

PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

July 19, 2026; All this the Lord willing

Today: Lord's Supper

Jul 21: Consistory Meeting

Jul 22: Prayer Meeting – Jim Bazen

Aug 5: Lay Preaching Class

Offering Schedule

Today: General

Building

Mission – Schipper Family South Africa

Jul 26: General

Nursery Schedule

Today: AM Morgan Kwekel, Jenna Boerkoel, Arlyn Kersten

PM Katie Klaasen, Anna Pronk, Aria VanderBoon

Jul 26: AM Heidi Schipper, Olivia Dykema, Austin VanderBoon

PM Ruth Hoogmoed, Jane Heikoop, Carter Schipper

Aug 2: AM Faith VanderBoon, Charity VanderBoon, Justus Bazen

PM Paula Rozeboom, Monica Bazen, Tanner Klaasen

Youth Group

Tonight: Singalong at the J. Boerkoel home

Announcements

- The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our midst this morning.
- Remember in prayer Carol Hines whose birthday is tomorrow, July 20. "*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*" John 15:4
- At recent communion services it has been noted that sometimes the communion cup after circulating has returned to the table empty. Therefore, beginning today, we will have four communion cups (two for each side). The pastor will pass a cup to the communicants on each side of him and to the communicants directly across the table. On each side the cups will circulate in opposite directions until they meet. The elder will then take the two cups back to the table. The individual cups will continue to be available to those who prefer the individual cups.
- All are invited to the ribbon cutting and open house for Grace Christian Academy on Saturday, August 29, 4-7PM to celebrate the new school.

He has dressed the whole Supper Himself, covered the table, and there is no more for us to do, but sit down and eat. If we look to this dressed Supper, Christ dressed it all Himself, in the furnace of God's wrath, and the bread that we here eat is His flesh, which He gave for the life of the world. The wine which is mingled and drawn is His blood... Not one dish is mis-cooked, all is set before us in the gospel, and Jesus craves no more for all His pains, but only that His friends come to the banquet and eat and be merry; and if ye will come, Christ will pay all the reckoning. When the Israelites were fed with manna, they behaved to go out of the camp, and gather it themselves; but we furnish nothing of this Supper. God be thanked, Christ bears all the expense.

Samuel Rutherford

June 2026 Collections and Gifts				
General	\$ 15,286.02	Ministry support	\$	3,415.18
Benevolent	\$ 641.53	MissionSA Share	\$	11,035.39
Building	\$ 5,481.27	MissionSA Other Share	\$	101.21
CEF	\$ 4,906.21	Total	\$	40,866.81

Meditation

"In remembrance of me"

The Lord willing, this Sunday the Lord's Table will be set among us, and the invitation will go out, "*Come, for all things are ready.*" When the bread is broken and given, faith hears the voice of Christ, "*This is my body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*" When the cup is lifted, faith hears again, "*This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*" At the table, we remember Jesus' work for us. We are reminded of the words of Isaiah 53:4, "*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.*" The Servant (Christ) has truly, actually, and substitutionarily taken upon Himself the full burden of our misery, everything that crushes us and weighs us down, both the miseries of sin and the sins that cause them. A transfer is revealed here: our griefs and sorrows are laid on Him so that His healing and peace may be given to us. What deep words, Isaiah specifically says that He took upon Himself everything that crushes us: our sins, our guilt, our pains, our brokenness. He bore it all the way to Golgotha, all the way to the tree, all the way until He cried, "*It is finished.*"

Isaiah intensifies the wonder in verse 5, "*He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*" This verse teaches that everything necessary for our peace with God, in other words, the removal of guilt, the satisfaction of divine justice, and the healing of our sin-ruined nature, was accomplished through the violent, substitutionary suffering of Christ. Every phrase in this verse is deliberately chosen to show that He suffered what we deserved, so that we receive what He earned. He was pierced, fatally struck for our transgressions. He was crushed, broken, shattered under the weight of our iniquities. The discipline and punishment required to bring us peace with God were placed on Him. Through His lashes and wounds, we are made whole and restored from sin, guilt, alienation, and even spiritual death. This is what we remember at the table. Who can fully grasp the suffering of God's Servant, His only begotten Son? Who can grasp what He endured to be our Mediator? At the table, we wonder about the love of a Triune God. The Father's electing love, the Son's saving love, and the Spirit's applying love. At the table, we lift up our hearts to God and leave in thankfulness, giving our lives anew to God and following Christ who loved us and gave himself for us. Come then to this Christ!

Rev. J.Th. Pronk