Worship Guide

A Survey of Church History, Part 50: Hendrik De Cock

the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, but when those providential hours, in accordance with God's timetable, do arrive, they come in the most remarkable and unexpected ways.

Even in the Old Testament, the Lord impressed upon His people the nature of His work. He taught the prophet Elijah, even in times of great despair, that His presence was not in the thunderous spectacle of Carmel – no, God was not in the earthquake, the fire, nor the tempest. Instead, His Spirit worked quietly and subtly in the hearts of those 7,000 who had remained faithful, unyielding to Baal. To the prophet Zechariah, who showed great concern over the construction of the temple after the captives' return, the Lord established a fundamental truth: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

The great Reformation of the 16th Century, which, though it ultimately shook the very foundations of Europe, commenced with the humble act of a solitary monk nailing 95 theses to a chapel door in the forests of Saxony, Germany. Similarly, the Reformation of 1834 in the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands had its inception in the unassuming and dimly lit Consistory chamber of a countryside church of no renown, where five men gathered to sign a lone sheet of protest against the situation afflicting their minister.

It is in the annals of that 1834 reformation that many Reformed Churches across the globe trace their origins and heritage. The man hailed as the patriarch of the Secession of 1834 is none other than Hendrik De Cock, the pastor of the modest congregation in Ulrum. It was under his watch that the elders and deacons dared to protest against the actions of the churches. It is here that God chose to commence His divine work. In this manner, it becomes eternally clear, as it always must be clear, that the care of the church is solely God's work. All glory belongs to Him, and Him alone.

Remarkably, reformers are a peculiar breed. At first glance, they appear ill-suited for the roles into which they are thrust. If we were to evaluate their capabilities by human standards, they would be considered the least likely candidates for the tasks they undertake.

But when we examine this phenomenon from the perspective of these reformers, we uncover a fascinating truth. They carry within them an unassuming innocence, blissfully unaware that they have been called to the roles they now occupy. The notion of being a reformer never crossed their minds; they harbored no intentions of becoming reformers. In fact, if someone had suggested such a thing, they would have dismissed it as preposterous. Luther, in his humility, spoke of being carried along by a tidal wave of events beyond his control. De Cock, similarly, never contemplated himself as a reformer within the church. To think of themselves as such would have immediately disqualified them for the work at hand. Such is the irony of God's providential ways.

Sermon Notes

Guest Minister, Rev. Rodney Vermeulen

Redemption Begins with Return
Ruth 1

God providentially guides things to make clear that redemption begins with return We'll consider the gospel in:
I. Naomi's return
II. Ruth's return
III. The place and time of their return



The Lord's Day Evening

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m.



Guest Minister, Rev. Rodney Vermeulen, *Presiding* Ruling Elder Mr. LeRoy Osborn, *Assisting*

The Silent Preparation

The Announcements

The Greeting and Call to Worship

Psalm 136:26

*The Hymn of Praise

Psalm 150:1-6 - O Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150B

* **The Prooftext and Catechism** see Family Worship Guide Proverbs 23:22; Westminster Shorter Catechism #63

*The Psalm of Doxology

Psalm 100:1-5 - Make a Joyful Noise

Psalm 100D

* The Pastoral Prayer

The Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 12:1-16

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 8:10-15

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* The Worship of God with Our Offerings

*The Psalm of Adoration

Psalm 89:15-18 - Behold How Blessed the People Are

Psalm 89C

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word

O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art

Guest Minister, Rev. Rodney Vermeulen

Redemption Begins with Return Ruth 1

*The Prayer of Application

*The Psalm of Response

see bulletin

* The Benediction

*The Extroit

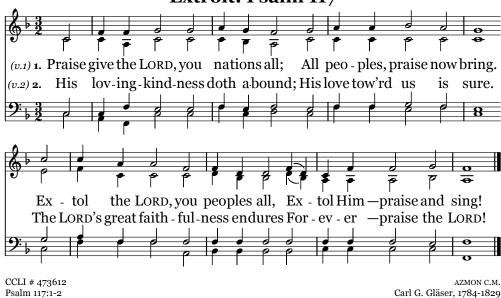
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* — Please stand as you are able. Following Scriptural principle for public prayer (Neh. 9:2-4, 2 Chron. 20:5-13; Mark 11:25), we follow in the footsteps of the early church and our Presbyterian heritage in standing for most of the public prayers.

O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art



Extroit: Psalm 117



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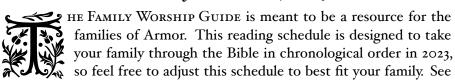
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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Week of November 19, 2023



Jonathan Rogers, one of our deacons, for further details. This schedule assumes that you have the Book of Psalms for Worship and includes this week's bulletin hymns and Psalms which we'll be singing the following week. If you miss a day, just pick up where you left off and catch up another day.

Weekly Memorization:

Proverbs 23:22

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #63

Q. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Family Worship:

Monday:

Sing: Praise to the Lord The Almighty (11/19 AM bulletin)

Read: Jam 3:13-5:20; Acts 15:1-16:15

Prayer Request: Mission of the Month: Camp Hickory Hill

Tuesday:

Sing: O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art (11/19 PM bulletin)

Read: Acts 16:16-40; Gal 1:1-4:7 Prayer Request: Those who are sick

Wednesday:

Sing: Psalm 37C - Steps a Man Takes

Read: Gal 4:8-6:18; Acts 17

Prayer Request: Those in authority

Thursday:

Sing: Psalm 73A - Yes, God is Good to Israel

Read: 1 Th 1-5

Prayer Request: Armor Bible Church, OPC

Friday:

Sing: Psalm 1A - That Man Is Blessed

Read: 2 Th 1-3; Acts 18:1-19:22

Prayer Request: Lost friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family

Saturday:

Sing: Psalm 149B - O Praise the LORD, O Sing Aloud

Read: Acts 19:23–41; 1 Co 1:1–4:13

Prayer Request: For the Lord to prepare our hearts for the Lord's Day