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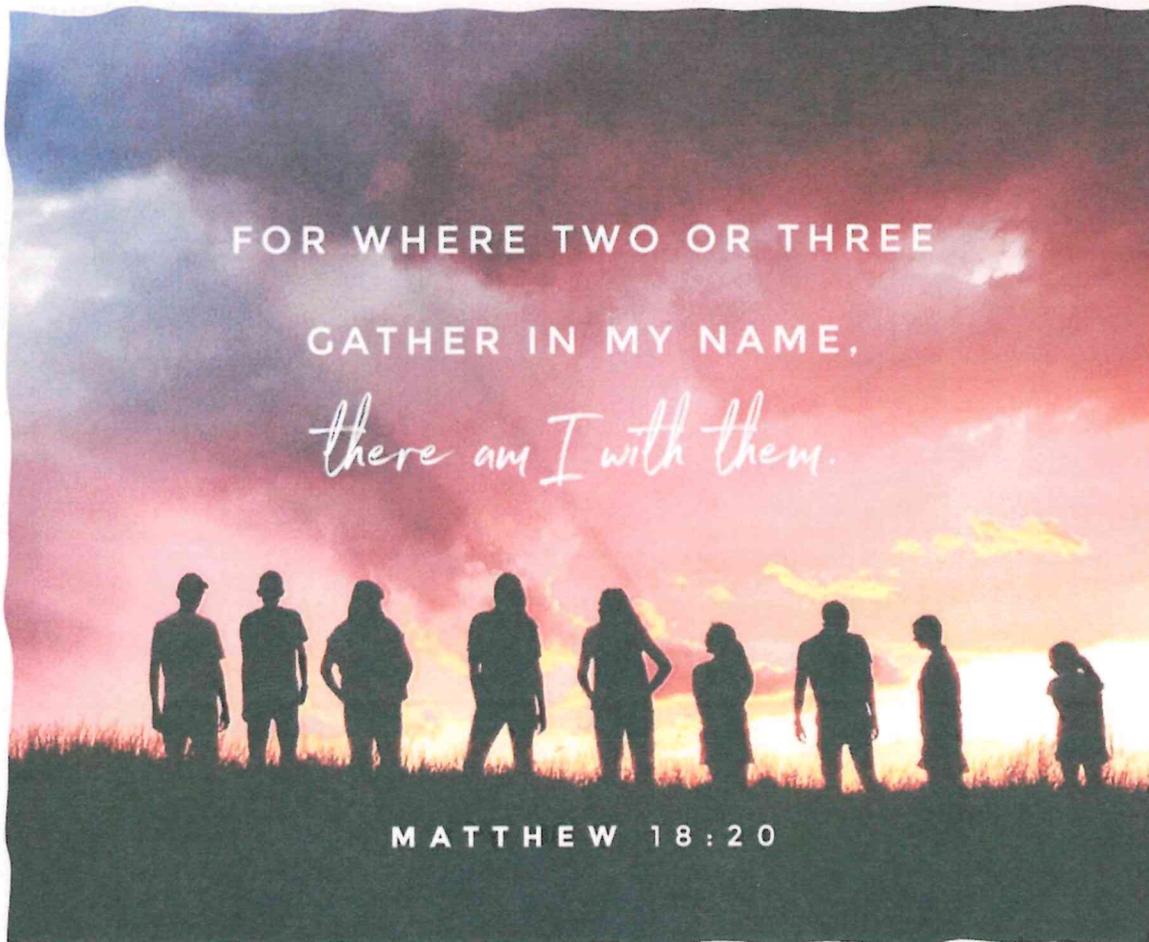
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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**February 15, 2026**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**Song of Praise:**

**"O Church Arise"**

GH:1-3

**Responsive Reading of God's Law**

**Song of Salvation:**

**"Take My Life, and Let It Be"**

PsH 462:1,4,5

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper (page 149 - back of Psalter)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation: "Lord I Need You"**

Vs:1-2

\*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20 (page 911/1527)

Sermon: **"BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO CHRIST"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"The Church's One Foundation"**

PsH 398:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Love INC & Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song:**

**"O Church Arise"**

GH:4

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

\*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA  
February 15, 2026**

*We pray that everyone 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.*

**WELCOME!**

**TODAY**

-- This morning we will be taking part in the Preparatory Exhortation of the Lord's Supper. Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will take part in sharing the Lord's Supper. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this Holy Sacrament.

-- Newsletter Articles are due today.

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

-- *Thank you to everyone who prayed for comfort, sent words of sympathy, and shared wonderful memories with us of our dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother as we celebrated her passing this past week. In 2014, after the first flood, she wrote in her thank you to the congregation, 'weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5).' We rejoice now knowing she is with her Lord and Savior.*

*-- Family of Alvina Van't Hul*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

-- Joe Miller is scheduled to have spinal fusion surgery on his lower back at Mayo on February 20th and cervical fusion April 6th, please be in prayer for the surgeon's hands and a smooth recovery.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Lois Postma as her beloved husband Don was called to his heavenly home on Monday, February 9. His funeral was held on Friday, February 13 at First CRC. May God wrap His loving arms around Lois and her family as they mourn and remember Don.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Loy & Janice Van't Hul, Gerrit & Kay Vis, Chad & Sandra Van't Hul and all grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family members and loved ones of Alvina Van't Hul as she was called to her heavenly home on Thursday, February 5. The funeral was held this past Wednesday, February 11 at First CRC. May God provide His comforting peace to the entire family and all loved ones as they mourn and remember dear Alvina.

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Brad & Brenda Postma & the entire Postma family in the passing of Brenda's father, John Koehler of Montrose, IA. A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life was held on Friday, February 13. May God provide peace and comfort to the family as they mourn and remember their father and grandfather.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The *first* offering received today will be for **Love INC**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Missionaries Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens**. The offerings next week will be for GEMS and our Building Fund.
- IGNITE Youth Group will be hosting their annual Valentine's Supper at *Calvin CRC* this week **Wednesday, February 18** at 6:30pm for those that have signed up.
- First CRC Book Club will meet on **Monday, March 2** to discuss Left to Tell by Imaculee Ilibagiza. Two copies to borrow are available on the table in the Narthex.
- Meals on Wheels - It is our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community the week of **March 2-6**. A sign-up sheet to volunteer to deliver is on the table in the Narthex.
- The CEC Taco Supper will be held **Wednesday, March 4**. *\*There is a need for approximately 30lbs of ground hamburger.\** If you are able to donate, please clearly mark "CEC" on your donation and place in the East freezer. *Thank you!*
- Western Christian Chamber Singers will be singing during our evening worship service on **Sunday, March 8**.
- Our Prayer Day Service will be held **Wednesday, March 11** at 7:00pm. Cadets plan to attend service together in uniform. Together in Faith and Men's Society will meet after the service.
- Israel 2027 - Experience the Holy Land with Pastor Matt & Holly January 12-21, 2027, which includes an Israel tour and optional Egypt extension. If you have any questions and/or are interested or know someone who is interested in attending this trip, please contact Pastor Matt.

## *Remember*

It may seem convenient or simpler to do whatever feels good at the moment.  
But there's no simpler joy than to rest in God and let Him take you on His adventures.

*"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that  
leads to destruction, and many enter through it.*

*But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life,  
and only a few find it"*

*Matthew 7:13-14*

## **February 15, 2026**

### **PRAISE TEAM:**

Holly H, Pat B,  
James VB, Mer VO

### **USHERS:**

*East:* Josh B, Mike VZ  
*West:* Dan B, Darin P

### **NURSERY:**

*AM:* Jackie R, Kennedy VH, Sloan M  
*PM:* Laurie VK, Noah DK

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Karen J *Helper:* Erica VR

**SOUND:** Austin B **VIDEO:** Brian F **PPT:** Carla J

### **GREETERS:**

*AM:* Colton & Ashley VO  
Mike & Judy VO  
Nolan & Julie VO  
*PM:* Colton & Leah VS  
Mike & Gert VR  
Andy & Sharla VR

*NARTHEX:* Larry & Yvonne

### **OFFERING:**

*AM:* Love INC  
*PM:* Missionaries:  
Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens

### **LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Teresa O  
*Maletoungou:* Darin K  
*Klompjens:* Kyler P

**PIANIST:** Carisa M

## **February 22, 2026 - Communion**

### **SONG LEADER:**

Rachelle VB

### **USHERS:**

*AM:* Joel B, Matt VE  
*PM:* Charlie P, Alvin L

### **NURSERY:**

*AM:* Aftyn B, Teeghan B,  
Kate L, Hudson P  
*PM:* Judy VO, Abby A

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Karen J *Helper:* Erica VR

**SOUND:** Jack VB **VIDEO:** Rich R **PPT:** Cowan VK

### **GREETERS:**

*AM:* Merlin & Cindy VO  
Randy & Mary VK  
Tim & Kim VT  
*PM:* Alyssa VH  
Chad & Sandra VH  
Carol VH, Mary VH

*NARTHEX:* Vern & Ellen

### **OFFERING:**

*AM:* GEMS  
*PM:* Building Fund

### **LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Mike P  
*Maletoungou:* Charlie P  
*Klompjens:* Brad P

**PIANIST:** Krista VE

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



- Valentine's Supper - Wednesday, February 18 - 6:30pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, March 4 - 7:00pm



- Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Service - Wednesday, March 11 - 6:45pm - Cadets will attend the First CRC Prayer Day Service together in uniform and meet briefly after the service, adjourning at the normal time of 8:30pm
- Meeting - Wednesday, March 25 - 7:00pm at First CRC



- Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, March 4 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, March 25 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

**SERMON NOTES:**

## **February 15, 2026**

**TODAY:**    **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service  
**10:45 AM:** Sunday School/Catechism/Choir  
**6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service  
**7:15 PM:** Saved to Serve Bible Study

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**TUES:**     **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Exodus 2 #7  
**2:00 PM:** Service led by Pastor Haan at Whispering Heights

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**WED:**     **6:30 PM:** IGNITE Youth Group Valentine's Supper

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**THURS:**   **1:30 PM:** LIFT Bible Study - Lesson 10; Lunch - Karla VK & Irene G

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### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

#### **IGNITE Youth Group Students & Leaders**

##### **Sympathy**

- ◆ Lois Postma & family (CG#3)
- ◆ Loy & Janice Van't Hul (CG#7), Gerrit & Kay Vis (CG#3); Chad & Sandra Van't Hul (CG#1), and all grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family, & loved ones of Alvina Van't Hul
- ◆ Brad & Brenda Postma family (CG#7)

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

- ◆ Joe Miller (CG#3), Kya Kirkley & family (CG#2), Mer Van Otterloo (CG#8), Nate Van Kley (CG#1)

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

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

Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)

###### **Whispering Heights**

Claretta Lobbes (CG#5)

Grace Teunissen (CG#8)

Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

###### **Four Seasons**

Teresa Oostra (CG#6)

Lois Postma (CG#3)

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

Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)

Jim Driesen (CG#6)

Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)

LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)

John Lobbes (CG#5)

Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

##### **Missionaries**

- ◆ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ◆ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ◆ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

##### **Classical Missions**

- ◆ Siouxland Unity CRC



**Classis Iakota** - [www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents](http://www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents)

##### **Denominational Requests**

- ◆ (Church Renewal) *Connections* - Pray for the global church and for international church planting.

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

**Sunday** - Easton Kooima

**Tuesday** - Tessa Breuer

**Friday** - Brielle Jansma

## **FUTURE DATES**

**February 22** - Communion

**February 23** - Council Meeting

**March 4** - CEC Taco Supper

**March 8** - Western Christian Chamber Singers - PM Service

**March 10** - Service led by Pastor Haan at River View Ridge

**March 11** - Prayer Day Service

**March 15-21** - Guatemala Mission Trip

**March 16-20** - RVCS & WCHS Spring Break

**March 29** - Palm Sunday

**March 30** - Council Meeting

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ◇ No School - Monday, February 16 - No SCRIP
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 18
- ◇ Muffins with Mom - Friday, February 20 - 7:30-8:20am in the Cafeteria

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

- ◇ No School - Monday, February 16
- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, February 18
- ◇ Family Fun Night at Western Christian - Friday, March 6 - 5:30-8:00pm - Families of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and community at Western Christian! No RSVP is required—simply come and enjoy a great night together. We look forward to welcoming your family and sharing more about Western Christian!

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

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 18
- ◇ No School - Friday, February 20

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

*How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?*



## 6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

### **Hymn Sing**

**"When He Cometh"**

Vs:1-3

**"How Can I Keep from Singing"**

WH:1-2

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

PH:1-2

**\*The Nicene Creed** (in unison)

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

PH 86:4

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 49 Q/A 124** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"He Will Hold Me Fast"**

GH:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 (page 919/1540)

Sermon: **"READY OR NOT"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"**

PH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: General Fund

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"** LUYH:1

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

\*Please stand if you are able

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

## 2026 COUNCIL

**MINISTER:**  
**REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN**

**ELDERS:**

Merlin Van Otterloo, *Vice President* '28 - (470-4622)  
 Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)  
 Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)  
 Elmer Boon '28 - (470-1634)  
 Leonard Hoekstra, *President* '27 - (451-9430)  
 Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)  
 Jeff Van Bommel '28 - (470-1545)  
 Ron LeLoux, *Vicar* '26 - (470-2426)  
 Carl Elbers, *Clerk* '27 - (451-8150)

**DEACONS:**

----- Care Group 1 ----- Tyler Den Boer, *Special Offerings* '28 - (470-6354)  
 ----- Care Group 2 ----- Mitchell Byl, *President* '26 - (470-2920)  
 ----- Care Group 3 ----- Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)  
 ----- Care Group 4 ----- Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)  
 ----- Care Group 5 ----- Blake Zomer, *Secretary* '27 - (460-2552)  
 ----- Care Group 6 ----- Taylor Kats, *Vicar* '28 - (470-4258)  
 ----- Care Group 7 ----- Austin Blik, *Missions* '28 - (540-2768)  
 ----- Care Group 8 ----- Evan Altena, *Building Treasurer* '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

**2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Executive Committee ..... Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Carl E, Ron L, Mitchell B, Colton VO  
 Pulpit Supply ..... Pastor Matt, Merlin VO (Chr.), Leonard H  
 Bulletin ..... Pastor Matt, Kim A, Leonard H, Carl E  
 Church Governance ..... Elders  
 Sacraments ..... Ron L, Tim VT  
 Missions Committee ..... Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Randy & Pat B, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT  
 Family Faith Visitation Committee ..... Darwin H, Randy VK  
 Worship Committee ..... Pastor Matt, Evan VB, James VB (Chr.), Rachelle VB, Krista VE, Andy VR  
 Music Coordinator ..... Rachelle VB  
 Building and Grounds Committee ..... Jeff VB (Chr.), Evan A (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P  
 Education Committee ..... Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Elmer B, Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH  
 Sunday School Superintendent ..... Damon R  
 Christian Education Committee ..... Dan & Shannon B, Pastor Matt & Holly H, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G,  
 Matthew & Autumn L, Keith & Jacque L, Joe & Jill M  
 Rock Valley Calvinist Board ..... Ron L, Mike P  
 CADET Leaders ..... Brian F, Kevin J, Ryan Z  
 GEMS Leaders ..... Sharla VR, Alli DB, Shanna L, Bonnie W, Kelci Z  
 Youth Group Sponsors ..... Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH,  
 Colton & Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Carl E (Liaison)  
 Welcome Committee ..... Roger & Hilaine K (Chr), Harlan & Priscilla D, Eric & Tracy B, Larry & Yvonne H, Ron & Darletta L, Vern & Ellen VB  
 Memorial ..... Deacons  
 Head Usher ..... Ron L  
 Funeral Ushers ..... Roger K (Chr.), Harlan D, Bob G, Dick J  
 Organists/Pianists ..... Ranae K, Carisa M, Jackie R, Krista VE, Rachelle VB  
 Nursery Committee ..... Jackie R, Kelsey VB  
 Tech Committee ..... Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR  
 Sound System Team ..... James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Rich R, Evan VB, Jack VB, Blake Z  
 Video Recording Team ..... Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Aiden VR  
 PowerPoint System Team ..... Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Carla J, Jaydn L, Cowan VK, Jenna VO, Kayla VO, Aiden VR  
 Custodians ..... Rich & Lynnette R (476-5724)  
 Church Secretary ..... Kim A (Office-476-5902; Cell-712-470-6103) \*Present bulletin announcements by **4:00 PM Wednesday**\*  
 Prayer Chain ..... Pastor Matt, Leonard H  
 Fellowship Committee ..... Bonnie D (Chr.), Tracy B, Katie B, Alli DB, Patty H, Kendra J, Kristin J, Sara J, Steph K, Jill M, Brenda P  
 Flowers ..... Marva H, Karla VK, Carol VH  
 Newsletter ..... Carla J (editor), Kim A  
 Library Committee ..... Joyce VE (Chr.), Diana DG, Carol DR, Hilaine K, Judy VO  
 Website Team ..... Kim A, Brian F, Andy VR  
 Safe Church Committee ..... Elmer B (Chr.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, Kim A, Sue L  
 Scheduling Rides ..... Blake Z  
 Community Impact Committee ..... Austin B  
 Care Districts ..... District Elders  
 School Board Representatives ..... Western Christian - Brenda P, Loy VH, Jr. & Rock Valley Christian - Mike B, Jamie DJ, Jack VB

**SACRAMENTS: HOLY BAPTISM** - Upon approved request

**HOLY COMMUNION** - 1st Sunday of Lent, Maundy Thursday, 2nd Sunday of June & September, and 1st Sunday of Advent

**MISSIONS:** *Rev. Mike & Megan Ribbens*-Johannesburg, South Africa (email Mike at [mrribbens@crcna.org](mailto:mrribbens@crcna.org) or Megan at [mrribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mrribbens@gmail.com))

*Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou*-West Africa (email [smaletoungou@crcna.org](mailto:smaletoungou@crcna.org))

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