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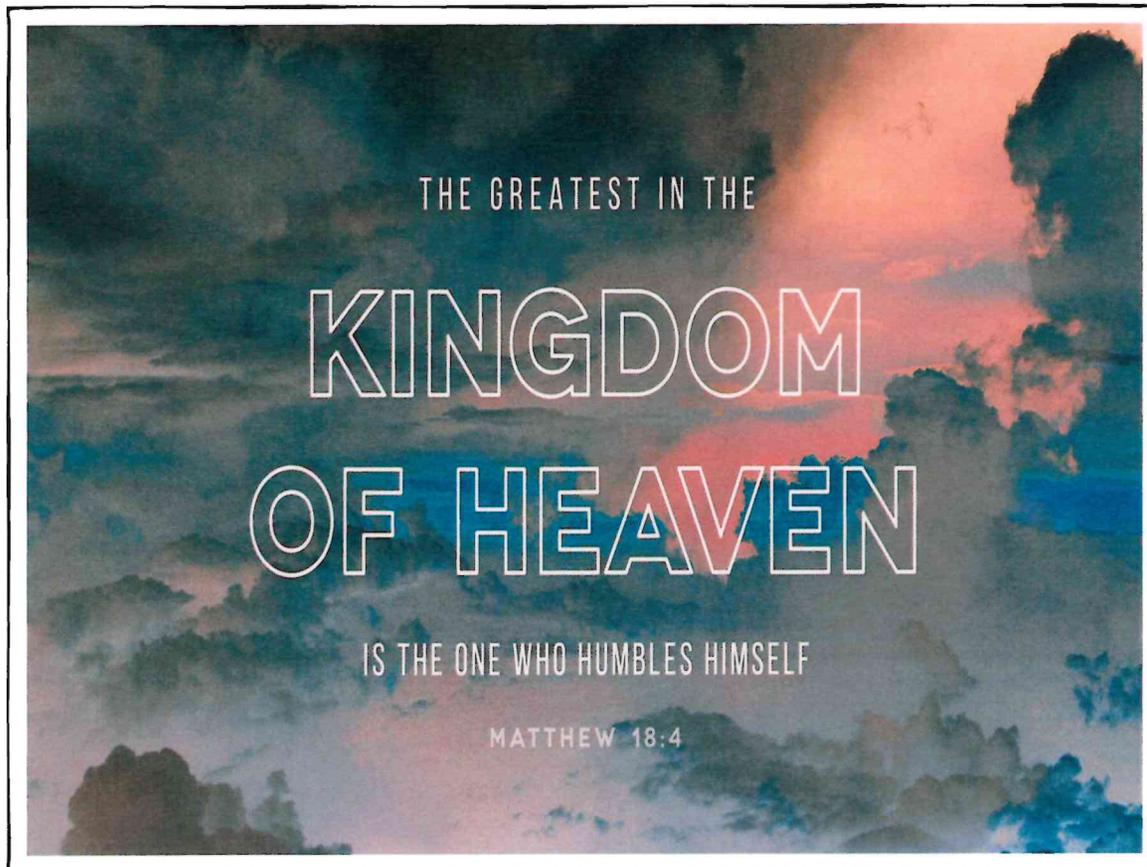
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THE LORD'S DAY
February 1, 2026
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PsH 314:1,3

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Children of the Heavenly Father"** GsH:1-4

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 18:1-9 (page 911/1526)

Sermon: **"THE GREATEST"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

BsH 58:1,3,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Tuition Assistance & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

BsH 58:5

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
February 1, 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!

WELCOME!

TODAY

- Adult Choir will not have practice this morning. Practice will resume next week Sunday.
- Children's Choir will meet today in the Fellowship Hall. *Next week Sunday, February 8, Children's Choir will NOT meet, so your child should go directly to their Sunday School classrooms that morning.*

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

- *This week Wednesday, February 4 is Laura Van Kalsbeek's 70th Birthday! Her family is throwing a birthday card shower and invite you to send Laura birthday greetings! Her current address is 1111 7th Street—Northside Court, Hull. Laura would love to hear from you!*
- *Congratulations and wedding blessings to Jarod & Madison (Stief) LeLoux who were united in marriage this past Saturday, January 31 in Cherokee. We pray for God's blessings on your marriage and your life together!*
- *I want to thank everyone for calls, visits, and expressions of sympathy in the passing away of my sister in-law, Margene Kooima. -- Bob Kooima*
- *Thank you to all who helped in making and serving at the Banquet possible. We served 256 meals at the Downtown site and were blessed in the process! Thanks to the deacons for coordinating the offering to help us cover the meal cost. We appreciate all the support!*
 - *Mission Committee & Youth Group*

PRAYER CONCERN

- Kya Kirkley underwent her arm lengthening surgery this past week. The surgery went well and she has begun the lengthy road to recovery. Continue to uplift Kya in your prayers for pain management and daily progress in healing.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for **Tuition Assistance**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings next week will be for One Body One Hope and our General Fund.
- Guatemala Mission Trip - The first of two Mission groups headed to Guatemala will be traveling during the week of ***February 8-14***. Those attending this trip include Mike & Tammy Haverhals; Leonard & Deb Hoekstra; Damon, Jackie, Owen & Parker Rus; Joel Baartman, Carter Vanden Bos, Levi Vanden Bos, Kilee Van Beek, & Tyler Van't Hul.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- IGNITE Youth Group will be hosting their annual Valentine's Supper at *Calvin CRC* on **Wednesday, February 18** at 6:30pm. ***RSVP is required by February 10!*** Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. There is a suggested donation of \$25/person.

-- First CRC Book Club will meet on **Monday, March 2**. We have selected to read and discuss the book Left to Tell by Imaculee Ilibagiza. Two copies to borrow are available on the table in the Narthex.

-- **Family Faith Visitation** - All members of Care Groups 5-8 will meet with the Elders this year. *Thank you to those that have signed-up and met so far. **Meeting times have now been scheduled for those of you who have not signed up yet, and you will be responsible to switch if it doesn't work.*** A copy of the schedule is available on the table in the Narthex and is posted each week in the bulletin.

-- **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 in attending this trip, please contact Pastor Matt.

-- **December Receipts:** General Fund - \$60,923.69; Benevolent Fund - \$6,042.70; Building Fund - \$212,007.61; CEC - \$2,263.00; Mark K Missionary - \$3,660.00; Rev. Ribbens Missionary - \$7,913.00; Rev. Sos Maletoungou Missionary - \$3,162.00; One Body One Hope - \$3,999.00; Teacher's Garden - \$3,328.00.

Remember

Tuck yourself into the arms of the Father,
and you'll never be alone. You'll be cared for richly.
Your roots will go down deep into His love and stay there.

*"The Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places,
and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden,
and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail."*

Isaiah 58:11

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PRAISE TEAM:

Lanae H, Lindsey VB,
Jack VB, Mike B

USHERS:

East: Steve DK, Rick D
West: Joe M, Gene L

NURSERY:

AM: Chloe K, Jenessa VR, Ada K
PM: Jacque L, Addison VH

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jacque L *Helper:* Addi B

SOUND: Rich R **VIDEO:** Carter VB **PPT:** Brennan VK

GREETERS:

AM: Alex & Alexis R
Skylar & Candra S
Jason & Cindy T
PM: Lindsey VB
Ver & Sandy VB
James & Rachelle VB

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

OFFERING:

AM: Tuition Assistance
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Shanna L
Maletoungou: Jacob M
KlOMPIENS: Larry M

PIANIST: *AM:* Jackie R
PM: Maddie P

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SONG LEADER:

Evan VB

USHERS:

AM: Cody D, Mike B
PM: Cole VDB, Titus H

NURSERY:

AM: Rhonda L, Kennedy VH, Faith K
PM: Jill M, Titus H

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jacque L *Helper:* Addi B

SOUND: James VB **VIDEO:** Aiden VR **PPT:** Benjamin H

GREETERS:

AM: Evan & Wanda VB
Dereck & LaRae VDB
Lyle & Joyce VE
PM: Matt & Krista VE
Albert & Grace VG
Fred & Karla VK

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

OFFERING:

AM: One Body One Hope
PM: General Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Faye M
Maletoungou: Joe M
KlOMPIENS: Brian M

ORGANIST: Ranae K



Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org



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



- Meeting - Wednesday, February 11 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 - 7:00pm at First CRC



- Meeting - Wednesday, February 11 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, February 25 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

FAMILY FAITH VISITATION SCHEDULE

***If your scheduled time does not work, you are responsible for switching with someone else and notifying an Elder. Thank you!**

February 2 (Mon) Church

6:15 PM - Alyssa Van't Hul
6:45 PM - Chloe Koedam
7:15 PM - Randy & Pat Byl
7:45 PM -

February 3 (Tues) Church

6:15 PM - Carter Vanden Bos
6:45 PM -
7:15 PM - Tristan Mulder
7:45 PM -

February 9 (Mon) Church

6:15 PM - Delanie Van Bommel
6:45 PM - Alex & Alexis Rust
7:15 PM - Brody Van't Hul
7:45 PM - Noah Jansma

February 10 (Tues) Church

6:15 PM - Eric & Erica Van Surksun
6:45 PM - Michael & Jamie Ellenberger
7:15 PM - Kayla Van Engen
7:45 PM - Matt & Krista Van Engen

February 2 (Mon) Church

6:15 PM - Loy & Janice Van't Hul
6:45 PM - Skyler & Candra Smith
7:15 PM - Matthew & Autumn Laman
7:45 PM - Taylor Altena

February 3 (Tues) Church

6:15 PM - Blake & Genae Zomer
6:45 PM -
7:15 PM - Loy & Taryn Van't Hul
7:45 PM -

February 9 (Mon) Church

6:15 PM - Bradyn & Braelee Davelaar
6:45 PM - Jesse & Amber Eppinga
7:15 PM - Carson Elbers
7:45 PM - Pastor Matt & Holly Haan

February 10 (Tues) Church

6:15 PM - Steve & April De Kam
6:45 PM - Jaslyn Van Otterloo
7:15 PM - Dylan & Jady Petitt
7:45 PM - Rashana Mulder

February 1, 2026

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

MON: 6:15-8:15 PM: Family Faith Visitation

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Exodus 2 #5
6:15-8:15 PM: Family Faith Visitation

WED: **7:00 PM:** Youth Group
 HC Refresh - Lord's Day 13-24
 LIGHT Bible Study

THURS: **1:30 PM:** LIFT Bible Study - Lesson 9 - Lunch: Gayle W & Lynette A

PRAYER REMINDERS

Wedding Blessings

- ♦ Jarod & Madison LeLoux (CG#2)

Sympathy

- ♦ Carol Van't Hul (CG#5), Mary Van't Hul (CG#6), & all extended family members, loved ones, and friends of Harriet Vande Kamp

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Kya Kirkley & family (CG#2), Don Postma (CG#3), Mer Van Otterloo (CG#8), Gerrit Kats (CG#4), Nate Van Kley (CG#1)

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

- Teresa Oostra (CG#6)
- Don & 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)

Hull - Pleasant Acres

- Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)

Whispering Heights

- Claretta Lobbes (CG#5)
- Grace Teunissen (CG#8)
- Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)
- Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

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

- ♦ Cornerstone Prison Ministry

Classis Iakota - www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Church Renewal) *Renewed engagement* - Pray that the CRC's established congregations may experience a renewed engagement in mission to reach their local communities. The Spirit is often at work "doing a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19). Pray that church communities will discern the Spirit's work and have the courage to follow where the Lord leads.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - *the Larry Maassen's*

Wednesday - Laura Van Kalsbeek

Friday - Hayden Van Otterloo, Skylar Zomer

Saturday - *the Taylor Kat's*

FUTURE DATES

A helpful glance in advance of special events encompassing First CRC!

February - Family Faith Visitation Meetings

February 8-14 - Guatemala Mission Trip

February 18 - Valentine Supper hosted by our IGNITE Youth Group at **Calvin CRC**

February 22 - Communion

February 23 - Council Meeting

March 4 - CEC Taco Supper

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:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders due - 9:00am - Monday, February 2
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 4
- ◇ ARROWS Prayer Warriors - Friday, February 6 - 8:30am - Join us in lifting up our students, faculty, and families in prayer! This month we are praying specifically for Bus/Van Drivers, Cooks, Library, Band, and Orchestra.
- ◇ Winter Festival is Friday, February 13th. Mark your calendars!

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, February 4
- ◇ **Family Fun Night at Western Christian:** Families of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and community at Western Christian! This event is especially designed with families who have young children—whether you are currently connected to Western Christian or may be in the future. The Big Gym will be filled with inflatables suitable for children of all ages, and the Concession Stand will be open throughout the evening. Children will be supervised by Western Christian students, allowing parents to relax and enjoy the event. At 7:00 PM, parents are invited to the Event Center for a brief and informative presentation on the Cornerstone Campaign, led by Dr. Brian Ver Wolf and Mr. Brad Vis. No RSVP is required—simply come and enjoy a great night together. We look forward to welcoming your family and sharing more about the Western Christian community.

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 4

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Shine On Us"

BH:1-2

"Jesus Saves"

CH:1,3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

PsH 446:1-3

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

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

PH 86:4

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 47 Q/A 122 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Here I Am, Lord"

CH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 23 (page 917/1536)

Sermon: **"THE SEVEN WOES OF RELIGION"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Jesus Paid It All"

CH:1,3,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Shine On Us"**

BH:3

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Maddie Pollema

*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 Bemmel '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 Blied, *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, Mike & Tammy H, 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

MISSIONARY LOCATIONS: Johannesburg, South Africa; West Africa; Nepal

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