



Weekly Newsletter of the  
Christian Reformed Church of  
Perth Inc.

## Welcome

A warm welcome to all who have come to the services today, and a special welcome to visitors. May the Lord bless each of us as we worship together, that His Name may be glorified and that we are encouraged and strengthened in faith. A crèche is available at the back of the building for those who wish to use it for children aged 0-4 years of age. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

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Sunday date.

**9:30 am: Pastor Reinier Noppers**

**Readings: Deuteronomy 20:1-9**

**Sermon: Luke 14:12-24, text verses 15-24 “God’s Amazing Banquet”**

**5:30 pm: Pastor Reinier Noppers**

**Readings: 1 John 2:7-11, James 3:1-12, 5:7-11**

**Sermon: James 5:9 “God’s People – A No-Grumbling Zone”**

## Meditation

In Luke 14, Jesus tells us a story: of a rich man who made elaborate preparations for a wonderful banquet. What a banquet this would be. Even the time of preparation shows how awesome this banquet must have been. It was no last minute gathering, not just throw a few extra snags on the barbie; but a feast of abundance and magnificence that took weeks, if not months, to prepare. God spares no expense in the banquet he has prepared for us!

You see, this rich man was looking forward to a great time with his friends and neighbours. We all know, that although a banquet is a meal, and generally you enjoy some wonderful food; it is not the food that makes it so memorable. More than that, it usually the people you are with. It is a time for fellowship with those whom we love the most. It doesn’t matter how hungry we are, for the moment is heightened and the joy is deepened with those we love, parents, family, special friends and so on. It is a time filled with laughter and joy! It is a time that satisfies not just the body but also the soul!

Coming to God is like that. He invites us to divine food and heavenly fellowship, to sit with Him and enjoy His company, to be filled in a way that leaves us to never hunger again, and to be bound to Him in a way that can never be broken, that our joy will be complete and there will be no more sorrow, or mourning or crying, or pain.

Have we accepted the invite, and responded to the call to come? Or are we busy with excuses? RN

## Pastoral

We give thanks to God that Joshua de Haan, Steve Ossevoort and Leon Noppers are all recovering from their recent surgery and we pray that full healing and restoration of health may result.

Rebekah Oostryck and Nelson Nieuwkerk are currently in the Philippines serving the local community. We continue to pray for safekeeping for them and a blessing on their mission work.

## Worship Service Snapshot

A typical service includes a time of singing praise to our God, an opportunity for prayer and a message is given by the Pastor.

There is also a time for us to give financially. If you are not a member or regular attendee of CRC Perth, please don't feel obligated to participate in the offering.

In the morning service, children (4-9 years old) attend church for the first part of the service and leave for Sunday school during the offering.

### Please utilise the church's electronic banking

#### Banking details:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
Christian Reformed Church of Perth  
**BSB:** 066 153 #: 1002 5589  
Mark as tithe or first offering or the name of the second offering (e.g.: Diaconate)

#### First Offering

For the ministry of this church

#### Second Offering

**27 Nov**

Diaconate

**4-Dec**

Manoah House

**11-Dec**

Reformed Theological College (RTC)

As Christmas draws closer, we ask for safekeeping for all who travel at this time of the year. We also seek God's grace on those who are unable to join with us in worship due to infirmity or age.

The **Compassionate Catalogue** will be in your pigeon holes this week, and a powerpoint will be displayed during the offering this morning showcasing the gifts available.

Your donations for the **Bibles For the Persecuted Church** continue to be gladly received: either in the bag at the back of the church or directly to myself or Trudy.

**Session** meets this coming Tuesday at the church at 7:30 pm in what will be our final meeting for the year.

#### **Voting For Deacon:**

The Session places before the congregation the brother Phil Oostryck as a single nomination to serve as deacon. If there are no lawful objections voting will take place after the morning service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Catechism:** the Sunday class is on again this week, and this will be the final lesson for the year.

## THE AMAZING RACE for ages 13 - 18

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Great Prizes to be won!!!

Meeting @ Kings Park War Memorial

@ 10.30am – pick up again @ 3pm.

Cost \$20; bring running shoes & water bottles, lunch and snacks provided.

State youth representatives also have information about this event so you can talk to them for further details. Jayden Swarts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Shared Lunch :**

Shared Lunch is on again next week: remember to bring something to share and enjoy the good food and fellowship!

#### **Philippines Mission Trip Prayer Newsletter :**

Copies of the Philippines Mission trip prayer sheet will be available on the table at the back of the church, for anyone who would like to pray for the team on a daily basis. There is also a link to the Blog where there are daily updates from the team.

## What's on this week

Tuesday 7:30 pm Session Meeting  
 Wednesday 9:00 am Bread @ Church

## Coming up

Shared Lunch 4<sup>th</sup> of December

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

| Date           | Preacher   | Duty elder | Greeters           | Reader     | Data   | Sound    | Musician |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------|----------|----------|
| 27 November AM | R. Noppers | Bardi      | Steve & Jill       | Beslin     | Johan  | Paul vdk | Rebecca  |
| 27 November PM | R. Noppers | Bardi      | Steve & Jill       |            | Luke   | Klarinda |          |
| 4 December AM  | R. Noppers | Sam        | Bardi & Jacqueline | Jacqueline | Evan   | Paul vdk | Ralph    |
| 4 December PM  | R. Noppers | Sam        | Bardi & Jacqueline |            | Luke   | Klarinda |          |
| 11 December AM | J.de Jongh | Willem     | Sam & Eiril        | Raymond    | Johan  | Paul vdk | Elsa     |
| 11 December PM | J.de Jongh | Willem     | Sam & Eiril        |            | Paul N | Nelson   | Elsa     |

**Please arrange your own swap if you are unable to do your duty**

## HELPING HANDS

| Date       | Coffee Fellowship  | Crèche             | Sunday School  |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 27/11/2016 | Nieuwkerk, Elsa    | Rebecca, Emma      | Trudy, Eliza   |
| 4/12/2016  | Knoetze, de Haan   | Annette, Eliza     | Saara, Bethia  |
| 11/12/2016 | Pleysier, de Jager | Jacqueline, Jordan | Yvonne, Bethia |



## Birthdays This week

Belated Birthday wishes to Henry Alberts for yesterday 26<sup>th</sup> of November  
 Today 27<sup>th</sup> of November Luke Ossevoort