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REMAINING PERSISTENT IN PRAYER

LUKE 18:1-8

THE LORD'S DAY
February 16, 2025
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:**

"Behold Our God"

SG:1-3

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Holy Spirit"

GH:1-2

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"** GH:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8 (page 971/1628)

Sermon: **"THE STRUGGLE OF PERSISTENT PRAYER"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

PH:1

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Genesis House & Roseland Christian Ministries

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

GH:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

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February 16, 2025

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

-- Those who signed-up to help the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization assemble bed sets on Saturday, February 22 in Le Mars, please plan to meet **TODAY** after the morning worship service in Classroom #1 for more information about the upcoming service date. If you have any questions, contact Nanci Grevengeod.

-- Newsletter Articles are due today.

PRAYER CONCERN

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Nathan Dorhout in the passing of his father, Nicolaas "Clarence" Dorhout of Orange City. He passed away on Saturday, February 8 at the age of 86. His funeral will be held Tuesday, February 18 at 11:00am at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Orange City. May God's comforting peace uphold Nathan as he mourns the loss of his father.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

-- Our hearts are full of gratitude for the many ways in which you, Congregation, have blessed us in the way of prayers, calls, cards, food, flowers, and so many acts of kindness in the passing of our dear dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa, Darwyn Klemme. A special thanks to Pastor Matt & Holly and Elder Leonard Hoekstra for their calls and visits and to those that attended the visitation and funeral. We thank our gracious God for our caring, supportive church family!

-- Howie & Lynette Altena, Brian & Tricia Mulder & family, Evan & Kim Altena & family

-- Thank you to all of the participants who came out into the blustery cold last week Saturday morning to enjoy our 12th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament on Lake Pahoja! It was a fun, cold morning out on the ice! Congratulations to Brennan Van Kley for catching the biggest fish in the kids category and to Andy Van Roekel for catching the biggest fish in the adult category. The award for most fish overall went to Nate, Brennan, & Trevin Van Kley. Thank you to everyone who came out for this event!

-- Fellowship Committee

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **The Genesis House** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Roseland Christian Ministries**. The offerings next week Sunday will be for GEMS and our Building Fund.

-- **Ignite Youth Group's Valentine's Day Party** will be held this week Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30pm at First CRC in the Fellowship Hall. *Thank you to all those who have signed up to join us!*

-- **First CRC Book Club** book for reading is Saving Grayson by Chris Fabry. Two copies are available to borrow on the table in the Narthex. Discussion night will be held on Monday, March 3.

-- The Spring Classis Iakota meeting will be held Tuesday, March 4, at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. The delegates attending representing our Church will be Pastor Haan, Elder Evan Vanden Bosch, and Deacon Mitchell Byl. Alternates are Elder Darwin Hoogendoorn and Deacon Carter Vanden Bos.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- **CEC Taco Supper** - The CEC Annual Taco Supper is scheduled for March 24. If you have any ground beef available for donation, there is a need for approximately 65 lbs. Donations can be brought to Church and placed in the East freezer; be sure to mark clearly "CEC" on your donation. *Thank you!*

FAMILY FAITH VISITATION SCHEDULE

-- All members of Care Groups 1-4 will meet with the Elders this year. Remaining meeting times have been scheduled and are listed below; there is also a physical copy available on the table in the Narthex. You will be responsible to switch if your scheduled time does not work for you! Any questions, please contact Darwyn Hoogendoorn or Randy Vande Kamp. *Thank you!*

Monday, February 17 - At Church

6:15 PM - Mike & Christal Van't Hul

6:45 PM - Jarod LeLoux

7:15 PM - Dereck & LaRae Van Der Brink

7:45 PM - Chance Hoekstra

Monday, February 17 - At Church

6:15 PM - Janice Attema

6:45 PM - Logan Van Engen

7:15 PM - Colton & Leah Van Surksun

Tuesday, February 25 - At Church

6:45 PM - Kelly & Patty Haak



FUTURE GOSPEL MISSION SERVICE DATES

- April 8 - Sioux City - Care Groups 6 & 7
- April 29 - Sioux Falls - Care Groups 2 & 8
- June 23 - Sioux Falls - Care Groups 4 & 5
- June 24 - Sioux City - Care Groups 1 & 3



ISRAEL 2026

-- If you are interested in embarking on the next opportunity to travel to Israel, Pastor Matt will be hosting a trip, January 12-22, 2026, which will follow the "Abraham Route of the Holy Land." If you have any questions or are ready to sign-up for this adventure or know someone who may be interested, please contact Pastor Matt.

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM
all blessings flow

February 16, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

Lanae H, Pat B,
James VB, Mer VO

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Cherie G, Kendra J,
Amera F, Kate L
PM: Jessica K, Titus H

GREETERS:

AM: Fred & Karla VK
Nate & Laurie VK
Colton & Ashley VO
PM: Mer & Cindy VO
Mike & Judy VO
Nolan & Julie VO

NARTHEX: Harlan & Priscilla

VIDEO: Ron L **SOUND:** Rich R **PPT:** Tammy B

OFFERING:

AM: The Genesis House
PM: Roseland Christian Ministries

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Sara J
Maletoungou: Galen K
Klompens: Gerrit K

PIANIST: Carisa M

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Kristin J *Helper:* Kayla VE

February 23, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Evan VB

USHERS:

East: Taylor K, Rick D
West: Joe M, Gene L

NURSERY:

AM: TaMae K, Malorie K,
Brielle J, Faith K
PM: Michelle K, Alison L

GREETERS:

AM: Warren VO
Colton & Leah VS
Mike & Gert VR
PM: Andy & Sharla VR
Eric & Erica VS
Alyssa VH

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

VIDEO: Aiden VR **SOUND:** Leonard H **PPT:** Jaydn L

OFFERING:

AM: GEMS
PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Jonathon K
Maletoungou: Pat K
Klompens: Brett K

PIANIST: Lois K

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Kristin J *Helper:* Kayla VE

***Volunteers to help with our weekly services are always welcome and highly encouraged!**

Please notify the Church office if you are high school age and above and are willing to help in any of our service opportunities such as:

Praise Team, Usher, Nursery, Video, Sound, PPT, Narthex greeting, Children in Worship, etc.

Where can you help Feed Your Fire of Faith at First CRC? Thank you for serving so faithfully!

"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

- February 19 - Valentine's Supper
- March 5 - 7:00pm
- March 19 - 7:00pm



- **Cadets** - February 26 - 7:00pm
- March 12 - 7:00pm (at Trinity CRC for this meeting only)
- **GEMS** - February 19 - 6:30pm
- March 5 - 6:30pm
- March 26 - 6:30pm

SERMON NOTES:

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"O Praise the Name"

"He Has Made Me Glad"

PH:1

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"O How Good is Christ the Lord"

LUYH 192

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

***Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 7 - Q/A 20-22 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

CH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 7 (page 707/1182)

Sermon: **"THE ONLY VALUABLE UNDERSTANDING OF GOD"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Songs of Application:**

"My Worth is Not In What I Own"

GH:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Roseland Christian Ministries

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "There Is a Redeemer"**

PH 20:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

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TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service
 10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Choir
 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Volunteer meeting in Classroom #1
 6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service
 7:15 PM: Saved to Serve Bible Study

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Shalom - Lesson 2

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

THURS: **1:30 PM:** L.I.F.T. - Session 2 - Lunch: Holly H & Betty H

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathy

- ♦ Nathan Dorhout

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Don Postma, Ruth Koedam, 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
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 Maletoungou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompier - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

Classical Missions

- ♦ Siouxland Unity CRC

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (World Renew) *Family* - World Renew works with families in more than 1,300 communities. Most of them deal with tremendous challenges, including poverty and food insecurity. Pray that they may feel God's love for them as we and our partners walk alongside them. May the Lord equip them with what they need in order to thrive in the coming year.

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

Sunday - Janice Attema (83)

Monday - Tessa Breuer

Thursday - Brielle Jansma

Friday - Rod Banda

Saturday - the Tim Van Tilburg's

FUTURE DATES

February 24 - Council Meeting

March 2 - Communion

March 3 - Book Club Discussion Night

March 4 - Spring Classis Iakota Meeting

March 9 - Daylight Savings Time begins

March 12 - Prayer Day Service

March 17-21 - Meals on Wheels

March 24 - CEC Taco Supper

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ No School - President's Day - Monday, February 17
- ◇ No SCRIP Orders this week
- ◇ Full Day - Wednesday, February 19
- ◇ Muffins with Moms - Friday, February 21 - 7:30-8:15am in the Cafeteria
- ◇ Chapel - Grades Kindergarten & 3rd Grade - Friday, February 21 - All are welcome to join! Chapel will be held at 8:30am at RVCS in the Gym!
- ◇ ***Thank you from Rock Valley Christian!** We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated to and/or made purchases at the Winter Festival Sale! Your support is appreciated! --The Winter Festival Committee*

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ No School - President's Day - Monday, February 17
- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, February 19
- ◇ The Bargain Alley Thrift Store and Furniture Outlet would like to welcome more volunteers. Please contact Kari Hoekstra at bargainalleyhull@gmail.com if you are interested in helping at one of the Bargain Alley locations.

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 19
- ◇ No School - Friday, February 21

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstccrv.org/resources

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



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2025 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

ELDERS:

Evan Vanden Bosch, *President* '25 - (470-1022)
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)
Carl Elbers '27 - (451-8150)
Leonard Hoekstra, *Vice President* '27 - (451-9430)
Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)
Scott Koedam '25 - (470-7037)
Ron LeLux, *Vicar* '26 - (470-2426)
Nate Van Kley, *Clerk* '25 - (470-2348)

DEACONS:

Travis Jansen, *Secretary* '25 - (470-3486)
Mitchell Byl, *Special Offerings* '26 - (470-2920)
Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)
Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)
Blake Zomer, *Vicar of Deacons* '27 - (460-2552)
Myron Bleyenbergh, *President* '25 - (605-359-8574)
Ryan Zomer, *Building Treasurer* '25 - (712-441-3970)
Evan Altena, *Missions* '26 - (470-2575)

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Executive Committee	Pastor Matt, Evan VB (Chr.), Leonard H, Nate VK, Ron L, Myron B, Colton VO
Pulpit Supply	Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Evan VB
Bulletin	Pastor Matt, Kim A, Evan VB, Nate VK
Church Governance	Elders
Sacraments	Ron L, Tim VT
Missions Committee	Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy 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.), Carl E (Liaison), Ryan Z (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P
Education Committee	Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Steph E, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH
Sunday School Superintendent	Damon R
Christian Education Committee	Keith & Jacque L (Pres.), Eric & Tracy B, Steve & April DK, Brad & Nanci G, Darin & Megan K, Joe & Jill M, Andy & Sharla VR
Rock Valley Calvinist Board	Ron L, Mike P
Youth Group Sponsors	Josie F, Evan & Rhonda L, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Kevin & Cheryl DB, Colton & Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (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, Krista VE, Rachelle VB
Nursery Committee	Jackie R, Kelsey VB
Tech Committee	Brian F, Joe M, Rich R, Andy VR, Josie F
Sound System Team	James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Rich R, Evan VB
Video Recording Team	Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Matthew VO
PowerPoint System Team	Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Jaydn L, 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, Evan VB
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	Tracy B (Chr.), Kim A, Brian F, Josie F
Safe Church Committee	Scott K (Chr.), Kim A, Sue L
Scheduling Rides	Travis J
Community Impact Committee	Mitchell B
Care Districts	District Elders
School Board Representatives	Western Christian - Brenda P, Loy VH, Jr. & Rock Valley Christian - Mike B, Keith L, Andy VR, 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 mribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mribbens@gmail.com)

Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou-West Africa (email smaletoungou@crcna.org)

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompien-Nepal (mklompien@crcna.org)

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