

WORSHIP GUIDE

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

IN THE UNFOLDING of the committee’s inquiry, the Classis convened and De Cock earnestly implored for the opportunity to defend his convictions grounded in Scripture. Yet, his plea was denied, and in a meeting deemed unlawful, he found himself suspended from office. The justification given was to uphold law and order within the Reformed Church, safeguard the honor of Gospel ministers, and forestall further disruptions, divisions, and upheavals in congregations across our homeland. The apprehension expressed by the Board was clear: a concern that unless preachers like De Cock were halted in their daring pursuits, dire consequences loomed ahead.

As the gears of ecclesiastical proceedings turned, De Cock submitted to his suspension, refraining from his pulpit. Yet, as the case navigated through the various assemblies, another layer unfolded — the matter of hymn singing. De Cock had penned the preface to a pamphlet where a layman critiqued hymn singing in the church. The pamphlet’s title is captivating: “The Evangelical Hymns Weighed, Tested and Found to be Too Light.” De Cock held that heresy had found its way into the church through hymns, displacing the Psalms in worship services.

As tensions escalated, a pivotal moment unfolded. Scholte (who later established a settlement in Pella, Iowa!), a supporter of De Cock, was barred from preaching in favor of a modernist taking the pulpit. The congregation, displeased with this turn of events, resisted vehemently, prompting authorities to intervene and prevent what nearly erupted into a riot.

Enduring nearly a year with patient humility under the weight of an unlawful suspension by the Classis, De Cock found himself the target of animosity. His colleagues spared no effort to cast shadows on his life, spreading slander about him and his wife. The ecclesiastical assemblies, far from offering a fair hearing, compelled him to bear the financial burden of their case against him. Unyielding, they demanded his unconditional submission, threatening to silence him permanently if he resisted. When he sought a transcript of the decision, he was mockingly instructed to transcribe it himself, the president openly ridiculing him as he undertook the task.

Yet, the devoted people of God across the land were deeply troubled to witness the mistreatment of an honest and godly pastor, who merely sought to uphold faithfulness to the historic Reformed faith. In heaven, God, in His sovereign wisdom, orchestrated the necessary steps to preserve and safeguard His church.

Sermon Notes

Guest Minister, Rev. D. Leonard Gulstrom
Drinking the Cup of God’s Wrath
Job 16-17



The Lord’s Day Evening
Sunday, December 31, 2023, 4:00 p.m.



Guest Minister, Rev. D. Leonard Gulstrom, *Presiding*
Ruling Elder Mr. Gary Goeddertz, *Assisting*

- The Silent Preparation**
- The Announcements**
- The Greeting and Call to Worship**
Isaiah 42:10
- * **The Psalm of Praise**
Psalm 148:1-14 - *Hallelujah! Praise the LORD’s Name* Psalm 148B
- * **The Prooftext and Catechism** see Family Worship Guide
Deuteronomy 6:4; Heidelberg #23
- * **The Psalm of Doxology**
Psalm 100:1-5 - *Make a Joyful Noise* Psalm 100D
- * **The Pastoral Prayer**
- The Old Testament Reading**
2 Kings 14:1-14
- The New Testament Reading**
2 Corinthians 10:7-18
- * **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- * **The Worship of God with Our Offerings**
- * **The Psalm of Adoration**
Psalm 22:1-11 - *My God, My God* Psalm 22B
- The Prayer of Illumination**
- The Preaching of God’s Word**
Guest Minister, Rev. D. Leonard Gulstrom
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- * **The Prayer of Application**
- * **The Hymn of Response** see bulletin
Be Still, My Soul
- * **The Benediction**
- * **The Extroit** see bulletin
- * — *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.*

Be Still My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-ly the
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un-der-take to guide the fu-ture
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends de-part, and all is dark-ened
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-t'ning on when we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or-der and pro-vide;
 as he has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
 in the vale of tears, then shall you bet-ter know his love, his heart,
 ev-er with the Lord, when dis-ap-pointment, grief, and fear are gone.

in ev-ry change he faith-ful will re-main.
 all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last.
 who comes to soothe your sor-row and your fears.
 sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n-ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: your Je-sus can re-pay
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 from his own full-ness all he takes a-way.
 all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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Music: Jean Sibelius
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Extroit: Psalm 117

(v.1) 1. Praise give the LORD, you nations all; All peo-ples, praise now bring.
 (v.2) 2. His lov-ing-kind-ness doth abound; His love tow'rd us is sure.

Ex-tol the LORD, you peoples all, Ex-tol Him—praise and sing!
 The LORD's great faith-ful-ness endures For-ev-er—praise the LORD!

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 Psalm 117:1-2
 From *The Seedbed Psalter*

AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
 From *The Trinity Hymnal (Rev.)* 1990

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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Week of December 31, 2023

THE FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE is meant to be a resource for the families of Armor. This reading schedule is designed to take your family through the Old and New Testament ix and the Psalms and Proverbs 4xs in 2 years. See 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:

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Heidelberg Catechism #23

Q. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

A. 1. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: 2. And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: 3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: 4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: 5. The third day he rose again from the dead: 6. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: 7. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead: 8. I believe in the Holy Ghost: 9. I believe a holy catholic church: the communion of saints: 10. The forgiveness of sins: 11. The resurrection of the body: 12. And the life everlasting.

Family Worship:

Monday:

Sing: Come Thou Fount (12/31 AM bulletin)

Read: Gn 1.1-2.3; Ps 1

Prayer Request: Mission of the Month: Hopps: OPC to Africa/Haiti

Tuesday:

Sing: Be Still, My Soul (12/31 PM bulletin)

Read: Gn 2.4-4.26; Ps 2

Prayer Request: Those who are sick

Wednesday:

Sing: Psalm 40B - I Hid Not in My Heart

Read: Gn 5.1-6.8; Ps 3

Prayer Request: Those in authority

Thursday:

Sing: Psalm 108D - God Spoke in Holiness

Read: Gn 6.9-9.29; Ps 4

Prayer Request: Armor Bible Church, OPC

Friday:

Sing: Psalm 6B - Be Gracious, LORD

Read: Gn 10.1-11.9; Ps 5

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

Saturday:

Sing: Psalm 146A - Praise the LORD!

Read: Gn 11.10-26; Ps 6

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