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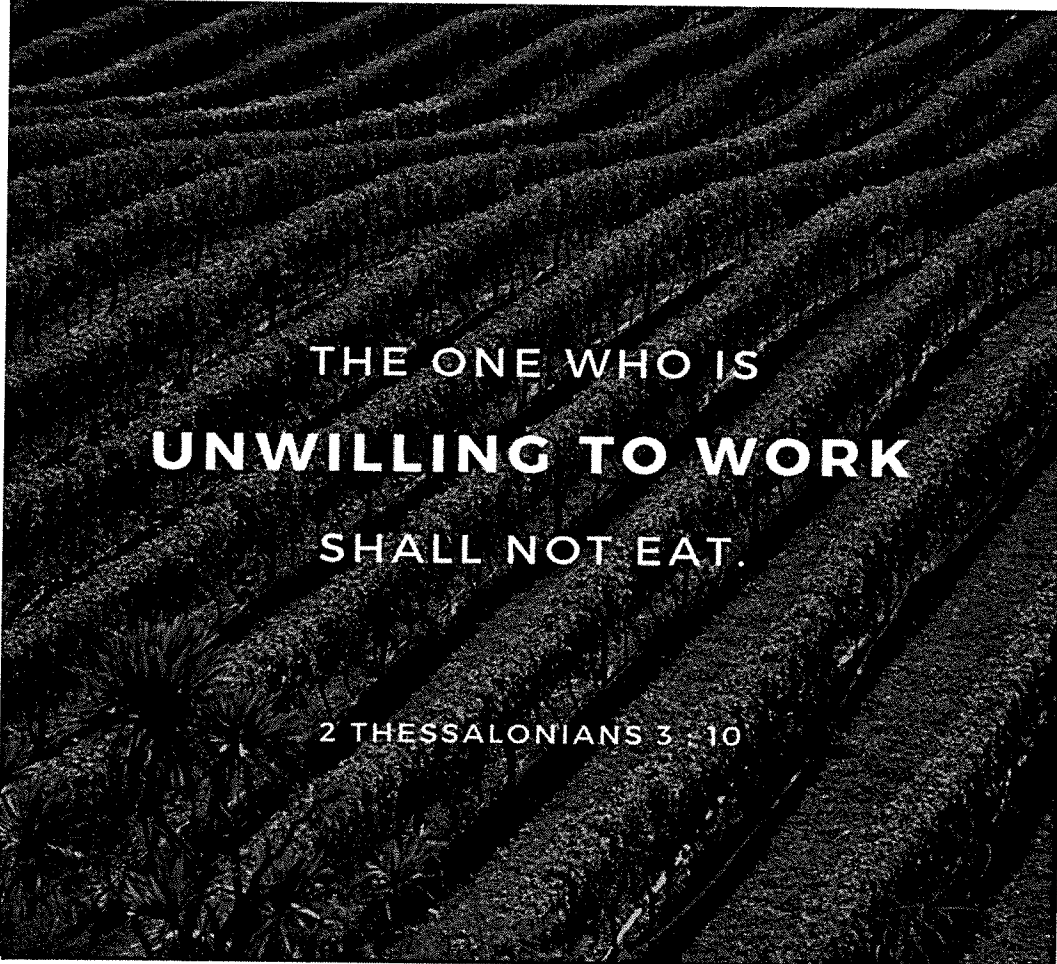
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THE ONE WHO IS
UNWILLING TO WORK
SHALL NOT EAT.

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THE LORD'S DAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2018
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise:**

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

LUYH:1

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

PH 84:1,3

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

PH 82:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 (page 1099/1844)

Sermon: **"WILLING TO WORK"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

B:PsH 462:1,2,5,6

Offertory Prayer and Offering: Hope Haven &
Building Fund

***Closing Song: "He Is Exalted"**

PH:1

*Benediction

*Moment of Reverence

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
NOVEMBER 25, 2018
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

Today we will prepare our hearts for Communion scheduled for next Sunday, December 2.

The Poinsettia plants for our widows/widowers/singles have arrived. If you would like to pick yours up, please stop by the northeast corner of the Fellowship Hall after this morning's service and **mark your name off the list**. If you are unable to pick one up or would rather have your plant delivered, the Deacons will be delivering them this week. If you have any questions, please contact a Deacon.

Christmas Program practice today for preschool through 6th grade until 11:45 AM. Parents, please continue to help your child practice his/her piece. Thank you!

Adult Choir will meet in Room #5.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

Please lift up in prayer the family of Jim De Kam. Jim was called to his heavenly home Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 26, 2018, 10:30 AM, at the Doon URC. Visitation with the family present is Sunday, 1:00-3:00 PM, also at the Doon URC. May God's peace that passes all understanding be with Marj and family in the days and weeks ahead.

Vern De Boer was admitted to Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City this past Tuesday, Nov. 20, due to a blood clot in each lung. We praise God he was able to return home Thursday. Please continue to pray for healing mercies.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Annual Congregational Meeting held Monday, November 19, the names of the following men were drawn to their respective offices:

Selected to the office of Elder: Carl Elbers, Kevin Jansma and Gerrit Vis.

Selected to the office of Deacon: Tyler Den Boer, Justin De Wit and Rob Jansen.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

At the Council 2019 Reorganizational Meeting, the following 2019 Council offices were established: President - Evan Vanden Bosch; Vice President - Gerrit Vis; Clerk - Mike Baartman; Vicar - Lyle Van Engen; President of Deacons - Rob Jansen; Secretary of Deacons - Brett Davelaar; General Fund Treasurer - Jack Ver Burg; Vicar of Deacons - Tyler Den Boer; Controller/Building Fund Treasurer - Alex Kooima; Benevolent Fund Treasurer - Gene LeLoux; Special Offerings - Kelly Haak; and Denominational Quotas - Justin DeWit.

The proposed 2019 General Fund Budget, Classical Quotas, Denominational Quotas for information, and the Special Missions Offering on the 2nd Sunday of each month were all approved by voice vote.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Elders/Deacons will meet on Monday, November 26, at 6:30 PM. The full Council will meet at 8:45 PM.

Mission Guild and Men's Society will be meeting **Tuesday, November 27**, instead of the 28th. **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE!**

The Fellowship Committee has planned a trip to the historic "Nora Store" this coming Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 PM. Nora's Place is located by Alcester, SD, and is known for their famous pipe organ. Come for Christmas caroling and sing along with Mike at the pipe organ and piano. We will be enjoying snacks afterwards. If you would like to know more about Nora's place, check their website at www.norachristmas.com. We will plan on meeting at church at 6:00 PM to ride together, and are asking that you bring a goodie to share. Nora's Place will be providing apple cider. (There will be a donation box at Nora's Place.) Please plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Next week Sunday morning, Lord Wiling, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Next week Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Families from our Congregation will be sharing an Advent reading and lighting an Advent candle during the morning service.

Everyone is invited to share their family photo Christmas card with our church family. These photo cards can be hung on the bulletin board outside the church office.

UPCOMING REMINDERS:

⇒ The Council Christmas gathering is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 5, at Cedar Rock, 6:30 PM.

- ⇒ The All Church Caroling and Fellowship at Whispering Heights will take place on Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 PM, at the Senior Center. We will be singing Christmas carols, enjoying some special music, and playing the bells. You may bring a snack to share.
- ⇒ The Church Christmas Program will be presented on Sunday, December 23, following the morning service.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ⇒ Let us help you get into the Christmas spirit! Order your fresh evergreen centerpiece from Rock Valley Christian School ARROWS. All proceeds benefit ARROWS! Order forms are available at your church or at the school office. Orders are due November 27. If you have any questions, please contact Nichole Blankespoor at 470-1933. Thank you for your support of ARROWS and Rock Valley Christian School.
- ⇒ We will be ordering SCRIP the week of November 26.
- ⇒ The RVCS Christmas Program is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, at Trinity CRC, 7:00 PM.
- ⇒ **ATTENTION GRAIN FARMERS!** Please remember the annual Winter Festival Grain Project when delivering your corn to Doon Elevator, Farmers Elevator and/or Valley Feed & Seed. Save on drying and storing and make a GREAT donation at the same time! Thank you in advance for your generosity! The Winter Festival is slated for Friday, February 22.

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ The Western Christian FFA Chapter will be hosting an appreciation supper for all area ag producers. All ag producers are invited to come Thursday, November 29, from 5:30-7:00 PM to the cafeteria at Western Christian. FFA members will be grilling burgers and serving all the fixings to go with those burgers! It's the Western Christian FFA way of celebration and thanksgiving for another harvest.
- ◇ The Western Christian High School Music Department invites all to celebrate Christmas by attending the Western Christian High School Choral and Instrumental Christmas Concert on Monday, December 10, at 7:00 PM in the Event Center at Western Christian. All the choral and instrumental groups at Western Christian will be performing and celebrating in music the birth of our Lord and Savior.

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NURSERY: AM: Amy B, Allison P, Brielle J
PM: Madison B, Aubrie VB

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

GREETERS: AM: Nate VK, Colton VO, Mike VO
PM: Nolan VO, Mike VR, Andy VR
NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne H

SONG LEADER: Evan VB

OFFERING: AM: Hope Haven & Building Fund
PM: Building Fund

LETTERS: **Meyer:** Harm W **Ribbens:** Ryan Z
Van Gelder: Evan A **Van Otterloo:** Howard A

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NURSERY: AM: Hadlie VB, Ryder VB, Jordan VE, Kilee VB
PM: Carol DR, Logan VE

USHERS: East: Evan L, Jarod L West: Jordan F, Arnold K

GREETERS: AM: Mark VH, Evan VB, Randy VK
PM: Tim VT, Albert VZ, James VB
NARTHEX: Merle & Ruth K

PRAISE TEAM: Haeley F, Megan VH, James VB, Andy VR

OFFERING: AM: Benevolent Fund & Christian Education
PM: Christian Education

LETTERS: **Meyer:** Louis A **Ribbens:** Home Service
Van Gelder: Myron B **Van Otterloo:** Karl B

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

WH:1-2

***The Apostles' Creed** (in unison)

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

PH 86:1,4

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 11, Q/A 29 & 30 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Your Grace Still Amazes Me"

WH:1-2

"When Peace, Like a River"

B:PsH 445:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Haggai 2:20-23 (page 876/1470)

Sermon: **"THE RING OF AUTHORITY"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

B:PsH 399:1,4,5

Offertory Prayer and Offering: Building Fund

***Closing Song:**

"There Is a Redeemer"

PH 20:3

*Benediction

*Moment of Reverence

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able