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Sunday, September 3, 2017



A CONGREGATION CALLED BY GOD

TRANSFORMING AND

BEING TRANSFORMED

“A warm welcome to guests”

Jacob London
Interim Pastor

The Entire Congregation
Ministers

Worship Celebrations:

Sunday 10:30 am

10:00 am July & August

Sunday, September 3, 2017

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude - Leo Clossen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 46:8-10*)

L: "Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

***SONGS OF APPROACH**

#10 - Majesty
In Christ Alone

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalm 139:23-24*)

L: God, we make so many mistakes; we turn away from you so often. We need you so much. Thank you that you so loved the world that you sent Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins.

P: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*based on Psalm 91:14-15*)

L: "Those who love me, I will deliver," says the Lord; "I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them and show them my salvation." Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER - PRAYERS FOR OTHERS - THE LORD'S PRAYER

***SONG OF PRAISE**

#403 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

TO HEAR HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 19:1-10 *[p. 1127]*

Reader: Susan Duivesteyn

SERMON: "Our God Is Seeking and Saving the Lost" - Jacob London

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER – OFFERING

* #815 - Doxology

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

#568 - May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour (verse 1)

* Indicates where congregation is to stand, if able.

ERC THIS WEEK

Sun 3rd Worship Service 10:00 am
Mon 4th Labour Day
Tues 5th
Wed 6th
Thu 7th
Fri 8th
Sat 9th
Sun 10th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Library open after service
Jacob speaking at DCH 3:00 pm



PRAYER CORNER

Carly Hippern	Fred Hippern
Hennie Ryken	Allan Blake
Nelly VandenBrink	Mina Trachsler
Martin Zylstra	

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

James 5:16 (LEB) Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much.

**Teunis & Alie Verhoog
Mark & Shannon Verhoog
Garry & Cathy Warren**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to **Paul & Carly Hippern** (anniversary 5th) and **Bill & Kathy Wielinga** (anniversary 8th).

SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Next Sunday, September 10, the service time reverts to 10:30. SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Now is a great opportunity to join the Sunday school, since everyone is starting fresh!

CALENDAR CORRECTION: John VanStaveren's birthday is in May, not today. We apologize for the error.

JACOB AT DCH: Jacob will be leading the service at Durham Christian Homes next Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend!

MISSION OFFERING: Last week we collected \$793 for missions. We now need \$9,504 to fully fund the missions budget.

FUN FAIR: This year's Fun Fair at Camp Shalom is September 16 from 10:00-3:00. Posted on the bulletin board in the narthex is a list of positions they need to fill before the fair this year and the Setup and Cleanup schedule for the event. If you are able to help with any of the tasks, please talk to Tony.

GATE 3:16 BIKE-A-THON is fast approaching! On September 16, we will have 5 riders on our team: Kevin & Tricia, Paul, and Mark & Shannon Verhoog. You still have time to join us! Information, pledge sheet, and liability waiver are available at <http://gate316.org/ride-for-the-gate/> If you'd like to donate, please see Tricia, or mark your offering envelope with "bike ride" (donation receipts will come from the Gate, not the church). We appreciate your support, as does the Gate!

Welcome Greeters

September 3 Pat Pluister & Jo Veenstra

September 10 Sheldon & Sofie Huitema

September 17 Beatrice Koster & Trudy VanStaveren

September 24 Ben & Narda Hoogkamp

Scripture Readers

September 3 Susan Duivesteyn

September 10 Tricia Groeneveld

September 17 Cathy Warren

September 24 Pat Pluister

Coffee Fellowship

(An extended list may be found at ercwhitby.com/announcements)

Sept 3 John & Siska DeJong with Chris & Samantha Groeneveld

Sept 10 Bill & Kathy Wielinga

Sept 17 Ben & Narda Hoogkamp with Nelly VandenBrink & Beatrice Koster

Sept 24 Harry & Helen Zylstra with Michael & Catherine Brady

Nursery Helpers

September 3 Pat Pluister

September 10 Kathy Wielinga

September 17 Trudy Van Staveren

September 24 John DeJong

PowerPoint Operators

September 3, 10 Paul Hippern

September 17, 24 Tricia Groeneveld

Sound Technicians

September 3, 10 Chris Groeneveld

September 17, 24 Kevin Groeneveld

We thank everyone who takes the time to share God's love by assisting at the church. If you're unable to meet your commitment, please arrange for somebody to take your place and inform the list manager and the office as soon as possible.