

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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## Hebrews 6:13

When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

First Christian Reformed Church March 17, 2019 Morning Worship

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**MARCH 17, 2019**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"**

CH

**Responsive Reading of God's Law**

**Song of Salvation:**

**"As the Deer"**

PH:1,3

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth"**

B:PsH 240:1,2,4

Ministry of Music - Adult Choir - "Bigger Than Any Mountain"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Hebrews 6:13-20 (page 1113/1868)

Sermon: **"GOD'S PROMISE IS CERTAIN"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Standing on the Promises"**

CH:1,2,5

Offertory Prayer & Offering: I.T.E.M. &

Christian Education

**\*Closing Song: "Agnus Dei"**

LUYH:1

\*Benediction

\*Moment of Reverence

\*Organ Postlude

**Organist:** Dee Faber

\*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA  
MARCH 17, 2019  
WELCOME!**

We extend a joyous welcome to all who are worshipping with us on this Lord's Day. If you are a visitor with us today and you would like additional materials from First CRC, they are located in the "Visitor" mailboxes and you are welcome to use them.

If you have no church home and desire information about church membership, please contact the church office. We pray that you will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises, prayers, and hear His Word proclaimed.

**TODAY**

Please join us for our Church Potluck Dinner today at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. (There will be no Coffee Fellowship this evening).

There **WILL** be a short choir practice today immediately following the morning service and before the Potluck.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Sue LeLoux is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery this coming Tuesday, March 19, at the Specialty Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Please remember Sue in your prayers this week that her surgery will go well.

Please be in prayer for our church family and the broader community who are experiencing flooding difficulties.

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

*Thank you to the Adult Choir for their ministry of music in this morning's service.*

*Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, food, and other acts of kindness shown to us in the passing of my father. Thank you, also, to Pastor Matt and Gerrit Vis for their visits.*

- Mer & Cindy Van Otterloo

*The CEC sends out a HUGE thank you to the members of the Congregation that generously donated some incredible, delectable desserts for the Silent Auction this past Wednesday evening. Thank you to those who generously bid on those desserts and also braved the weather to enjoy the Ice Cream Social. We may be weary of the wet weather, but God certainly rained blessings upon this event!*

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Post High Fellowship will meet next Sunday, March 24, 11:45 AM, at the Parsonage.

**Newsletter articles are due next week.**

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**SERVE 2019:** To those whose child/children are planning to attend SERVE this year (Roselawn, Indiana, June 22-29), please have the two forms which was placed in your church mailbox last week, filled out and returned to Josh & Katie Byl **NO LATER than March 24!** If your child is no longer able to attend, please let Josh or Katie know ASAP. Any cancellation prior to April 15 will be assessed \$50 per child. After April 15, additional fees will apply to cover the full expense of that child. Thank you!

**The Building Fund offering received on March 24 will go toward the Building Maintenance Project.**

Due to the growth in the small group ministry offerings and the consistent growth of our church body, the Council proposes the addition of a permanent, part-time Educational/ Small Group Coordinator position. A Job Description has been placed in your church mailboxes. Please read and pray over this opportunity! Place your ballot, with your signature on the outside of the envelope, in the box provided in back of the Narthex **by Sunday, March 31. Thank you for your consideration.**

First CRC will be in charge of the Shepherd's Table on April 1. **Our church is collecting socks (adult and children's sizes).** Please place them in the plastic tote placed in back of church. If you have any questions, contact Kristin Jansma (712-451-8423). Thank you for donating!

**ISRAEL 2020!** - Come and experience a Biblical tour of Israel with Pastor Matt and Holly through Imagine Tours January 7-16, 2020! Brochures can be picked up in the church office or talk to Pastor Matt! **Come and explore the Holy Land first hand! We would love to have you join us!**

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Western Christian High School:**

- Western Christian High School's 8th Grade Day will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 3:00 PM. All 8th graders, regardless of their high school plans, are invited to visit Western Christian on that day. Western Christian will provide transportation for all students who want to attend. Parents are invited to join them that evening at 5:30 PM for a meal, tours, and program. If you have questions, please call 712-439-1013.
- While doing your spring cleaning, keep the Bargain Alley Thrift Store in Hull in mind. They accept donations of clothing, furniture, toys, books, home décor, seasonal goods, hardware, linens, antiques/collectibles, jewelry, sporting goods, shoes and boots that are in good condition. Located at 1103 Maple St., one block east of the downtown stop sign in Hull, they will also come to you if you have furniture or a full load to make it worth the trip. Please do not leave items at the door when no one is in attendance. Your donations help support Christian education!

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

### **Rock Valley Christian School:**

- ⇒ March Theme/Verse: Sword of the Spirit. "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 27:1.
- ⇒ SCRIP orders are due by 11:00 AM.
- ⇒ Beginning March 1, Van's Market Place will accept 5% pink money in lieu of Van's gift cards. Please note that change will NOT be given back. **If you currently have Van's gift cards in your possession, please use them by May 1.**
- ⇒ Iowa Assessments will be held in the mornings of March 18-22. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments for your child during these times if possible.
- ⇒ **Early Outs: 2:30 PM** - March 20 and 27.
- ⇒ **ADVANCE DATE:** Open House (Jam the Gym, 7th/8th Food Fair and other activities) will be held Friday, April 26, beginning at 9:00 AM. School will dismiss at noon on this day with no buses running in the afternoon. Lunch will not be served.

## **FAMILY VISITATION**

Thank you for your prompt sign-up for Family Visitation 2019 thus far. Please consider filling in the new March visiting slots. **Call Lyle Van Engen (712-578-9338) if you would prefer a home visit or with any changes.** Thank you!

### **Monday, March 18 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Jarod LeLoux  
**6:45 PM** - Austin Blik  
**7:15 PM** -  
**7:45 PM** -  
**8:15 PM** -

### **Tuesday, March 19 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Marv Faber  
**6:45 PM** - Merle Koedam  
**7:15 PM** - Mike Pollema  
**7:45 PM** -  
**8:15 PM** -

### **Tuesday, March 26 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** -  
**6:45 PM** -  
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**NURSERY:** AM: Deb H, Jady F, Harper VB  
PM: Rhonda L, Hannah J

**USHERS:** East: Travis J, Mike VZ      West: Nate VK, Noah J

**GREETERS:** AM: Austin B, Elmer B, Karl B  
PM: Eric B, Josh B, Randy B  
NARTHEX: Roger & Hilaine K

**PRAISE TEAM:** Tricia M, Megan VH, James VB, Nolan VO

**OFFERING:** AM: ITEM & Christian Education  
PM: Christian Education

**LETTERS:**      **Meyer:** Leonard H      **Ribbens:** Rob J  
                         **Van Gelder:** Galen K      **Van Otterloo:** Roger K

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**NURSERY:** AM: Shannon L, Noah J, Kayla VE  
PM: Jill M, Rashana M

**USHERS:** East: Joel B, Matt VE      West: Nolan VO, Alvin L

**GREETERS:** AM: Rick D, Vern DB, Kevin DG  
PM: Steve DK, Clarence DR, Justin DW  
NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne H

**SONG LEADER:** Evan Vanden Bosch

**OFFERING:** AM: Genesis House & Building Fund  
PM: Building Fund

**LETTERS:**      **Meyer:** Steve H      **Ribbens:** Travis J  
                         **Van Gelder:** Gerrit K      **Van Otterloo:** Clarence K

**5:55 PM Divine Worship**

Organ Prelude

**Hymn Sing:**

**"Lord, Be Glorified"**

WH:1-3

**"Above All"**

WH:1

**"Majesty"**

PH 66:1

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

PH:1,2,4

\*The Nicene Creed (in unison)

**\*Song of Response: "We Will Glorify"**

PH 86:1,4

**Heidelberg Catechism:**

**Lord's Day 23, Q/A 59, 60 & 61** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?"**

B:PsH 237:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Proverbs 22 (page 607/1016)

Sermon: **"GOOD TRAINING"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"More Precious Than Silver"**

PH:1

Offertory Prayer and Offering: Christian Education

**\*Closing Song: "Rise Up, O Church of God"**

CH:1

\*Benediction

\*Moment of Reverence

\*Organ Postlude

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