

Reformed Church Southern Suburbs

An English-speaking plant & ward of the Bellville RCSA

Order of morning service :: 23 November 2014

* Call to worship, invocation & votum (Psalm 65:1-8)

* *Song of Praise*: Hymn #30

Corporate confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p845)

Sing: Doxology ~

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 5:12

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

* *Song of thanksgiving*: Psalm 51 (#486)

Prayer of illumination

Reading: Matthew 10:16-23

Sermon: Persecuted pilgrims then paradise

Congregational prayer

Lord's Supper (Psalm 118, #613) **

Offering

* Concluding song: Hymn #305

* Benediction

* Please stand if you are able

** ** If you are a visitor with us this morning and have not received permission from the church council to partake of the Supper, please refrain until we get to know you better. We, elders, take seriously our responsibility to keep "*watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account*" (Hebrews 13:17).

Order of evening service

* Call to worship, invocation & votum

* *Song of Praise*: Psalm 100 (#1)

Prayer

* *Song of thanksgiving*: Hymn #32

Reading: Heidelberg Lord's Day 1-4; Romans 7:7-12

Sermon: Salvation through misery

Offering

* Concluding song: Psalm 16 (#692)

* Benediction

* Please stand if you are able

Announcements:

:: Observance of the Lord's Supper today

:: Fellowship meal to follow at 11h30

:: No Sunday school today

:: Evening service at 18h00

:: No Bible study this Tuesday

:: RCSA Regional Synod, 25-26 November

:: Voting on Mark Berchard as deacon on 30 November

:: Picnic at Paarlberg Nature Reserve on 29 Nov, 10am

:: Instrumental & vocal performance in conjunction with Free

Reformed Church at Bellville following PM service, 30 Nov

:: Christmas Day service in Rondebosch, 25 December

:: Kindly refrain from parking on the grass on Scout Hall premises or neighborhood verges/sidewalks

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Explaining Corporate Worship

Call to worship and invocation: God calls his covenant people to worship him and we receive his heavenly gifts through faith

Votum: Our covenant Lord responds through the Trinitarian blessing of his ordained ambassador

Confession of Faith: We confess to God and to each other our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

Singing doxology: We sing praise to our Triune God for His blessing of salvation to us

Reading of the law: God speaks to us in His moral law to reveal our sin so that we convicted and humbled, and turn to our heavenly Father in faith, confessing our sins

Prayer of confession: We confess to God how we have sinned against Him in thought, word and deed - in that which we have done and that which we have left undone

Assurance of pardon: Through the means of his ordained minister, God declares to those who truly repent and look to Christ alone for salvation that they can be assured of the forgiveness of their sins

Prayer of illumination: The minister prays on behalf of the congregation that God's Word would be made effectual unto salvation by Christ through his Spirit

Sermon: Christ addressing us from heaven through the power of his Spirit with words of life and death

Offering: Out of gratitude for the gift of Christ, we give of our finances for those in need and for support of the ongoing ministry of the church.

Benediction: God sends us forth with his blessing in Christ.

Where does justifying faith come from? “The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and confirms it through our use of the holy sacraments.”
(Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 65; cf. Jn 3:5, Rom. 10:17, Matt. 28:19-20, 1 Cor. 10:16)

Prayer:

- *Great commission:* Mukhanyo College :: Escondido OPC
- *The persecuted church:* Christians attacked by ISIS in Middle East
- *Our sick:* Dorothy Lucejko; Joey du Plessis; Richard Jooste; Frans Nijeboer; Lydia Snyman; Andries (and Linda) Coetzee
- *Our students:* Andie and Willem de Villiers; Claire Coetzee; Sessie Ndou; Marleen Curtis; Delilah Sao Joao; Anzel Botha; Nikolas Haus
- *Those traveling*
- *New member candidates*

Prayer requests/your contact details/notes:

Church Council Announcement

During the Council meeting on 11.19.2014 we reflected seriously on church member attendance at both worship services on Sundays. The Council agrees that public worship, especially the evening service has been poorly attended and is cause for sober reflection.

However, Council realised that we ourselves are guilty of poor attendance. As a result, during this meeting we confessed our sin to the Lord and to each other. We realize that we should be leading by example, and in discharging our duties lovingly admonish the flock when necessary. The Council appeals to every member to prayerfully reflect on his / her responsibility to obey the Lord in faithfully attending corporate worship morning and evening on Sundays.

This issue will be addressed in upcoming home visits.

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