

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God--10:30 a.m. on May 31st, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP—Isaiah 40:28-31

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

OPENING HYMN—#88 (v.1, 3)—With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring
Lyrics from Psalm 138
Music by Dmitri Bortniansky, 1825

With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the great thy praise I sing;
I worship in thy holy place and praise thee for thy truth and grace;
For truth and grace together shine in thy most holy word divine.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, thou reignest in the heav'nly height;
the proud in vain thy favor seek, but thou hast mercy for the meek;
through trouble though my pathway be, thou wilt revive and strengthen me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own but belong
body and soul to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all
my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the
devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from
my head without the will of my heavenly Father. In fact, all things must
work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His
Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for Him.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 23

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING—Philippians 4:2-7

SERMON—Joy and Peace

PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN—#355 (v.1, 4)—We Are God's People

Lyrics by Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Music from Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, arranged by Fred Bock, 1976

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to
inspire.

BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:2-7
Joy and Peace

**Geerhardus Vos: Reformed Biblical Theologian,
Confessional Presbyterian**

By: Danny Olinger

Pastor's Monthly Book Selection – June, 2020

Introduction:

As people who belong to God, let us keep short accounts of dissensions and take all our cares to the Lord in prayer so we might experience the joy and peace of Christ our Savior.

- I. Strife and contention must be addressed v.2

- II. Problems occur even among the godly v.3

- III. A Christ-like attitude overcomes troubles v.4-5

- IV. The Lord is as close as a prayer v.6

- V. God's peace is the Christian's defense v.7

As a pioneer in the field of *Biblical Theology*, Geerhardus Vos was one of the most significant theologians in the reformed world during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This biography by Danny Olinger gives insight into the personal life of Vos and adds clarity to some of his powerful, yet intellectually challenging theological ideas. Throughout his life, Vos worked with and influenced men such as Abraham Kuyper and Herman Bavinck in the Netherlands as well as B. B. Warfield and J. Gresham Machen in the USA. Having begun his work in a traditionally Dutch church in America, Vos later joined the faculty of Princeton Seminary and the *Presbyterian Church USA*. During his time as a professor at Princeton, Vos stood solidly against the tide of liberalism as it developed within his new denomination and took root at the seminary as well.

Much of the Christological and redemptive-historical study of Scripture that has been a buttress of orthodoxy against theological liberalism owes its existence to the tireless work of Geerhardus Vos. Nevertheless, as the author demonstrates, Vos's labor for the cause of Christ was far from appreciated by his opponents. One of the most striking examples of this was in the fact that, although Geerhardus was one of Princeton's longest serving professors, not one faculty member from that seminary bothered to attend his funeral.

Although I enjoyed reading the biography of this humble and dedicated soldier of Christ, I recommend it with this caveat - to appreciate the earlier years of Vos's life, it helps to know a little about the history of the church in Holland in the 19th century. Additionally, although the theological concepts described by Olinger are very important and necessary to understand the significance of this theologian, the reader, who might be unfamiliar with Vos, will need to slow down and think about them in order to fully appreciate what he was teaching. Therefore, I recommend this book to those who are already familiar with Vos and the historical setting of his life as well as to those who are willing to put forth the effort of doing a little research as they read.