuipers

**Letters to Kevin Burma:** Merle & Joyce Meyerink

**Valet Attendant:** Rod Pheifer, Jeremy Bultsma

**Ushers:** Wendell Kuipers, Duane Meyerink, Ray Meyerink

**Sound System:** Joel/Duane **Projection:** Rylan Dyk

**Nursery:** Lois Van Dusseldorp, Joey Kuipers

**Greet/Coffee:** Ken Overweg, Randy Pheifer

**NEXT WEEK – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017**

**Offerings:** Dakota Christian School

**Toddler Church:** Kim Lieuwen

**Nursing Home Visitors:** Rod & Jeanette Pheifer

**Letters to Kevin Burma:** Joel & Su Sybesma

**Valet Attendant:** Jaden Meyerink, Jim Buitenbos

**Ushers:** Merle Meyerink, Bob Middendorp, Curt Pheifer

**Sound System:** Larry Hansum **Projection:** Ken Overweg

**Nursery:** Amy Van Zee, Cameron Sybesma

**Greet/Coffee:** Rod Pheifer, Lyle Schipper

**PRAY FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP**

**Sunday – Missionaries:** Don & Mae Wunderink, SIM

**Monday – Special Grace:** Leona Van Dusseldorp, Betty Van Zee

**Tuesday:** Jon, Sara, Maggie, Peter, Jack, Kora, Tristen, and Ava Backes

**Wednesday:** Dale & Char Severson, John & Elsie Tronvold

**Thursday:** Vern & Jan Van Vuren, John Buitenbos

**Friday:** Mel & Ruth Vanden Bos, Elaine Dyk

**Saturday:** Elmer & Judie Visscher, Ramona Dykstra