

PART 1: TORN IN THE
SILK CITY (1913)

In February of 1913, the local industrial world exploded when twenty-five thousand workers shut down three hundred silk mills and dye houses across Paterson in the famous Paterson Silk Strike. Mill owners attempted to force workers to operate four massive looms instead of two, threatening jobs and exhausting laborers who already worked fifty-five hours a week. The five-month strike brought the entire city to a standstill, plunging thousands of local families—including many Dutch immigrant church members—into severe economic hardship.

Local believers found themselves at a challenging spiritual crossroads. Outside secular labor organizers flocked to Paterson, promoting radical anti-religious ideas. However, the local Dutch Christian community chose a different path. Guided by biblical principles of stewardship and fair labor, they rejected radical secularism while demanding fair treatment for workers. They relied on church-led benevolence funds, family networks, and mutual aid to survive the lean months, proving that their faith could endure even during the city's worst economic crisis.

Church Calendar

This Week August 16
Door Monitor- Andrew van der Meer
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Dan Vande Vrede
Nursery- Laura Royle, Alyssa Morin
KidsChurch- Dana Miller, Bev Bentley
Coffee- Craig & Ginny Hoogstra
Prayers Of The People- Krissy Vande Vrede
Children’s Message- Barb Belanus
KidSpace- SUMMER BREAK
Chosen-SUMMER BREAK

Next Week August 23
Door Monitor- Jim Calaski
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Dan Grimm
Projector- Phil Verrengia
Nursery- Kelly Delaney, Sue Grimm
KidsChurch- VBS Closing Program
Coffee- John & Beth Milkamp
Prayers Of The People- Pastor Moses
Children’s Message- Bill Faasse
KidSpace- SUMMER BREAK
Chosen-SUMMER BREAK

Second Collections:

August 16- Hope Christian Services

August 23- Benevolence

August 30- ECSA



Rev. Moses Kang
Rob Flim, Worship Leader
August 16, 2026

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- *CALL TO WORSHIP
- GATHERING SONG- “COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING”
- *GOD’S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING
- *SONG OF PRAISE- “YOUR NAME”
- CALL TO CONFESSION- “SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART”
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION
- ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- SONG OF ASSURANCE- “SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART”
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
- OFFERING
 - SPECIAL COLLECTION- HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICES
- CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
- *SONG OF PREPARATION- “YET NOT I”
- PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT
- SCRIPTURE- MATTHEW 26: 36-46
- SERMON- “KEEPING WATCH”
- *SONG OF RESPONSE- “ABIDE WITH ME”
- *BENEDICTION
- *DOXOLOGY- “MAY THE PEACE OF GOD”
- POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS
& FELLOWSHIP IN THE BARN

*Please rise, in body or in spirit
~ Deep Roots, Fresh Growth ~

TODAY, August 16,

- Is the thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY, August 23,

- Is the fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS updates:

- **Prayer Snowballs!** We have a few prayer snowballs left. If you haven't yet taken any, please take one or more today. Remember to pray for the child listed on the snowball during VBS week.
- **VBS Celebration Sunday** is next week, Sunday, August 23. If you would like to help in any way with this, please see Jan Kuiken.
- **Work Day for VBS is here!** After today's service we have opportunities for you to help with VBS preparations. There will be coffee and treats available downstairs for all those helping.
 - Anyone able to help us **get the nursery transformed** into a classroom please come downstairs to remove toys from the room and get cubbies turned around and covered up. We need some strong people and all ages can help!
 - Anyone able to help **prepare the snack** for our first day of VBS, please come to the kitchen downstairs. We have a snack mix that needs to be individually bagged, sealed and labeled. Let Jan K. (551-427-4647) or Trudie P. know if you can help with this.
 - Anyone available to help with some **sorting and last-minute (sit-down) tasks** please come to the Barn to enjoy each other's company while finishing up some things.
 - Help is needed at **the Barn** after coffee hour to move some furniture and set up for a class.

Fun Facts Wanted! Our weekly bulletin has featured interesting historical tidbits about the Christian Reformed Church thanks to one of our congregation's resident history buffs. We'd love to expand the feature! If you have ideas for fun facts—whether they're about church history, the Bible, our congregation, local history, or something else interesting—please share them with Jim Calaski.

New Hope School Supply Depot: New Hope's annual School Supply Depot is underway! The School Supply Depot gives families the opportunity to purchase school supplies at deeply discounted prices, helping them prepare for the school year while preserving their dignity and choice. Please consider picking up a shopping list or donation coupon from the narthex to support this ministry! See Kelly with any questions.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Brass Factory is expanding its personnel and inviting new members in all sections (Cornets, Eb Horns, Baritone Horns, Euphoniums, Trombones, Tubas, and Percussion). The *Brass Factory* rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 in Wyckoff. The *Brass Factory* is a brass band in the British tradition, plays a wide variety of musical styles, and based in Northern New Jersey. Our band experience offers an excellent opportunity to expand and challenge musical abilities. Should you have interest please respond to brassfactory0@gmail.com or call Robert F. Davis at 862-221-8486.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (April 12-22, 2027): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian's Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; the spectacular Amalfi Coast; and much more! Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive Faith Formation Tip- Jesus learned from the mistakes of God's people. He copied the playbook on radical curiosity from the Father. And instead of coming in like a superhero, Jesus entered into humanity by wrapping himself in human flesh and moving "into the neighborhood" (John 1:14, The Message). As you reflect on the humble way Jesus came into the world, think about someone you might normally avoid or people who are excluded in your community. How can you show the love of Christ to those people this week? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive.

Kids Corner Devotions: "A New School Year: God's Power Of Love In You!" at www.kidscorner.net. School is back, and that means new adventures, new challenges, and lots of chances to grow! Even in frustrating moments, you can choose kindness, patience, and love. Remember, you're never on your own, and you can make a big difference in your school every single day! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Please keep *Karen & Lou Spano* in your prayers as Lou remains in the hospital awaiting testing and further treatment.

Please keep *John & Marge Faber* in your prayers as John recovers from his knee replacement surgery.

Please pray for *Carrie Johnson* (wife of Rev. Michael Johnson of Cedar Hill Church) as she undergoes cancer treatment.



8/17 Erin Selby

8/20 Verge Versnel

8/20 Bob Jacobs

2nd collections recap:
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