



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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9:30 am: Pastor John de Jongh

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-17 text: Psalm 122

5:30 pm: Pastor John de Jongh

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25 text Revelation 21.1-8

Attributes of God

By Klarinda De Jager

This term the youth have been studying the “Attributes of God”. Why study the attributes of God?

Well, we have a relationship with God, just like we have a relationship with our parents, friends, children and partners. And with every relationship it is important to get to know people and grow closer to them. We as God’s people are so blessed to get to know Him and have a relationship with Him; He has graciously revealed to us Himself and the glorious promise of a new hope. We need to get to know God like we get to know other people. We get to know people by communicating with them and spending time with them; this is the same with God. We get to know Him by communicating with Him, through prayer and through reading His revelation through the scriptures. Knowing God can help us as His children to pursue a more intimate and worshipful relationship with Him. God desires for us to pursue Him, He wants a relationship with us because He delights in us. “The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you.” Zephaniah 3:17 NIV (see also Psalm 147:11).

The attributes that the youth have been looking at this term are: Communicable and incommunicable attributes, God’s self-existence, His holiness, His omnipresence and omniscience and His love and grace. Communicable attributes are attributes that we can mirror, for example: God is patient, we can also be patient, or God loves and we can also love. Learning about these attributes just shows us how awesome our God is, and how big and holy He is. He has attributes such as self-existence, omnipresence and omnipotence that we don’t even have and this shows us that He is set apart from us. Learning about God’s self-existence shows us that He always was, always is and always will be. He was there before anything was created, when there was just darkness and nothing else. We are created for God – He doesn’t need us, His will doesn’t depend on the decisions we make in our lives because He is so powerful and doesn’t need anyone else to exist; so we should live in light of this by living faithfully and setting our hopes on Him and the gospel. We should live in awe of God and be “always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the

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

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name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20 NIV. We should be thankful that the Creator of the universe also created us, sustains us, and blesses us and, because of this we should live our lives every day for Him.

We also learned that through God's holiness, He is separate to us and creation and far above us, more superior to us. We should be in awe of His holiness, His glory, His power and authority and all His loving kindness, we should be in awe of God's willingness to come down from His glorious throne of holiness and become like us in order to suffer and die for us, so that we may receive a beautiful and wonderful inheritance through Christ Jesus. He suffered and died for us on a wooden cross even though He is so far above us. Along with the above mentioned attributes there is also His omnipresence (meaning God is everywhere at once) and His omniscience (meaning God is all knowing). And this can bring us great comfort, that He is always there with us (Joshua 1:5b-6, 1:9), wherever we go and that He knows everything, we do not have to fear anything or anyone, we do not have to fear the unknown because we have a Great and Awesome God that guides us, strengthens us and provides for us (Matthew 6: 25-34, Psalm 31:3, Isaiah 40:29). He has also prepared for us a place with Him so that we can enjoy the glorious riches that He has given us through His Son and our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lastly, we learned about God's wonderful and unimaginable love and grace, we love God because He first loved us; God loved us before creation and His love is sacrificial, as should ours be (Rom 5:8). God's love is also volitional which means it was voluntary, He made a choice to love us, He doesn't love us because we are worthy of it, but He loves us because of His mercy and grace. Finally, God's love is eternal; there is no beginning or end to His love (Jer. 31:3). God's love is selfless, what should this mean for us? This means that we should also selflessly love others. How can we show this love to others? By God's grace we can love others as He loves us. Grace means: Gods riches as Christ's expense, we were saved and given all God's riches through the death of Jesus Christ. By reading the following verses, we learn that nothing we do is done by ourselves but by the grace of God. It is by God's grace that we have been saved. "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I work harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me." 1 Corinthians 15:10

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you." Titus 2:11-15. Looking at Titus 2:11-15, it talks about God's love and His grace – the greatest sacrifice of all, Jesus Christ who is our salvation, which we can also see in John 3:16.

It is important for us to get to know God as His people if we want to have a relationship with Him and live a life that is pleasing and glorifying to Him. I have really enjoyed learning about some of the attributes of God and I am hoping that we can continue it next year. . It helped us remember how big and

Angel Tree

We are participating in the Angel Tree Project for this year.

We apologise for the short time available, but there were delays by Prison Fellowship sending out the information.

Please see the Angel Tree for further information.

There are only 4 children's names on the list.

Many Thanks

The Deacons

Birthdays This week

13th Shalo Beena

15th Geoff van Schie

16th Isaak Nieuwkerk

awesome our God is and that nothing in all creation can separate us from His love because of who He is. We can trust in His goodness and His promises.

Pastoral

Welcome to John de Jongh who will be leading both services today as part of our regular Classis preaching swap: may God bless you and us as you bring His Word. I will be spending the day down in Australind.

The voting last Sunday resulted in an overwhelming call to Phil Oostryck to serve another term as deacon. Do pray for Phil as he considers this call to serve in our midst.

Donations for the **Bibles For the Persecuted Church** came to a round total of **\$700.00**. Once again a wonderful response to this very worthy cause. Let us continue to pray that the Bibles provided will indeed provide strength and encouragement to believers persecuted for their faith.

Next week, Lord willing, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. It is our privilege before God to take the time to examine ourselves: once again to be assured of our salvation in Christ alone, as well as the joy we may have in serving one another in Christ's name. Visitors who wish to join with us are asked to speak to a member of session prior to the service next Sunday.

Christmas Day will soon be upon us! We have been discussing with the Korean Church to have a combined Christmas morning service, and if it comes to plan we will start a little later, at 10:00 am. All details will be in the LINK next week.

Once again, a reminder that as from Christmas Day we will no longer be holding evening services. Christmas Day will also be the final LINK till end January 2017.

COMPASSIONATE CATALOGUE/ ANGEL TREE

There are so many worthy causes calling for donations...so how do we decide whom to give to and whom not? There is no easy answer. First we must recognise in our own heart whether we give out of love for others or because we feel we must. Giving to the work of the church is what Gods commands us to do according to what we earn (not according to the budget), however giving to any charity whether it be Christian or not is an option. As Christians living in a western country most of us have enough finances to live, pay the bills and have a bit to spoil ourselves or our loved ones. It is from that surplus we can give to help others who are not in a position to provide an education for their children, have access to clean water, the tools or resources to start a small business or even a gift for their child.

In channelling our resources through the work of agencies like WORLD TRANSFORM or PRISON FELLOWSHIP we try to target those in need but also demonstrate in a real way the love of Christ. Both World Transform and Prison Fellowship are requesting we consider giving; either via the COMPASSIONATE CATALOGUE (selecting a gift or contributing to the "combined fund"- we are aiming for a motorbike) or via the Angel Tree. Any funds for the "COMPASSIONATE CATALOGUE COMBINED FUND" – please place in an envelope so marked and pass on to Trudy. The deacons will notify us when the angel tree is ready to select a child/children. Any questions speak to Trudy (Compassion Catalogue) or Rob (Angel Tree).

What's on this week

Wednesday 9:00 AM Bread @ Church

Coming up

Lord Supper Sunday 18th of November

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Data	Sound	Musician
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
18 December AM	R. Noppers	Steve	Willem & Yvonne	Nelson	Johan	Nelson	Rebecca
18 December PM	R. Noppers	Steve	Willem & Yvonne		Paul N	Nelson	
25 December Christmas day	R. Noppers	Bardi	Steve & Hetty	Beslin	Paul N	Paul vdK	

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

HELPING HANDS

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
11/12/2016	Pleysier, de Jager	Jacqueline, Jordan	Yvonne, Bethia
18/12/2016	Janong, Mary	Mieke, Beslin	Trudy, Eliza
25/12/2016	Noppers, Husselmann	Vanessa, Saara	Holidays