

PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

September 7, 2025; All this the Lord willing

Today: Rev. John Muller AM

Sept 10: Midweek Service

Sept 14: Dr. Michael Barrett AM

Student Floris Visser PM

Sept 15: Consistory Meeting

Sept 17: Titus 2

Sept 24: Prayer Meeting – David Kwekel

Offering Schedule

Today: General Benevolent

Sept 14: General Christian Education Fund

Nursery Schedule

Today: AM Janelle Walma, Mairi Heikoop, Liam Schipper

PM Laura Kersten, Kristen Bazen, Mya Schipper

Sept 10: PM Heidi Schipper, Anna Pronk

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

PM Katie Klaasen, Silvia Boerkoel, Jenna Boerkoel

Sept 21: AM Faith VanderBoon, Gayle Dykema, Justus Bazen

PM Ellen VanderBoon, Ruth Hoogmoed, Carter Schipper

Family Visitation

Sept 18: Jon Rozeboom family 7PM / Bob Boerkoel family, Silvia Boerkoel, Phillip Boerkoel 8:15PM

Sept 23: Jason Klaasen family 7PM / Joe Parmeter family 8:15PM

Sept 30: Brian Dykema family, Olivia Dykema 7PM / Mark Hoffmann family 8:15 PM

Youth Group

Tonight: Singalong at the R. Boerkoel home

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

Announcements

- We give thanks to the Lord for a son, Silas Nathan, born to Nathan and Allison Kelderman on 9/5/2025. *“As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.” Ecclesiastes 11:5*
- Rev. John Muller is preaching for us this morning. He is pastor emeritus from the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.
- Catechism classes begin today. We will meet in the sanctuary at 11:00AM for the opening of the catechism season.
- Pastor Pronk will lead a Family Living Class for adults after the morning service for the catechism season.

- Rev. Dan Schipper is preaching at Free Reformed Church Ball Ave this evening.
- The Timotheos Mission Fundraiser is at the Meeuwse Farm, Saturday September 20, 12-4PM.
- Anna Pronk’s Birthday Celebration – Friday, October 3 at 10:00AM, Schwallier’s Country Basket, 1185 9 Mile Road NW, Sparta. Inviting all women and young children to a morning of fun harvest activities. (Rain date October 10)
- Please register for the God’s Word Conference, to be held on Friday and Saturday, October 17-18, at The Shack. Pastor H. van den Belt will speak about the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

Meditation

The angel in the zenith (Revelation 8:13)

We have reached the end of Revelation 8. We hear how God’s judgments cause a third of creation to be destroyed. Last week we listened already to verse 13, but let’s read it again, “And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!” This verse temporarily pauses the sounding of the trumpets. An angel is introduced, flying high above the earth. It says, “through the midst of heaven,” meaning at the highest point in heaven. From this vantage point, the angel can see everything on earth. The angel’s cry is a warning, summarizing that things will get worse. God’s judgments, which have caused so much destruction, are not over yet. Even more severe plagues are coming. This message is directed to “the inhabitants of the earth.” With this phrase, we are reminded of the cry of the souls under the altar, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” (Revelation 6:10) They were not seeking revenge themselves, but asked God for justice. What happens in the following chapters is an answer to that cry. The angel’s call from the highest point makes clear that God will judge according to our deeds, and these judgments will be very severe. Let us remember that God is righteous and holy! We do not sin lightly! But God continually warns everyone who is not in Christ and lives on their own. This warning is paired with the preaching of the gospel. As long as we live, there is still time to repent and turn to God. This angelic announcement makes the call for believers to be Christ’s witnesses and to proclaim the gospel even more urgently. There is still time before God’s final judgments at the Day of Christ’s second coming. A time to repent and believe in Christ. A time to be witnesses for Christ in word and deed. A time to pray. Let us use that time wisely. *Rev. J.Th. Pronk*