# Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

**Pastor Elshout** 

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter 427:1, 6\*

Reading of the Law—Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Psalter 428:2

Scripture: Acts 2:14-41

Pastoral Prayer Psalter 287: All\*

Sermon Text: Acts 2:37-41

**Sermon Theme: The Ministry of the Spirit of Pentecost** 

1. Evident in Peter's sermon

2. Functioning in Peter's hearers

3. Resulting in Peter's message being received joyfully

Prayer

Psalter 264:1-3\*

Benediction\*

Doxology: Praise God...\*

#### Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Acts 2:37-41 (AM Service)

- 1\*. Why was the Holy Spirit poured out upon the day that marked the beginning of the harvest?
- 2. Why is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit also a dramatic manifestation of the love of God?
- 3. What connection is there between the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the fact that Peter preached a Christ-centered sermon?
- 4. What is meant by the expression that they were 'pricked in their hearts?
- 5. Why did Peter direct *circumcised* Jews to be *baptized*?
- 6\*. What connection is there between Luke 24:47 and Acts 2:38?
- 7. What is highlighted by the fact that many of Peter's hearers *gladly* received his word?
- 8. What was the immediate fruit of the joyful reception of Peter's sermon?

#### **Question for Self-reflection**

# Is there evidence of the Spirit's saving ministry in our lives?

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand as you are able

<sup>\*</sup> Questions for younger children

# Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

## **Pastor Elshout**

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter 399:1-4\*

Scripture: John 15:26-27; 16:1-15

Confession: Athanasian Creed, Part 2

Psalter 132:1, 5

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 259:1, 2, 4, 5\*

Sermon text: John 16:8-11

**Sermon Theme: The Holy Spirit's Reproving Ministry** 

1. He reproves (convinces) of sin

2. He reproves (convinces) of righteousness

3. He reproves (convinces) of judgment

Prayer

Psalter 221:1, 3\*

Benediction\*

Doxology: May the grace...\*

#### Family Sermon Discussion Questions—John 16:8-11 (PM Service)

- 1. What is the meaning of the word "world" in our text?
- 2\*. What sin does Jesus identify as being the greatest of all sins?
- 3. How does unbelief make God out to be liar?
- 4. What vital connection is there between righteousness and the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 5. Why is it the special work of the Holy Spirit to persuade sinners of the perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 6. Why is it so comforting to the believer that the prince of this world has been judged?
- 7\*. How can we be absolutely sure today that the prince of this world (the devil) has been judged?
- 8. What is the connection between the three-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit and the three offices of the Lord Jesus Christ?

#### Question for Self-reflection

# Have we been persuaded of the preciousness of Christ's righteousness?

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<sup>\*</sup> Questions for younger children

#### May 19, 2024

We welcome you all as we gather together for worship services this Lord's Day. May God's blessing and Spirit rest upon us as we meet in His presence.

#### **Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving**

- Ongoing prayer requests:
  - o For a Spirit-wrought, nationwide revival.
  - For the congregation to be given open doors for evangelism in the Comstock community and elsewhere.
  - For those with afflictions of the body, mind & spirit, as well as the lonely, elderly, and widows in our midst.
  - o For the expecting mothers in our congregation.
  - For Providence Christian School and Grace Christian Academy, giving thanks for the safety of our students and the consistent sacrificial giving to financially sustain both schools.
  - o For the persecuted church throughout the world.
  - o For Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.
  - o For peace in Israel and Ukraine.
- This week:
  - For the Kranendonk family Dr. David Kranendonk's father passed away suddenly this week after a struggle with cancer.

### **Announcements**

- The new office bearers elected at the May 15 congregational meeting are John Vergunst (elder) and Jon Van Seters (deacon).
   The installation service is scheduled for June 9.
- The annual spring cleanup of the church grounds is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 starting at 8:00 a.m. Please come and join us!

### Dates & Events (further details on the church website)

- May 22 Cadets
- May 26 Pastor Elshout is serving with COAH in Serbia, preaching for us will be student Dan Schipper (morning) and Dr. David Kranendonk (evening)
- May 29 Women's prayer group, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Hannah Greekdyk

- May 30 Church Visitation with Moderating Committee
- May 31 GCA Graduation
- Jun 2 Dr. Kelderman will preach the evening service
- Jun 4 PCS Graduation
- **Jun 5** Men's prayer meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Jun 9 Office bearer installation
- Jul 2 Consistory meeting, 7:30 p.m. No meeting is planned for June due to scheduling conflicts. This will be the first meeting with our newly elected office bearers.

(All future dates the Lord willing)

The Spirit is promised as the gift of the Father and of the Son: he therefore comes in the name and by the authority of both. The same love which influenced the Son, 'when he took upon himself the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death', influences the Spirit in his condescension and undertaking as a Comforter and Sanctifier. He so loves his people committed to him, that he abides and dwells with them forever, acting with authority and power, according to his own pleasure, as their various circumstances may require. He prepares and strengthens them for every event, reveals to them what they must needs know, in the time and way most fit, inclines their hearts in the way and degree he pleases, and controls all their inward enemies. As Christ is head over all things to the church in the outward world, ordering and directing all things in the way most conducive to his own glory and to the real good of his people; so the Holy Spirit dwells in them, putting forth the exceeding greatness of his power in renewing, supporting, comforting, and restoring righteousness, joy, and peace. Every faculty of the soul is under his eye and over-ruling control. Every rebel within, every worldly and sensual lust, and every filthiness of the spirit, he observes, restrains, and gradually subdues.

--T. Charles

## **Nursery**

May 19 a.m. Infants: Liz DeVries (T)

Toddlers: Lynette Timmer, Maelle Timmermans

May 19 p.m. Infants: Clara Nieuwenhuis

Toddlers: Janine DeVries, Maybelle Schipper

May 26 a.m. Infants: Wendy Schipper

Toddlers: Holli Blok, Macy VanDyke

May 26 p.m. Infants: Jessica Thies

Toddlers: Nicole DeVries, Cali VanDyke

GreeterMorningEveningMay 19Bryan K.Joseph V.May 26Tim D.Tim N.June 2Fred D.Jake G.

## **Collections**

The Education Fund will be collected each week. The second collection box will be as scheduled below. May the Lord bless and receive our offerings.

May 19 – Needy

June 2 – Building

May 26 – Parsonage

June 9 – Parsonage

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Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners

- Psalm 1:1