

# Peace

*Peace I leave  
with you....*

*Let not your  
heart be  
troubled,  
neither let  
it be afraid.*

JOHN 14:27



**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**December 8, 2024 - Advent - *Peace***  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Josh, Katie, Emerson, & Saylor Byl

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"The King is Coming"**

CH

**Responsive Reading of God's Law**

**Song of Salvation:**

**"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"**

CH:1-3

Ministry of Music - "Thorn and Thistle" - Andy Van Roekel

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Jesus, Your Name"**

GH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4 (page 1070/1797)

Sermon: **"PEACE IN JARS OF CLAY"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"The Potter's Hand"**

WH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Sioux City Gospel Mission & Classical Quotas

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"**

PH 29:5

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

\*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA**

**December 8, 2024 - Advent - Peace**

*WELCOME!*

*We pray that all will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today  
as we bring our praises & prayers, and hear His Word proclaimed!*

*If you are a visitor with us today and would like additional materials from First CRC, they are located in the "Visitor" mailboxes.  
If you currently do not have a church home and desire information about church membership, please contact the church office.*

**TODAY**

-- Program practice continues today for Preschool-6th grade after the morning worship service until 11:30am. *Please meet in the Sanctuary. Preschool children will not be dismissed until a parent is present to pick them up.*

-- Adult Choir please meet in the *Fellowship Hall* following the morning service.

-- The Mission Committee's 5-week series: **"Missions Applied" - Matt. 25:34-36**, continues today following the morning worship service in Classrooms 5 & 6.

Week 4 - *"I Was An Orphan & You Looked After Me"* – Karl Kaemingk - One Body One Hope

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

-- *A special thank you to Josh, Katie, Emerson, & Saylor Byl for providing the reading and prayer and lighting the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace, during our morning worship service.*

-- *Thank you Andy Van Roekel for blessing us with your ministry of music this morning.*

-- *Thank you to Pastor Haan and Elder Scott Koedam for your prayers and visit and to the congregation for the cards and well wishes in the passing of my brother Delbert.*

-- *Harold & June Driesen*

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for the **Sioux City Gospel Mission** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Classical Quotas**. The offerings next week will be for Atlas and Community Impact.

-- Next week *Sunday, December 15*, is the 3rd Sunday of Advent - *Joy*. Jack, Kelsey, Jay, Ben, & Penny Ver Burg will be sharing the Advent reading and lighting the candle of Joy during our morning worship service.

-- Next Sunday, we will welcome Rev. Todd Zuidema as he leads our evening service.

-- **"Christmas Mingo at the Senior Center"** hosted by the Fellowship Committee will be held this week *Tuesday, December 10!* Enjoy celebrating the Christmas season with our Care Center Residents with a fun game, fellowship, and Christmas goodies! Join the fun at the Senior Center at 6:30pm and please bring your favorite Christmas goodies to share!

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

-- **Mission Committee Christmas Project:** This year the Mission Committee asks for your help to purchase printed and Talking Bibles for the missionaries and missions we support. The Bibles purchased through your past donations were provided to hundreds of people and in turn continues to bless thousands. Please choose a tag from the tree in the Narthex with the amount you would like to contribute and return it to the box provided on the table in the Narthex by December 29.

-- **Children in Worship** will begin January 5 for children who have outgrown the nursery and are not yet in week-day Preschool. It will be held during the morning worship services on Sundays and will follow the same schedule as the Sunday School & Catechism Winter/Spring season. Children within this age range will be dismissed during the service and will gather for a lesson and activity. More specific details about Children in Worship were provided in your Church mailbox last week. *If you are 7th grade and older and are willing to volunteer to lead or help with Children in Worship, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.* If you have any questions, please contact Jamie De Jager.

-- **1st CRC Book Club** - One Light Still Shines by Marie Monville. Two copies of the book are available to borrow. A brief description of the book is posted by the book sign in/return sheet on the table in the Narthex, as well as Book Notes sheets if you find those helpful. Discussion Night will be held on *January 13*.

-- 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.

-- IGNITE Youth Group has prepared freezer meals. If you or someone you know may be in need of a meal, please find them in the Church freezer.

-- At their request, Ryan & Madison Olivera have transferred their church membership to Faith Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. We pray that Ryan & Madison continue to be blessed in their faith in their new church home.

## *Remember*

The power of our words only belongs in one place:

in the hand of the Holy Spirit, who can help guide and guard our lips.

*"Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips."*

*Psalms 141:3*



### **December 8, 2024 - 2nd Week of Advent - Peace**

#### **PRAISE TEAM:**

Michelle K, Tammy B,  
Evan VB, Mike B

#### **USHERS:**

*East:* Joel B, Matt VE  
*West:* Jace M, Alvin L

#### **NURSERY:**

*AM:* Steph E, Kendra J,  
Ezra H, Tad M  
*PM:* Cherie G, Aftyn B

#### **GREETERS:**

*AM:* Rick & Bonnie D  
Kevin & Diana DG  
Zach & Jamie DJ  
*PM:* Erin DK  
Steve & April DK  
Jaden & Katlien DB

*NARTHEX:* Roger & Hilaine

#### **OFFERING:**

*AM:* Sioux City Gospel Mission  
*PM:* Classical Quotas

#### **LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Harlan D  
*Maletounqou:* Harold D  
*Klompens:* Jim D

**PIANIST:** Krista VE

### **December 15, 2024 - Communion/3rd Week of Advent - Joy**

#### **PRAISE TEAM:**

Lanae H, Julie VO,  
Andy VR, Nolan VO

#### **USHERS:**

*East:* Arnold K, Bob G  
*West:* Benjamin H, Keith L

#### **NURSERY:**

*AM:* Deb H, Jessica K,  
Teeghan B, Ava VO  
*PM:* Kristin J, Kayla B

#### **GREETERS:**

*AM:* Tyler & Alli Den Boer  
Carl & Melissa E  
Zach & Lucy E  
*PM:* Jeff & Steph E  
Jesse & Amber E  
Brian & Renae F

*NARTHEX:* Larry & Yvonne

#### **OFFERING:**

*AM:* Atlas  
*PM:* Community Impact

#### **LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Carl E  
*Maletounqou:* Zach E  
*Klompens:* Jeff E

**ORGANIST:** Ranae K



#### ***"Community in Christ"***

*We covet your prayers for leaders, students, and all others involved as we look forward to a year of fellowship, learning, and growth together.*

*-- Youth Group Email: [youth@firstcrcrv.org](mailto:youth@firstcrcrv.org)*

- Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 18 - Games & snacks at the Dordt Game Room - more details to follow
- Next Lesson meetings - Wednesday, January 8 & 15
- Serve at the Banquet - January 29 - more details to follow



- **Cadets** - Wednesday, December 11 - 7:00pm - Lesson Night at Church
- Wednesday, December 18 - 7:00pm
- Snow Derby Practice at Workshop
- Saturday, December 28 - 9:00am - Snow Derby



- **GEMS** - Wednesday, December 11 - 6:30pm - Christmas Party

## SERMON NOTES:

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### *First CRC families RELOCATED temporarily:*

(This list is *ongoing* and will be posted in the bulletin and monthly newsletters through December, please notify us of *updates* to your location as it changes.)

- Jacob & Amanda Maassen – 722 Riverview Drive, Rock Valley
- Starla Van Otterloo & Sam – 2730 340<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Valley, IA (Chris & Whitney's)
- Warren Van Otterloo – 2137 340<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Valley (Rick & Bonnie's)
- Loy & Janice Van't Hul – 1411 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Valley (Alyssa's)

### *Updated ADDRESSES:*

- Don & Lois Postma - Sheldon Christian Retirement Home, 1414 Elm Court, Sheldon  
New Phone – 712-541-3228
- Jim Driesen – River View Ridge – 712 Westview Drive #114 , Rock Valley
- Elaine Bolkema – River View Ridge – 712 Westview Drive #113 , Rock Valley
- Faye Medalen – River View Ridge – 712 Westview Drive # , Rock Valley
- Chad & Sandra Van't Hul family – 1108 Main St., Rock Valley
- Galen & Paula Kats – 2695 300<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Valley
- Karl & Alyssa Bos – 1215 Division Street, Hull
- Laura Van Kalsbeek – 1111 7<sup>th</sup> St. – Northside Crt, Hull
- Josh & Katie Byl – 1810 Aspen Street, Hull
- Jaden & Katlien Den Boer – 2618 Warren Circle, Rock Valley
- Lyle & Joyce Van Engen – 910 Greenway Drive - #206, Rock Valley
- Harm & Bonnie Wiersma – 1407 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Apt. A, Rock Valley
- Verlyn & Sandy Van Bommel – 2115 Maple St. – Apt. 4, Hull
- Alvin & Sue LeLux – 800 Golf Course Road, Rock Valley
- Eric & Tracy Breuer – 1310 12<sup>th</sup> St., Rock Valley
- Kevin & Kristin Jansma – 701 Fairway Drive, Rock Valley
- Erin De Kam – 1818 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Valley
- Tim & Kendra Van Tilburg – 1216 Golf Course Road, Rock Valley
- Kevin & Diana De Groot – 1436 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Apt. C, Rock Valley

There are many more congregation members that have been severely affected by the flood, whether it be their home, business, school, farmland, and more.

Please continue to pray for our entire community as together we continue to help each other long-term to clean-up, process, recover, and rebuild!

## **December 8, 2024**

**TODAY:** **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Advent - *Peace*  
**10:45 AM:** Adult Choir/ Christmas Program Practice - Grades P-6th  
**10:45 AM:** Week 4 - "Missions Applied" - Karl Kaemingk - One Body One Hope  
**6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service  
**7:15 PM:** Saved to Serve Bible Study

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**TUES:** **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Joshua Book 2 - Lesson 3  
**6:30 AM:** Christmas Mingo at the Senior Center

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**WED:** **6:30 PM:** GEMS - Christmas Party  
**7:00 PM:** Cadets

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### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

#### **Health, Healing, & Peace**

- ♦ Kristin Jansma, Marv Faber, Diana De Groot, Addison Van't Hul, John De Roon

#### **Flood Relief, Recovery**

#### **Our Care Center Residents:**

##### **Whispering Heights**

Esther De Roon  
Jennie Maassen  
Grace Teunissen  
Joan Van Maanen  
Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo  
Alvina Van't Hul

##### **River View Ridge**

Elaine Bolkema  
Nathan Dorhout  
Jim Driesen  
Gerrit & Esther Kats  
LeRoy & Jane Koedam  
Faye Medalen  
Henrietta Vanden Bosch

##### **Hull - Pleasant Acres**

Jerry Velgersdyk

##### **Crown Pointe - SC**

Harriet Vande Kamp

##### **Four Seasons**

Teresa Oostra

##### **Sheldon Christian Retirement Home**

Don & Lois Postma

#### **Missionaries**

- ♦ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ♦ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletougou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompier - classically supported missionaries in Nepal



#### **Classical Missions**

- ♦ Siouxland Unity CRC

#### **Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (Thrive) *Healing* - Lord, heal our hearts during this season of Advent. Help us to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits.

#### **Outreach**

- ♦ **Orphan Grain Train** - a non-profit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in America and around the world by gathering donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, & aid.



## **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Tuesday** - Treyton Kats, Tyke Kats, Cooper Koedam

**Wednesday** - Priscilla Driesen

**Friday** - Grace Van Grootheest (84)

**Saturday** - Maclaine Den Boer

## **FUTURE DATES**

**December 22** - P-6th Grade Christmas Program

**December 25** - Christmas Day service

**December 29** - Installation of Incoming Office Bearers

**December 30** - Council Meeting

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ◇ Scrip Orders due - 9am - Monday, December 9
- ◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club will be held Monday, December 9 at 9:30am at RVCS. All are welcome!
- ◇ 2:30 dismissal - Wednesday, December 11
- ◇ Upcoming Dates:
  - 4th Grade & 6th Grade Chapel - 8:30am - Friday, December 20 at First CRC
  - Christmas Break - December 23-January 3; Classes resume - January 6
  - End of 1st semester - January 6
  - Kindergarten begins daily the week of January 13

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

- ◇ 9:30am start - Wednesday, December 11
- ◇ Christmas Break - December 23-January 3
- ◇ Prayerfully consider Celebrating Western with a year-end gift. Funds raised will support the General Fund and be allocated for capital improvements. Thank you to everyone who has already given! Together, we are partnering to train the next generation to build His kingdom!

### **Rock Valley Community School:**

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, December 11
- ◇ Christmas Break - 1:00pm dismissal Friday, December 20-Thursdays, January 2; Classes resume - January 3

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** - [www.firstcrcrv.org/resources](http://www.firstcrcrv.org/resources)

***HOW ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR FIRE OF FAITH?***





## **6:00 PM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"**

BsH 406:1-3

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

**\*Song of Response:**

**"The Lord is My Salvation"**

GH

**The Belgic Confession - Article 35** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Songs of Preparation:**

**"Worship the King"**

ABS Kids 222

**"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

CH:1,3,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 4:30-51 (page 930/1558)

Sermon: **"WHO CAN CALM THE STORM?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Silent Night! Holy Night!"**

CH:1-4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song:**

**"Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

GsH:5

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

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