

Hillcrest CRC
January 22, 2012 – Morning Worship

*“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*
2 Corinthians 9:7 (NRSV)

We Gather For Praise

Prelude: “Hallelujah, Hallelujah” (PH 117) - Burkhardt
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (PH 253) - Webber

Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

*Prayer of Invocation

*Opening Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (PH 253:1-4)

*God’s Greeting (*Congregation responds with “**Amen!**”*)

*Song: “Come, All You People, Praise Our God” (PH 242:1-3)

God Renews Us In Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes
and our happiness than to your will.**

We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.

We have spoken without an effort to understand others.

We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.

We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.

Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors.

And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.

**Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross

so that, free from sins,

we might live for righteousness;

by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

Guide for Holy Living: Responsive Reading of the Law as a Rule of Gratitude (p. 1017)

Song of Response: “As Stewards of a Vineyard” (PH 611:1-2, tune PH 555)

We Bring Our Gifts and Our Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: "As Stewards of a Vineyard" - Krapf

(The morning offerings are being received for Hillcrest General Fund and for Right to Life. Please pass the Friendship Folders at this time.)

God Speaks to Us from His Word

*Song of Preparation: "How Blest Are Those Who Fear the Lord" (PH 112:1, 2, 5)

(Children are dismissed for 3's)

*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (p. 1803)

Pastor: The grass withers and the flowers fall

Congregation: But the Word of Our Lord endures forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

Message: "Principles of Prosperity: Make an Offering"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "As Saints of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" (PH 294:1-3, tune PH 422)

We Go Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing (*Congregation responds with "Amen!"*)

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: "Trumpet Tune in F" - Johnson

**Please rise in body and/or in spirit*

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Participants:

Organist: Pat Burgess

Liturgist and Preaching: Pastor Brian Bosscher

All Worshipers

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Grace to you" and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7, NRSV). We welcome you to worship.

Nursery is available on the lower level below the Fellowship Hall (NE end of church).

Coffee is available after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

Large Print orders of worship are available at the Information Booth.

Prayer Items can be found in the bulletin. Prayer Request cards can be found in the Friendship Folders. A box is available at the Information Booth for prayer requests.

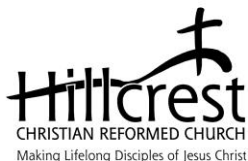
Order forms for tapes and CDs of our worship services can be found at the literature rack on the west end of the narthex. The forms can be filled out and placed on the left side of the same bin. Audio of the sermons can be found online on our website at hillcrestcrc.org under "Worship Blog".

Tonight's sermon is "The Wrath of God Is Real", Scripture from Romans 1:18-23 and Psalm 36:1-4, Pastor Brian Bosscher, preaching. Please join us!

Education Opportunities:

- **3's** – three-year-olds leave the morning church service when noted in the order of worship and go to the Fellowship Hall (past the mailboxes) for a Bible story and response time. 3's meets until the church service is done and the children will wait for parents to pick them up.
- Worship Centers will NOT meet today.
- Church School will NOT meet today.

Guests: Bulletins and a weekly event listing can be found at the Information Booth. If you are looking for more information about Hillcrest's ministries, check the bottom row of the church mailboxes located in the hallway between the Narthex and Fellowship Room. Each week the information about our ministries that is given to members will also be put in "Visitor" mailboxes. Children's bulletins are available in the back of the narthex.



Worship Times
9:30 AM & 5:30 PM
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MESSAGE NOTES

**“Principles of Prosperity: Make an Offering”
2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 (p. 1803)**

The discipleship questions:

What is God saying to me?

How does this apply to my life?