Order of Worship

Call to Worship
Prayer of Confession
Hymn
“Be Thou My Vision”
(Trinity Hymnal 642)
Scripture reading
Acts 26:13-19
Sermon
Dr. Charles MacKenzie
“Confessions of an Aging Preacher”
Confession of Faith
Heidelberg Catechism 55
Prayer for the Communion of Saints
Hymn
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
(Trinity Hymnal 648)
Benediction

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Worship Note

The Communion of Saints is a part of the liturgy of the church which has declined in practice even more than prayer in general. In the liturgical calendar, the first Sunday of November is All Saints Day. The decline is possibly a reaction to the veneration of some saints in the Roman Catholic tradition as well as the emphasis on Reformation Day (October 31). But we are to pray for the worldwide church and thank God for his godly ones regularly throughout the church year, not just on one day. All standard Reformed liturgies include such prayer as a standard element of worship. It is, after all, one of the articles we confess in the Apostles Creed.

Announcements

One School, One Book Tomorrow – A Secular Faith by Dr. Darryl Hart. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear and interact with Dr. Hart’s provocative thesis. The schedule is

Noon-1:00 p.m. Community Lunch with Dr. Hart
1:00-3:00 p.m. Book signing
7:00-8:00 p.m. Evening lecture: “Writing a Secular Faith”

Community lunch this week is tomorrow (see above)

Dr. Rod Mays, Coordinator for Reformed University Ministries, is on campus 1:00-5:00 p.m. today and interested in meeting students who have an interest in campus ministry. You may stop by the Parlor to schedule an appointment.

Chapel Service

November 5, 2008

If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

--Hebrews 11:15-16