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AND JESUS ANSWERED HIM,  
" IT IS WRITTEN,

you shall worship  
the LORD your GOD,  
and HIM only  
shall you serve.

LUKE 4:8

SWEET TO THE SOUL

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**February 4, 2024**  
**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:**

**"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"**

GsH:1,3

**Responsive Reading of God's Holy Word**

**Song of Salvation:**

**"Day by Day"**

PH 37:1,3

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Lord I Need You"**

Vs:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 59:1,15-16 (page 690/1154); Acts 3:19-20 (page 1011/1695)

Sermon: **"GOD SWEARS ON HIS ARM"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

PH 62:1,3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Tuition Assistance & CEC

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song:**

**"Oh How Good It Is"**

GH:3

\*Piano Postlude

**Pianist:** Krista Van Engen

\*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA  
February 4, 2024**

**WELCOME!**

*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.*

**TODAY**

-- Today we welcome Rev. Jason Wiersma as he leads us in our morning worship service, and Rev. Tim Ouwinga as he leads us in our evening worship service, due to Pastor Haan's Classical Appointment. *Thank you Rev. Wiersma & Rev. Ouwinga for being with us today!*

-- Adult Choir **WILL** meet this morning. Please join us! February 11 & 18 we **WILL NOT** meet.

-- The Christian Education Chapter is selling **JOLLY TIME Coated Kernels popcorn** in a variety of different flavors! Extra forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Last chance to place orders as they are due by **TODAY**. *Thank you!*

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

-- *Thanks for all the prayers & words of encouragement! We praise God for His providential care through surgery & recovery! Also, thanks for keeping our brother Ed in your prayers! He is home & recovering well!* -- Alvin & Sue LeLoux

-- *We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thank you for your tremendous financial support for Guatemala! Once again God has multiplied your gifts and covered all of the expenses! Also, a big thank-you to those who donated supplies for the homes. We want to thank the congregation for all of the prayers that have and will be offered on our behalf.*

-- *With grateful hearts from the teams serving in Guatemala*

-- *Thank you for all of the baby item donations given during the month of January for the Alpha Center. May they bless those who receive them!* --Community Impact Committee

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

-- We express our Christian sympathies to Harm & Bonnie Wiersma, Verlyn & Sandy Van Bommel, and Jeff & Stephanie Elgersma & family, as their beloved mother and grandmother, Mary Ann Van Bommel, was called to her heavenly home on Tuesday, January 30, at the age of 88. Her funeral was held Saturday, February 3. May God provide His comforting peace to the all of the loved ones of Mary Ann.

-- Please be in prayer for all those traveling and serving in Guatemala this week: Eric & Tracy Breuer, Mike & Tammy Haverhals, Leonard & Deb Hoekstra, Jarod LeLoux, Damon Rus, Owen Rus, Kristi Tiedeman, Dustin Van Beek, Kilee Van Beek, Carter Vanden Bos, and Tyler Van't Hul. Pray for traveling mercies, guidance, protection, and for God's blessings to be seen and known for all as they serve.

## **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 for next week will be for Missionaries: Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou and our Classical Quotas.

-- **Marriage Strong** - "***Making A Good Marriage Great***" - The new season of Marriage Strong begins this week Thursday, February 8. Please contact Pastor Matt to pick-up your book if you would like to join the class.

-- Next week Sunday, February 11, Lord-willing, we will have the privilege of installing Randy Vande Kamp to his elected office as Elder. It is the prayer of our Congregation that the Lord may equip Randy to fulfill the responsibilities he has been given with this election.

-- Next week Sunday, February 11, Lord-willing, we will celebrate and witness the Public Profession of Faith of Kaysha Altena. May God bless Kaysha as she strengthens her faith and her personal walk with Christ.

-- **Youth Group** will be holding their annual catered supper on *February 21*, with a "Family Feud Game Night"! Please RSVP by February 11 if you plan to attend. RSVP slips can be turned in to the basket on the table in the Narthex.

-- **Meals on Wheels** - It is our turn to deliver meals to the elderly in our community the week of February 19-23. Please sign-up on the sheet provided on the table in the Narthex if you are able to deliver meals.

-- Youth Administrator applications continue to be accepted and can be turned in to Elder Evan Vanden Bosch or to Elder Nate Van Kley.

## **FAMILY FAITH VISITATION**

--**Family Faith Visitation** - *All members of Care Groups 5-8 will meet with the Elders this year.* The sign-up schedule is available on the table in the Narthex. *If you cannot make your scheduled time, you are responsible to switch for another time.* If you are a member of Care Groups 1-4 you met last year, but you may meet again this year if you would like to, please sign-up on the schedule. Extra outlines are available on the table.

### **SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:**

#### **Monday, February 5 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Ruth Koedam  
**6:45 PM** - Roger & Hilaine Kempema  
**7:15 PM** - Zach & Jamie De Jager  
**7:45 PM** -

#### **Monday, February 5 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Rev. Matt & Holly Haan  
**6:45 PM** - Cody & Em Davelaar  
**7:15 PM** - Alvin & Sue LeLoux  
**7:45 PM** -

#### **Tuesday, February 6 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Marva Haak  
**6:45 PM** - Dan & Shannon Bloemendaal  
**7:15 PM** - Carol Van't Hul  
**7:45 PM** - Steve & April De Kam

#### **Tuesday, February 6 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Mer & Cindy Van Otterloo  
**6:45 PM** - Josh & Katie Byl  
**7:15 PM** - Jim Driesen  
**7:45 PM** -

### **February 4, 2024**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

Rachelle VB, Ashley VO  
Jack VB, Mike B

**USHERS:**

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

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Kelsey VB, Sharla VR  
Alison L, Noah DK  
*PM:* Taryn VH, Mason J

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Jonathon & Tamae K  
Taylor & Jessica K  
Brett & Malorie K  
*PM:* Ruth Koedam  
Alex & Michelle K  
Darin & Megan K

*NARTHEX:* Harlan & Priscilla

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Tuition Assistance  
*PM:* CEC

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Steve DK  
*Maletoungou:* Clarence DR  
*Klomprens:* Doug DR

### **February 11, 2024**

**SONG LEADER:**

Mer VO

**USHERS:**

*East:* Jeff E, Rick D  
*West:* Ron L, Gene L

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Laurie VK, Jamie Z,  
Jaydn L, Jaelyn K  
*PM:* Tammy B, Rashana M

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Mike & Ranae K  
Matthew & Autumn L  
Alvin & Sue L  
*PM:* Evan & Rhonda L  
Gene & Carla L  
Keith & Jacque L

*NARTHEX:* Ron & Darletta

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Missionaries:  
Rev. Sos & Kara Maletoungou  
*PM:* Classical Quotas

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* John DR  
*Maletoungou:* Justin DW  
*Klomprens:* Tyler DB

## **SERMON NOTES:**

## **February 4, 2024**

**TODAY:**   **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Pulpit Supply - Rev. Jason Wiersma  
**10:45 AM:** Sunday School/Catechism/Choir  
**6:00 PM:** Evening Worship Service - Pulpit Supply - Rev. Tim Ouwinga

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**MON:**       **3:45 PM:** GEMS - 3rd-6th - RFK Speaker

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**TUES:**       **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - 1 & 2 Timothy - Lesson 8

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**WED:**       **7:00 PM:** L.I.G.H.T.  
Men's Society - Lesson 2  
Mission Guild - Lesson 7  
Youth Group

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**THURS:**     **1:30 PM:** L.I.F.T. - Read Chapter 11 - Lesson 10 Q/A

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## **PRAYER REMINDERS**

### **Sympathy**

- ♦ Harm & Bonnie Wiersma, Verlyn & Sandy Van Bommel, Jeff & Stephanie Elgersma family

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

- ♦ Alvin LeLoux, Gerrit Kats, Marv Van Den Top

### **Our Care Center Residents**

#### Whispering Heights

Esther De Roon

Violet Haak

Jennie Maassen

Grace Teunissen

Joan Van Maanen

Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo

Alvina Van't Hul

#### Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra

#### River View Ridge

Nathan Dorhout

LeRoy & Jane Koedam

Henrietta Vanden Bosch

#### Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk

#### Crown Pointe - SC

Harriet Vande Kamp

### **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**

- ♦ New Roots Ministry

### **Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (Thrive) *Chaplains* - Several of our chaplains serve as a certified supervisor-educators in clinical pastoral education/spiritual care and psycho-spiritual therapy. Please pray for wisdom and energy as they provide spiritual care, teach, and supervise the training of many other chaplains and therapists to prepare them to serve in a variety of institutions.

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

Sunday - Owen Laman, Laura Van Kalsbeek

Tuesday - Ashley Van Otterloo, Starla Van Otterloo

Wednesday - Mitchell Byl, Kevin Jansma, Colton Van Surksun, Blake Zomer

Thursday - Kendra Jansen, Deacon Pollema, Mark Van't Hul

Friday - Bristyl Bleyenberg

Saturday - Jeff Kats, Aysha Pollema

### **FUTURE DATES**

**February 18** - Communion/First Sunday of Lent

**February 19-23** - Meals on Wheels

**February 21** - Youth Group Supper

**February 26** - Council Meeting

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

◇ SCIP Orders due Monday, February 5 - 9:00am

◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 7

◇ Winter Festival is scheduled for Friday, February 16

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

◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, February 7

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

◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, February 7

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Please check our Church website for community events & announcements.

[www.firstcrrv.org/resources](http://www.firstcrrv.org/resources)

#### **Think About It**

In a nutshell, God is HUGE. Just think! He holds the universe in the palm of His hand!

Can you imagine the volume of love that is contained in such a vast being?

*"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness*

*toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west,*

*so far has He removed our transgressions from us."*

*Psalms 103:11-12*

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



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

Piano Prelude

### **Hymn Sing**

**"Come, Thou Almighty King"**

PH 317; 1,3,4

**"God Himself Is with Us"**

PsH 324:1,3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise: "Glorify Thy Name"**

Vs:1-3

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

**\*Song of Response: "The Lord is My Salvation"**

GH

**Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 10, Q/A 27 & 28** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Songs of Preparation: "This is My Father's World"** BsH 374:1,3

Reading of Contemporary Testimony Articles 1 & 13 (Gray PsH pg. 1019)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 13 (page 505/852); Matthew 6:25-34 (page 898/1505)

Sermon: **"TRUSTING GOD'S UNFAILING FAITHFULNESS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** PsH 408:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

\*Benediction

### **\*Closing Song:**

**"Rise Up, O Church of God"**

CH:4

\*Piano Postlude

**Pianist:** Alyssa Bos

\*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA**  
**2024 COUNCIL**

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

**ELDERS:**

Evan Vanden Bosch, President '25 - (470-1022)  
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)  
Randy Byl, Vice-President '24 - (470-2259)  
James Vanden Bos '24 - (470-3682)  
Vern De Boer '24 - (470-2830)  
Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)  
Scott Koedam '25 - (470-7037)  
Ron LeLoux, Vicar '26 - (470-2426)  
Nate Van Kley, Clerk '25 - (470-2348)

----- Care Group 1 -----  
----- Care Group 2 -----  
----- Care Group 3 -----  
----- Care Group 4 -----  
----- Care Group 5 -----  
----- Care Group 6 -----  
----- Care Group 7 -----  
----- Care Group 8 -----

**DEACONS:**

Travis Jansen, Secretary '25 - (470-3486)  
Mitchell Byl, Vicar of Deacons '26 - (470-2920)  
Jarod LeLoux, Special Offerings '24 - (460-2515)  
Mike Pollema, President '24 - (470-5223)  
Justin Faber, General Fund Treas. '24 - (460-3053)  
Myron Bleyenbergh, Benev. Treas. '25 - (605-359-8574)  
Ryan Zomer, Building Treas. '25 - (712-441-3970)  
Evan Altena, Missions '26 - (470-2575)

**Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.**

**2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Executive Committee ..... Pastor Matt, Evan Vanden Bosch (Chr.), Randy Byl, Nate Van Kley, Ron LeLoux, Mike Pollema, Justin Faber  
Pulpit Supply ..... Pastor Matt, Randy Byl (Chr.), Evan Vanden Bosch  
Bulletin ..... Pastor Matt, Kim Altena, Evan Vanden Bosch, Nate Van Kley  
Church Governance ..... Elders  
Sacraments ..... Ron LeLoux, Nate Van Kley  
Missions Committee ..... Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Randy (Liaison) & Pat B, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT  
Family Faith Visitation Committee ..... Vern De Boer, Darwin Hoogendoorn  
Worship Committee ..... Pastor Matt, James VB (Chr.), Deanna F, Krista VE, Rachelle VB, Evan VB, Andy VR  
Music Coordinator ..... Rachelle Vanden Bos  
Building and Grounds Committee ..... James Vanden Bos (Chr.), Ryan Zomer (Treas.), Steve De Kam, Jeff Van Bommel, Harm Wiersma  
Education Committee ..... Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Steph E, Kyle H, Scott K, Sharla VR, Alyssa VH  
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Damon Rus  
Christian Education Committee ..... Andy & Sharla VR (Pres.), Eric & Tracy B (Vice Pres.), Darin & Megan K (Treas.),  
Steve & April DK, Keith & Jacque L, Dereck & LaRae VDB  
Rock Valley Calvinist Board ..... Ron LeLoux, Mike Pollema  
Youth Group Sponsors ..... Evan & Rhonda L, Jeff & Kacie VB, Mark & Deb VH, Mer & Cindy VO, Nate VK (Liaison)  
Welcome Committee ..... John & Carol De Roon, Harlan & Priscilla Driesen, Larry & Yvonne Haak, Roger & Hilaine Kempema,  
Ron & Darletta LeLoux, Vern & Ellen VB  
Memorial ..... Deacons  
Head Usher ..... Ron LeLoux  
Funeral Ushers ..... Roger Kempema (Chr.), Harlan Driesen, Bob Gilman, Dick Jansma  
Organists/Pianists ..... Alyssa Bos, Ranae Kooistra, Carisa Maassen, Krista Van Engen  
Nursery Committee ..... Jackie Rus, Kelsey Ver Burg  
Sound System Committee ..... James VB (Chr.), Mike H, Leonard H, Carla J, Rich R, Evan VB  
Video Recording Committee ..... Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Matthew VO  
PowerPoint System Committee ..... Carla J (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Sue L, Jenna VO, Kayla VO, Aiden VR  
Custodians ..... Rich & Lynnette Rozeboom (476-5724)  
Church Secretary ..... Kim Altena (Office-476-5902; Cell-712-470-6103) \*Present bulletin announcements by **4:00 PM Wednesday**\*  
Prayer Chain ..... Pastor Matt, Evan Vanden Bosch  
Fellowship Committee ..... Bonnie D (Chr.), Tracy B, Katie B, Alli DB, Patty H, Kendra J, Kristin J, Sara J, Rhonda L, Jill M, Brenda P  
Flowers ..... Marva Haak, Karla Van Kley, Carol Van't Hul  
Newsletter ..... Carla Jansma (editor), Kim Altena  
Library Committee ..... Joyce VE (Chr.), Diana DG, Carol DR, Hilaine K, Lois P, Judy VO  
Website Committee ..... Tracy Breuer (Chr.), Kim Altena, Brian Faber, Kyle Hoogendoorn  
Safe Church Committee ..... Scott Koedam (Chr.), Kyle Hoogendoorn, Sue LeLoux  
Scheduling Rides ..... Travis Jansen  
Community Impact Committee ..... Mitchell Byl  
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 [mrribbens@crcna.org](mailto:mrribbens@crcna.org) or Megan at [mrribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mrribbens@gmail.com))

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*Mark & Jinhee Klompien*-Nepal ([mklompien@crcna.org](mailto:mklompien@crcna.org))