

PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

November 16, 2025; All this the Lord willing

Today: Rev. Daniel Schipper (Baptism PM)

Nov 18: Consistory Meeting

Nov 19: Titus 2

Nov 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7PM

Nov 27: Thanksgiving Day Service 9:30AM

Dec 3: Lay Preaching Class

Offering Schedule

Today: General Building

Nov 23: General Mission – Schipper Family South Africa

Nursery Schedule

Today: AM Katie Klaasen, Gayle Dykema, Trevor Schipper

PM Heidi Schipper, Olivia Dykema, Theo Rozeboom

Nov 23: AM Faith VanderBoon, Pat Sweetman, Kate Boerkoel

PM Meleah Tubergen, Anna Pronk, Ryan VanderBoon

Nov 27: AM Maria Verbeek, Kristen Bazen

Nov 30: AM Kim Boerkoel, Jane Heikoop, Caleb Schipper

PM Janelle Walma, Monica Bazen, Austin VanderBoon

Family Visitation

Nov 20: Faith VanderBoon family 7PM / Don VanderBoon family, Gloria, Charity, Donny 8:15 PM

Dec 2: Dave Meeuwse family 7PM / Dan Rozeboom 8:15PM

Dec 9: Pastor Schipper family 7PM / Walter Rozeboom family 8:15PM

Youth Group

Tonight: Singalong at J. Bazen's home

Announcements

- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered this evening to:
 - Brooks Daniel, son of David and Leanna Hoogmoed
 - Hendrik Mark, son of Jon and Laura Kersten

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” Acts 2: 38-39
- Pastor Schipper is preaching for us today. Pastor Pronk is preaching at the Free Reformed Church in Bornholm, Ontario.
- Please remember in prayer Don VanderBoon who is hospitalized with severe headaches and neck pain and is undergoing tests.
- Refreshments will be served downstairs after the evening service tonight. All are welcome.

- We will sing a few Thanksgiving psalters and hymns immediately after the evening service next Sunday. There will be no Christmas program practice for the children next Sunday evening.
- A ladies and girls fellowship night is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec 17 at 6:30PM.
- The Providence Reformed Christmas Program is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 20 at 11AM, followed by a potluck lunch.
- Christmas caroling is scheduled for Monday, Dec 22. All are invited to join for singing at Mount Mercy at 4PM, then pizza dinner at church at 5:30PM, followed by caroling in the neighborhood.
- A small church library is being created in the room in the basement by the lift. Donations of child or adult religious books are welcomed. A box is in that room for the book donations.

Meditation

Revelation 10 - God is in control

The third series of seven from the book of Revelation is nearly finished. It started with the seven letters to the churches—seven personal messages from the King of the Church, Christ, to His churches in the end times. He introduces Himself as the One who lives forever and then says seven times: “*Write to...*”. These were followed by the seven seals that the Lamb broke, with Christ executing God's plan for the end times. The gospel's spread is prominent during these times, but opposition and hostility follow. The third series involves the seven trumpets. God traverses the earth with warnings, aiming to lead people to repentance. We concluded in Revelation 9 with the sounding of the 5th and 6th trumpets. It is quite poignant how Revelation 9 ends, after describing the six trumpets, with six calls from God to repentance: “*And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, ... Neither repented they of ...*” (Revelation 9:21-21)

After the sixth trumpet, there is a pause. We would expect the seventh trumpet to sound now, and it can only be one of judgment. The seven seals, the seven trumpets, and the seven bowls all reveal a view of the entire end times, from start to finish. All three conclude with the day of the Second Coming, which is both a day of deliverance and redemption, as well as a day of judgment and punishment.

Yet, that does not happen; there is, as it were, a kind of pause in the narrative. We saw the same thing after the opening of the 6th seal. The 1st seal is so comforting and encouraging, but how terrible and heavy were the next five seals, with much opposition and rejection of God's Word. Before the 7th seal is broken and Judgment Day is announced, there is also a pause. In that pause, the church is encouraged and comforted. There are 144,000 sealed in every age. God knows His own, and none of them will be lost! The total multitude will be so great — a multitude that no one can count... This also happens after the blowing of the 6th trumpet. There is a pause, followed by a message, especially for the church. We find this in Revelation 10 and 11, and then from Revelation 11:15, the 7th trumpet will sound with the announcement of the day of the Second Coming.

No, there is no delay in God's plan; He is in a hurry. What happens here in Revelation 10 and 11 is simply another perspective on the end times, showing this period from the viewpoint of the church. After all, earlier we focused on the world that was being warned, but what about the church during that same time of warning? What a comfort is the book of Revelation for the church living in the end times. The Lord is in control.

Rev. J. Th. Pronk