

PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

August 31, 2025; All this the Lord willing

Sept 3: Lay Preaching Class

Sept 7: Rev. John Muller AM

Catechism classes begin

Sept 10: Midweek Service

Sept 14: Dr Michael Barrett AM

Student Floris Visser PM

Sept 16: Consistory Meeting

Sept 17: Titus 2

Sept 24: Prayer Meeting – David Kwekel

Offering Schedule

Today: General Ministry Support Fund

Sept 7: General Benevolent

Nursery Schedule

Today: AM Meleah Tubergen, Gloria VanderBoon, Kate Boerkoel

PM Kim Boerkoel, Trudy Rozeboom, Theo Rozeboom

Sept 7: AM Janelle Walma, Mairi Heikoop, Liam Schipper

PM Laura Kersten, Kristen Bazen, Mya Schipper

Sept 14: AM Roberta Hoogmoed, Anna Boerkoel, Joel VanderBoon

PM Katie Klaasen, Silvia Boerkoel, Jenna Boerkoel

Youth Group

Sept 7: Singalong at the R. Boerkoel home

(new address: 6910 4 Mile Rd Ada, MI 49301)

Announcements

- Give thanks to the Lord for a daughter, Lena Marie, born to Corey and Anastasia George on 8/25/2025 *“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” Psalm 127:3*
- Catechism classes begin next Sunday.
- Pastor Pronk will lead a Family Living Class for adults after the morning service for the catechism season.
- The Timotheos Mission Fundraiser is at the Meeuwse Farm, Saturday September 20, 12-4PM
- God's Word Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 17-18, at The Shack near White Cloud, MI. Pastor H. van den Belt will speak about the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed.
- The Mattaniah Male Choir will return to Grand Rapids for a concert of music at Heritage Reformed Church on Friday, November 7 at 7:30PM

Meditation

Creation unraveled (Revelation 8 end)

We heard last week about what happened on earth with the blowing of the first four trumpets. A deeper study of the nature of these events shows that they affect God's good creation. Examining the disasters that occur, we remember God's act of creation over six days. We are especially reminded of the third, fourth, and fifth days of creation. With the blowing of the first and third trumpets, the work of creation on the third day is severely impacted. The effect of this is that vegetation is scorched, land is desecrated, water becomes toxic, and life itself is threatened. The blowing of the second trumpet profoundly affects the creation of the fifth day. Marine life is devastated, and commerce is crippled. The fourth trumpet impacts the creation of the fourth day, disrupting the cosmic order and fracturing time and rhythm. As a result, the orderly, fruitful, and living creation is unraveled. Land, sea, sky, and life are all affected. And remember that these are the very domains given to humanity in Genesis 1:28. It's as if the trumpets are peeling back the layers of creation, revealing the consequences of rebellion and setting the stage for a new creation through judgment.

Finally, in verse 13, we see an angel flying high above the earth, crying out: “Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth because of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!” In other words, things will get worse. The inhabitants of the earth refer to the unbelievers, who are the ones receiving these warning judgments—they are meant for them. Meanwhile, the constant prayer from God's children is: “Lord, come, yes, come.” Let this be our prayer as we watch these judgments unfold before us. We have this comfort, that as long as the Lord has not yet arrived on the clouds of heaven, the free offer of the gospel still sounds. *Rev. J.Th. Pronk*

No one was ever saved because his sins were small; no one was ever rejected on account of the greatness of his sins. Where sin abounded grace shall much more abound. *Archibald Alexander*