

October 12, 2025

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Elshout

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 304:1, 5, 7*

Reading of the Law—Deuteronomy 5:1–24

Psalter 140:1, 2

Scripture: John 15:1–17

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 218:1, 3, 5, 6*

Sermon Text: John 15:1–3

Sermon Theme: Jesus Christ: The Father's Vine

1. The identity of the vine

2. The branches of the vine

3. The fruitfulness of the vine

Prayer

Psalter 329:1–4*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 315*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—John 15:1–3 (AM Service)

1. Why was Christ's use of the vine analogy so effective as He addressed His disciples in John 15?

2*. What are the profound implications of the fact that Jesus says "I AM the vine?"

3. Why is the Father so committed to caring for this Vine?

4. What application can we extract from the fact that the vine had to be wounded in order for branches to be ingrafted?

5. Jesus talks about branches that are connected to the vine and yet bear no fruit. What are the two possible explanations of this passage?

6*. What sort of fruit is Jesus referring to in John 15?

7. What is the three-fold purpose of fruit?

8. How does God use His Word to prune the living branches of the Vine?

Question for Self-reflection

Can we say on biblical grounds that we are fruit-bearing branches of the Vine Jesus Christ?

* Questions for younger children

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Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

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Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 1: All*

Scripture: Galatians 1

Confession: Canons of Dordt, Head One, Art. 1–3 (p. 97)

Psalter 132:1, 5

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 381: All*

Sermon text: Galatians 1:7–12 (Belg. Conf., Art. 7)

Sermon Theme: The Holy Scriptures: The Only Rule of Faith

1. Their perfect sufficiency

2. Their divine authority

3. Their exclusive value

Prayer

Psalter 312: All*

Benediction*

Doxology: Psalter 316*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Belg. Conf. Art. 7 (PM Service)

1. What prompted the church of the Reformation to make such a sharp distinction between Scripture and the writings of men?
- 2*. What was God's main goal in giving us the Scriptures?
3. What is meant by the statement that the Scriptures are the ***predestined*** Word of God?
4. How should the fact that Christ is the Living Word motivate us to treat the written Word of God with the utmost respect?
5. Explain what is meant by the expression “the regulative principle of worship”?
6. Why must the church defend the absolute authority of the Scriptures—especially today?
7. Why can the Scriptures and the writings of men not be of equal value?
- 8*. Why are we forbidden to either add to the Word of God or take away from the Word of God?

Question for Self-reflection

- # How are we to guard against making the Word of God of none effect in our own lives? In what ways might we be guilty of this?

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We welcome you as we gather to hear God's Word.

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

- A spiritual awakening in our nation.
- Our persecuted brothers and sisters.
- For such struggling with disappointments and afflictions.
- PRTS, PCS and GCA.
- Expecting mothers in our midst.
- Wendy Schipper's father facing serious surgery this week.
- Leona with her move to the Park Village Pines.

On **Friday Oct 31**, our pastor will give a topic on the Reformer Tyndale to commemorate the Reformation. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Pie Baking Day is scheduled for **October 23** at Providence Christian School from 8:00-3:00 p.m. There is also a pie crust prep night at the school on **October 21** from 6:30-9:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in this effort to support the PCS community. Below is a link to sign up:

<https://1drv.ms/x/c/11a2e99c6d8f5bd1/EdFbj22c6alggBGsRQA AAAABWj90cj1T3Omhp6fhhf7PCg?e=bqclxV>

Dates & Events D.V.

- **Oct 15** Young Men Book study at VanSeters' at 7:00 p.m.
- **Oct 17 & 18** Fall conference at the 'Shack'. See our **website** for details.
- **Oct 17 & 18** Young adult conference at Gull lake ministries. See our **website** for details.
- **Oct 19** Dr. Bilkes will serve us in the evening service. The young people will meet afterwards.

- **Oct 22** Trinitarian Bible Society presentation at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 26** We will have a Community service in the morning.
- **Oct 31** Reformation Day Service at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 1** KRC Fall Cleanup day at 9:00 a.m. Nov 8 is the substitute date in case of inclement weather.
- **Nov 4** Our church will be used as a precinct for local elections.
- **Nov 6** Right to Life march in Lansing, MI. For reservation and information, consult our calendar.
- **Nov 7** Mathaniah Choir concert at the HRC in Grand Rapids at 7:30 p.m. Details on the Web site.
- **Nov 8** Reformation Hymn Sing at Community Presbyterian in Kalamazoo at 6:30 p.m. Details on the Web site.

Take heed that you glory not in your graces but let all your glorying and confidence be in Christ and in His strength, for only so can you be kept from falling. Be much in prayer. Spend longer time and holy adoration. Read the scriptures more earnestly and constantly. Watch your life more carefully. Live nearer to God. Take the best examples for your pattern. Let your conversation [have the odor] of heaven. Let your hearts be perfumed with affection for men's souls. So, live that men may take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus, and have learned of Him... [Go] on, Christian, with care and caution! ---On, with holy fear and trembling! --- On, with faith and confidence on Jesus alone, and let your constant petition be, "Uphold me according to Thy word". He is able and He alone, "To keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy"

~Charles Spurgeon

Nursery

Oct 12 a.m.	Infants:	Carolyn DeVries
	Toddlers:	Liz DeVries (T), Vivian Kleppe
Oct 12 p.m.	Infants:	Jamie VanSeters
	Toddlers:	Hailey DeVries, Tenley Blok
Oct 19 a.m.	Infants:	Holli Blok
	Toddlers:	Rachael Blok, Madison DeVries
Oct 19 p.m.	Infants:	Nicole DeVries
	Toddlers:	Kari Scholten, Serena DeVries

Greeters

Morning

Evening

Oct 12	Jared S
Oct 19	Joseph V
Oct 26	Tim N

Bryan K
Tim D
Ben T

Collections

The Education Fund will be collected each Lord's Day.

We have fallen short of collecting for the education fund.

Also, the Oct 19 Discretionary collection will be for the support of Pastor Dan Schipper, as he prepares to labor in South Africa.

Oct 12 General

Oct 19 Discretionary

Oct 26 General

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Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me.

~ Psalm 19:13