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Welcome

A warm welcome to all who have come to the service 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 typical service includes a time of singing praise, prayer, Bible reading and a message is given by the Pastor. There is also an opportunity 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. We have two offerings. The first is for the workings of our local church, the second for a specified group usually outside our local church.

Crèche is available for children aged 0-3 at the rear of the church building during the service. Most Sundays children (4-9 years old) attend church for the first part of the service and then leave for Sunday school during the offering.

After the service please join us for refreshments and fellowship either to the side of church or in the hall.

Please utilise the church's electronic banking

Banking details:

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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:

4th June Sonshine Radio

11th June Solomon Islands Workgroup

18th June Diaconate

An outreach of Perth CRC is:

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Weekly Newsletter



Preacher: Dan Kroon

Reading: Luke 7:11-17

Text: Luke 7:11-17

Sermon: The Power and the Compassion

Three times in the gospels Jesus raises the dead.

The reversal of death is the greatest example of Christ's authority and forget to be shocked by the supernatural significance of what is happening. It's easy to look at them from a distance and forget that Jesus can smash through our hopelessness and grief, no matter how bad it is. His authority reveals that He can, and His compassion reveals that He does. The first occasion of Jesus resurrection miracles, in His raising of the widow's son, shows us what happens when the way of life and the way of death face off.

Meditation

"But the Lord hurried a great wind upon the sea...but Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep". Jonah 1: 4a & 5

The cost of disobedience is very expensive.

Jonah fled to Tarshish, the furthest city that could be reached at that time. The city is in Spain and Jonah had to pay a considerable amount for the trip. Jonah feared that these hated Ninevites would repent and that God would save them. Jonah also knew God is long-suffering, gracious, merciful. Jonah turned his face away from the command he received. The money reserved for the work of the Lord is thrown into the water. Jonah decided to flee from the face of the Lord.

The hard reality would hit Jonah - the journey to Tarshish would not be without storms and the voyage of disobedience very high.

The needle of the compass of our life must show to the Cross, when we turn the compass to another direction so that the needle points away from the Cross, the journey is not without storms, so travel is bitter and expensive. The journey to hell is unprofitable. Think of people who travelled to the country of pornography, adultery, drugs, drunkenness, money-laundering ... the travel money is broken marriages, broken bodies, slaves of mammon. God sends 'storms' in such situations such as church discipline, an impending divorce, hospitalization, bankruptcy - judgments of God serving as salvation for man. Salvation can only come through God's judgment and mercy.

The Cross is precisely the sign of God's judgment of our sin, but also the sign of salvation and salvation in Jesus Christ.

A world that is lost and the church is asleep.

In the form of tremendous wind, thunder and massive waves, God sends His judgement on one disobedient servant.

Hardened sailors shake. They realise it's not just another storm on the sea. Gentiles with their pagan faith realise someone has made the gods angry. The waves crash over the deck of the ship and take everything in its path. The boat creaks, sails tear, ropes break and the ship is threatening to sink every time as it crashes from the towering heights into the deep dark ocean. The deadly, pale sailors begin to pray for their own gods. They do not just pray, they also do something. They throw everything they could get overboard. Their crying prayers and anguish are heard through the crying wind.

Under the deck of the ship, Jonah is fast asleep! The prayers of the sailors, wood cracking, water inflow and a ship thrown back and forth do not wake up Jonah. Jonah, the representative of the Church, ambassador of God, preacher of salvation, is fast asleep!

As the world goes by, the church is sleeping. While the Gentiles call their gods for salvation, the Church sleeps ... deeply shameful! How often are we not shown to the horror of the world: the use of God's Name in vain, abortions, drugs, alcohol abuse, pornography ... and we are asleep!

Translated from original script written by Dewald Cronje

Pastoral

- We pray for the Victoria Park Community. May the Lord open their hearts to His message of love.
- Let us continue to pray for comfort and strength for Dawn Loos as she adjusts to life without Ken, that God will surround her with His compassion and grace through each of us.

Announcements

Pastor Reinier is away on Long Service Leave and Ecumenical duties: please refer all pastoral and other matters to one of the Elders. Lord willing, he will return refreshed on Monday 24th July.

Please note: Elder Sam Assaad has a new mobile number - 0414 925 891. Please record this change in your address book and phone.

Shared Lunch: Please join us for a shared lunch after Church today. There is always more than enough to eat so join us for some great food and fellowship.

Canning Bible Study: Meets Wednesday, 14th June 7:30 p.m., at Bardi Besters home. We will be looking at the Gospel of Matthew. Join us for fellowship and encouragement from God's Word.

Lord's Supper: Lord willing will be celebrated on Sunday June 18th. If you know of any guests or visitors who wish to participate in Communion with us, please have them speak to a member of Session prior to this date.

CRCA Perth Women's Retreat 2018: Registration for next year's Women Retreat, 9 – 12 March, is now open. Please find the registration pamphlet with more info of the event on the entrance table.

News from other Churches

Free Reformed Church of Southern River:

Our sister, Leny de Hoop, was taken home to our Lord on Friday a week ago (May 26). A graveside service will be held on Tuesday June the 6th at 10.15am at Fremantle Cemetery followed by a thanksgiving service at 11.45am at the Free Reformed Church of Southern River.

What's Happening This Week

Tuesday 6th June: 10:15 a.m. – Gravesite service for Leny de Hoop at Fremantle Cemetery.
11:45 a.m. – Thanksgiving service for Leny de Hoop at the
Free Reformed Church of Southern River

Wednesday 7th June: 8:30 a.m. - Bread @ the Church



BIRDAYS THIS WEEK
June 7th – Saara van der Kooij

Coming Up...

June 14th – Canning Bible Study at Bardi Besters home, 7:30 p.m.

June 18th – Lord's Supper

Service Rosters

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Musician	Data	Sound
11 th June	B. Murphy	Sam	Willem & Hetty	Beslin	Elsa	Johan	Nelson
18 th June	R. Patterson	Bardi	Sam & Jill	Nelson	Rebecca	Paul N.	Paul vdK
25 th June	R. Patterson	Willem	Bardi & Jannet	Jacqueline	Elsa	Luke	Klarinda
2 nd July	T. van Drimmelen	Sam	Willem & Rob	Raymond		Johan	Paul vdK

Helping Hands



Date	Coffee	Crèche	Sunday School
11 th June	Oostrick, Assaad	Rebecca, Bethia	Yvonne
18 th June	Pleysier, Victor	Melody, Beslin	Yvonne
25 th June	Nieuwkerk, Johan	Annette, Nicola	Nicolene
2 nd July	P vd Kooij, Mary	Saara, Bethia	Holidays