## PROSPER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

~rejoicing in our salvation, we walk with Christ and joyfully share God's love~

## May 8, 2016 Pastor Dirk Koetje

Morning Worship – 9:30 A.M.

Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.

"Providence"

Praise Song - We Will Glorify

God Greets Us and We Greet Each Other

Praise Songs - The Old Rugged Cross - Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

God's Guidance

Morning Prayer

We Bring Our Gifts — General Fund and Josh & Mandy Shaarda

Children's Message –Sunday School kids through 6th grade (After the Children's Message, kids ages 3-5 may go downstairs for Children's Church)

Song - Speak, O Lord

Scripture: Galatians 6: 1-3 (pg. 1816)

Text: Galatians 6: 2

Message: "Carry One Another's Burdens"

Song - The Servant Song

God's Departing Blessing

Closing Song- My Savior's Love

Praise Leader: Betsy Rozeveld Accompanist: Karlene Dick

Children's Message: Sunday School Kids/ Amy DeZeeuw

Sound: Mike Yount Power Point: Wayne Roper

Camera: Logan Roper

Song - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

HW 8 vs. 1,2,4

Scripture - Hebrews 1:3 (pg. 1862)

Belgic Confession – Article 13 (pg. 828)

Closing Song - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

HW 43 vs. all

Pianist: Karlene Dick Sound: Mike Yount

## **Article 13: The Doctrine of God's Providence**

We believe that this good God, after he created all things, did not abandon them to chance or fortune but leads and governs them according to his holy will, in such a way that nothing happens in this world without his orderly arrangement.

Yet God is not the author of, nor can he be charged with, the sin that occurs. For his power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible that he arranges and does his work very well and justly even when the devils and wicked men act unjustly. We do not wish to inquire with undue curiosity into what he does that surpasses human understanding and is beyond our ability to comprehend. But in all humility and reverence we adore the just judgments of God which are hidden from us, being content to be Christ's disciples, so as to learn only what he shows us in his Word, without going beyond those limits.

This doctrine gives us unspeakable comfort since it teaches us that nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father. He watches over us with fatherly care, keeping all creatures under his control, so that not one of the hairs on our heads (for they are all numbered) nor even a little bird can fall to the ground without the will of our Father.

In this thought we rest, knowing that he holds in check the devils and all our enemies, who cannot hurt us without his permission and will.

For that reason we reject the damnable error of the Epicureans, who say that God involves himself in nothing and leaves everything to chance.