

April 12, 2026

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Elshout

Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 264:1–3*

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1–24

Psalter 42:1

Scripture: John 19:38–42; 20:1–10

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 427:3, 5, 6*

Sermon Text: John 20:1–10

Sermon Theme: A Three-fold Reaction to an Open Grave

1) Mary Magdalene’s reaction

2) Peter’s reaction

3) John’s reaction

Prayer

Psalter 73:1, 5, 6*

Benediction*

Doxology: Praise God...*

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—John 20:1–10 (AM Service)

1*. What did Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John have in common?

2. Why did Mary Magdalene love Christ so intensely?

3*. Describe some of the differences between the personalities of Peter and John.

4. What important conclusion can we draw from the fact the Peter and John were together at this occasion?

5. Why did Peter arrive LAST at the sepulcher?

6. What evidence persuaded John that Jesus had risen indeed?

7. How did John “see” Jesus before He actually appeared to him later that day?

8. Why is the word “must” so important in connection with the resurrection? Which important “must” will yet be fulfilled?

Question for Self-reflection

Are we also irresistibly and experientially drawn to the risen Christ?

* Questions for younger children

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Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

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Votum and Salutation*

Psalter 208: All*

Scripture: Romans 9

Confession: Canons of Dordt, Head 3 & 4, Art. 1–3 (p. 107–108)

Psalter 131:1, 4

Pastoral Prayer

Psalter 394: All*

Sermon text: Romans 9:21–23 (Belg. Conf. Art. 16)

Sermon Theme: God’s Eternal Election

- 1. Viewed in light of man’s depravity**
- 2. Viewed in light of God’s mercy**
- 3. Viewed in light of God’s justice**

Prayer

Psalter 20: All*

Benediction*

Doxology: May the grace....

** Please stand as you are able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions—Belg. Conf., Art. 16 (PM Service)

1. Why is Article 16 an important link between the doctrine of man & the doctrine of Christ?
2. What does Paul mean when he writes in Ephesians 2:1 that we are by nature “dead in trespasses and sins”?
- 3*. What happens to sinful men when they are left to themselves?
4. What does the doctrine of election reveal about God’s character?
5. What important truth is communicated by the fact that believers have been chosen *in Christ*?
6. Why is the doctrine of election immensely comforting to believers?
7. Why is God **just** in damning the ungodly?
- 8*. Why is election “the friend of sinners”?

Question for Self-reflection

Why should the doctrine of election be so humbling to the believer?

* Questions for younger children

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We welcome the congregation and all visitors, to hear the Word of God.

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

- A spiritual awakening in our nation.
- Our persecuted brothers and sisters.
- Expecting mothers and those desiring children.
- For those struggling with disappointments and afflictions.
- Our children's education and institutions.
- Matthew Blok and Kevin Marcus in the armed services.

The Building Committee is requesting volunteers to help with the Spring Cleanup on the morning of Saturday morning **April 18 at 8:30 a.m.** Old and young are invited. Some of the ladies will provide breakfast. Please let André know if you are intending to come, so they can estimate the breakfast needs.

Combined choral evening featuring Johann Vanlittersum's *Oxford Reformed School Collegiate Singers* and the *Kalamazoo Chorus*:

Join us in the KRC sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 23** to hear a beautiful selection of choral music across different genres. No tickets are required.

Dates & Events D.V.

Apr 22 Young Men's group at Jeff Timmer's at **7:00 p.m.**

Apr 23 Combined choral evening featuring Johann Vanlittersum's *Oxford Reformed School Collegiate Singers* and the *Kalamazoo Chorus*

Apr 28 Haaksema/VanGiessen shower at **7:30 p.m.** at the Providence gym.

Apr 29 Senior Spring Dinner in the fellowship hall at **5:30 p.m.**

May 1 Honoray Doctorate conferment to our Pastor at **7:00 p.m.** at Heritage Reformed Church in Grand Rapids.

May 3 Pastor Schoeman will serve us in both services.

May 3 Pastor Dan Schipper will be sent out as a missionary from the Providence Reformed church at **6:00 p.m.**

May 14 Ascension Day service at **7:30 p.m.**

May 19 Annual Congregational Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Redeem the time: much of your (spiritual) progress depends on this. Be men of method and punctuality; have always something to do, and do it... How many have "slipped" and "fallen" through idleness! How many begin a score of things and end nothing, dawdle away their morning or their evening hours, sleep longer than is needful, trifle through their duties, hurrying about, instead of being calm, methodical, energetic! Thus, life is loitered away and each sun sets on 12 wasted hours, and an uneasy dissatisfied conscience. Be punctual and irregular in all duties and engagements. Keep no man waiting. Be honest as to time, both with yourselves and others, lest you get into a state of chronic flurry and excitement, so destructive of peace and progress, so grieving to the Spirit, whose very nature is calmness and rest. These may seem small things, but they are roots of great recompense. Watch your steps, count your minutes; live as men who are pressing on to a Kingdom, and who fear, not only open apostasy, but the smallest measure of coming short, the faintest slur upon the name of a disciple. (Heb. 4: 1, Jude 23)

~Andrew Bonar

Nursery

Apr 12 a.m. Infants: Arielle Vergunst
Toddlers: Nicole DeVries, **Serena DeVries**
Apr 12 p.m. Infants: Paula Thies
Toddlers: Holli Blok, **Brianna Dingemans**
Apr 19 a.m. Infants: Florina DeVries
Toddlers: Hailey DeVries, **Natalie D.**
Apr 19 p.m. Infants: Kaarli Kleppe
Toddlers: CaliVanDyke, **Naomi Vergunst**

Greeters

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Apr 12	Bryan K	Jared S
Apr 19	Tom V	Bill T
April 26	John K	Joseph V

Collections

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

April 12 Emeritus

April 19 General

April 26 Discretionary

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We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfill all thy petitions.

~ Psalm 20:5