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THE LORD'S DAY
January 11, 2026 - Youth Sunday
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude - *Jenessa Van Roekel*

Call to Worship - Psalm 27 - *Alison LeLoux*

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"May the Peoples Praise You" GH:1,2,3,5

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"In Christ Alone" GH:1-2

Ordination/Installation of Elder *Jeff Van Bemmel* (back of Psalter Hymnal - pg. 175)

Congregational Prayer - *Benjamin Haan*

***Song of Preparation: "I Surrender All"** PH 53:1,2,4

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination - *Mason Van't Hul*

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-13 (page 910/1524) - *Brock Mulder*

Sermon: **"JUST LISTEN"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word - *Jaydn LeLoux*

***Song of Response:**

"My Worth is Not in What I Own" GH:1-2

Offertory Prayer - *Kaysha Altena*/Offering: The Banquet & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"May the Peoples Praise You" GH:4

Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

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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

-- Today we celebrate all of our covenant youth and the blessing they are to our Church congregational family, as we have promised to help train, guide, and encourage their lives of faith in Christ.

"You are the light of the world - like a city on the hilltop that cannot be hidden... Let your light shine."

Matthew 5:14-16

-- This morning we have the privilege of installing Jeff Van Bemmel to his newly elected office of Elder.
-- Children in Worship, Sunday School, & Catechism resume today.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

-- As part of our celebration of Youth Sunday, we thank our IGNITE Youth Group members for greeting, ushering, and participating in our morning worship service. Thank you to the leaders for your time and commitment poured into the lives of those involved in IGNITE! Please remember these covenant youth and all of their dedicated leaders in your prayers.

-- The Mission Committee is deeply humbled by the gifting for the Guatemala Christmas Project, which totaled just over \$40,000! This amount has allowed the building and wheelchair projects of both groups traveling to Guatemala this year to be fully covered, and we would like to thank the congregation for their generous gifts! "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever!" Amen Romans 11:36

PRAYER CONCERN

-- The Kirkley family will be driving to Florida January 21 for Kya's arm lengthening surgery scheduled on January 27. Following that, Kya and Malorie will be staying in FL for 3-4 months for Kya to do therapy 2-5 days per week depending on her needs. Malorie's mom, Cindy Rhoderick from MD, will be staying with Brett, Ada, & Faith to help during that time. Pray for Kya's anticipated surgery and the family as a whole with all the transitions and separation they will endure the next few months.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **The Banquet**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings next week will be for The Alpha Center and our General Fund.

Building Project: *Fundraising for our Narthex Expansion Project is ongoing and donations are being accepted anytime. Please write checks payable to First CRC and indicate "Building Project" in your check memo so it is applied accordingly. If you have any questions, contact Evan Altena.*

-- **Reminder:** *If you are bringing a drink into the Sanctuary, please be sure you are using a lid to prevent spills resulting in stains to the pews and carpet.*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- **Community Impact** - As we continue to recognize *Sanctity of Human Life* throughout the month of January, a baby cradle is located in the Narthex for donations of baby clothes and supplies. Donations will be delivered to Guiding Star of Siouxland in Orange City and The Alpha Center in Sioux Falls by our Community Impact Committee.

-- **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 so far.* The sign-up schedule is available on the table in the Narthex. If you are a member of Care Groups 1-4 you met last year, but if you would still like to meet again this year, please sign-up on the schedule. Extra outlines are available for you on the table. **Current week's schedule is available on the Sermon Notes page of this bulletin insert.*

-- 1st CRC Book Club - The 2026 Book Club will kick off tomorrow, **Monday, January 12** at 6:30pm. Instead of pre-selecting a book to discuss, you are invited to bring a copy of your favorite book to share with the group. (A physical copy is not required if you are not able to get it.) All ages are welcome!

-- **Tuesday, January 13** the Deacons will be available in the Council Room from 7:00-8:30pm to receive additional in person donations for our Narthex Expansion project.

-- **Sunday, January 18**, Lord-willing, we will have the joy & privilege to witness & celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Riggs Alan Koedam, infant son of Trevor & Lexi Koedam.

-- **Sunday, January 18** is Sanctity of Life Sunday.

-- Newsletter articles are due next week.

-- **Sunday, January 25** is CADET Sunday. Reminder: Wear uniforms.

-- **The Banquet** - Our IGNITE Youth Group and our Mission Committee are teaming up together to serve at *The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, January 28. We are looking for your help as well! We would like volunteers to help prepare and serve at the downtown site.* Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the Narthex indicating shifts and times. This was a great time spent together last year and we look forward to doing this again! Our prayer is that we bless and share the love of Christ with all those who come to receive a meal at The Banquet!

-- The Cadet Pinewood Derby is scheduled for **Friday, January 30**.

-- Pastor Matt will be starting a Profession of Faith Class at the **beginning of February**. If you are interested, please contact him directly.

-- **Reading the Bible in a Year** - Two types of reading plans are available on the table in the Narthex to assist you in daily Bible reading. Select one to start in January and guide you throughout the year 2026!

-- **Society Treasurers** - *CEC and Youth Group* - please turn in your 2025 financial reports to the church office as soon as possible.

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

January 11, 2026 - Youth Sunday

PRAISE TEAM/SONG LEADER:

AM: Aftyn B, Benjamin H,
Jaydn L, Harper VB
Addison VH, Kennedy VH

PM: James VB

USHERS:

AM: Isaac P, Owen R, Titus H,
Carson G, Brennan VK
PM: *East*: Josh B, Mike VZ
West: Dan B, Darin P

NURSERY: AM: Cherie G, Noah DK, Harper B PM: Jamie Z, Titus H

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Leader: Jamie DJ Helper: Teeghan B

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

GREETERS:

AM: Youth Group
PM: Shanna L
Starla VO
Jacob & Amanda M

NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

OFFERING:

AM: The Banquet
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Alex K
Maletoungou: Darin K
Klopmiens: Bob K

ORGANIST: Ranae K

January 18, 2026 - Baptism Sunday & Sanctity of Life Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

Tricia M, Julie VO
Andy VR, Ryan Z

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE
West: Charlie P, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Kendra J, Jaelyn K, Andrew H *NARTHEX*: Harlan & Priscilla
PM: Kristin J, Alison L

GREETERS:

AM: Larry & Pam M
Joe & Jill M
Brian & Tricia M
PM: Darin & Lisa P
Mike & Niki P
Kyler & Maddie P

OFFERING:

AM: The Alpha Center
PM: General Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Mike K
Maletoungou: Matthew L
Klopmiens: Alvin L

PIANIST: Carisa M

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Leader: Taryn VH Helper: Jaelyn K

SOUND: Mike H **VIDEO:** Alex K **PPT:** Tammy B



Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org



-- Serve at The Banquet - Wednesday, January 28

-- Meeting - Wednesday, February 4



-- Meeting - Wednesday, January 14 - 7:00pm at First CRC

-- Cadet Sunday - Sunday, January 25 - Wear uniforms & arrive by 9:10am

-- Pinewood Derby - Friday, January 30



-- Meeting - Wednesday, January 14 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

-- Meeting - Wednesday, January 28 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

FAMILY FAITH VISITATION SCHEDULE

***Please check the schedule on the table in the Narthex and fill in the open timeslots first. More dates in January/February are available as well.**

Monday, January 12 - At Church

6:15 PM - Duane & Gayle Walhof
6:45 PM - Gene, Carla, & Shanna LeLoux
7:15 PM - Cody & Em Davelaar
7:45 PM - Josh & Katie Byl

Monday, January 12 - At Church

6:15 PM - Mitchell & Kelsi Byl
6:45 PM - Galen & Elsie Grevengoed
7:15 PM - Zach & Jamie De Jager
7:45 PM - _____

Tuesday, January 13 - At Church

6:15 PM -
6:45 PM - Dick & Carla Jansma
7:15 PM -
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6:15 PM - _____
6:45 PM - _____
7:15 PM - _____
7:45 PM - _____

January 11, 2026 - Youth Sunday

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - *Youth participation*
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

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

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

WED: **7:00 PM:** CADETS
GEMS
HC Refresh Bible Study
Men's Society - Chapter 4
Together in Faith - Exodus #7

PRAYER REMINDERS

Youth Sunday

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ The Kirkley Family (CG#2), Mer Van Otterloo (CG#8), Gert Van Regenmorter (CG#1),
Kyle Hoogendoorn (CG#8), Paula Kats (CG#1), Gerrit Kats (CG#4), Nate Van Kley (CG#1)
- ♦ Family/Friends of Our Church: Gerald Van Den Top, Jason Davelaar, Rev. Dan De Groot

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

- Terese Oostra (CG#6)
- Don & Lois Postma (CG#3)

Whispering Heights

- Clarettia 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

- ♦ Siouxland Unity CRC

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

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (CRC Communications) *New Year* - As we step into a new year, we enter a new season of ministry. Pray for God's continuing guidance, for His renewing Spirit to infuse the church, and for His love to fill and motivate His people as we seek and follow Him.



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - Abbie Kooiker, Malorie Kirkley, John Lobbes (99), Hudsyn Pollema

Tuesday - Kylah Koedam

Thursday - Anna Van Surksum, *the Eric Breuer's*

Friday - Kelly Haak

FUTURE DATES

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

January/February - Family Faith Visitation Meetings

January 18 - Baptism Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 25 - CADET Sunday

January 26 - Council Meeting

January 28 - The Banquet Service Date

January 30 - CADET Pinewood Derby

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◊ SCRIP Orders due - 9:00am - Monday, January 12
- ◊ Coffee Cuttin' Club - Monday, January 12 - 9:30-10:30am
- ◊ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, January 14
- ◊ Board Meeting - Wednesday, January 14 - 7:00pm
- ◊ Chapel led by 2nd & 6th Grade - Friday, January 16 - 8:30am in the Gym
- ◊ **Attention Grain Farmers!** Please remember the annual Winter Festival Grain Project. The Winter Festival is slated for Friday, February 13th. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*
-- RVCS Board Winter Festival Committee: Jack Ver Burg, Brad Vanden Bosch, Jake Faber

Western Christian High School:

- ◊ 9:25am start - Wednesday, January 14
- ◊ We are excited to invite you to two upcoming opportunities to learn more about the Cornerstone Campaign and the exciting plans for the future of WCHS. Dr. Brian Verwolf and Mr. Brad Vis will be presenting the project, followed by a Q & A session. These sessions are a great opportunity to hear more about the vision behind the Cornerstone Campaign, ask questions, and learn how this project will impact our school community. We hope you can join us!
 - ⇒ *Monday, January 19 - Noon & Wednesday, January 21 - 7:00 PM*
 - ⇒ Both sessions will be held in the Western Christian Event Center.
- ◊ The Bargain Alley Furniture Outlet is in urgent need of volunteers to collect and deliver furniture and mattresses. You do not need to come to the store, just be available to help in your town as needed. Please call 712-439-6802 or 712-441-1270 if you are interested or have any questions. *Thank you!*

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◊ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, January 14

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrcrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise:**

"O Worship the King, All-glorious Above" PsH 315:1,2,4

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

***Song of Response: "We Will Glorify"** PH 86:4

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 44 Q/A 113-115 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Humble Praises, Holy Jesus" BsH 435:1

"Show Us Christ" LUYH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22 (page 916/1535)

Sermon: **"PAYING INSTEAD OF COVETING"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Let It Be Said of Us" WH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Humble Praises, Holy Jesus" BsH 435:2

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

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2026 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

ELDERS:

Merlin Van Otterloo, <i>Vice President</i> '28 - (470-4622) Care Group 1 Tyler Den Boer, <i>Special Offerings</i> '28 - (470-6354)
Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)	..... Care Group 2	..... Mitchell Byl, <i>President</i> '26 - (470-2920)
Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)	..... Care Group 3	..... Carter Vanden Bos, <i>Benevolence</i> '27 - (422-2107)
Elmer Boon '28 - (470-1634)	..... Care Group 4	..... Colton Van Otterloo, <i>GF Treasurer</i> '27 - (451-9007)
Leonard Hoekstra, <i>President</i> '27 - (451-9430)	..... Care Group 5	..... Blake Zomer, <i>Secretary</i> '27 - (460-2552)
Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)	..... Care Group 6	..... Taylor Kats, <i>Vicar</i> '28 - (470-4258)
Jeff Van Bemmel '28 - (470-1545)	..... Care Group 7	..... Austin Biek, <i>Missions</i> '28 - (540-2768)
Ron LeLoux, <i>Vicar</i> '26 - (470-2426)	..... Care Group 8	..... Evan Altena, <i>Building Treasurer</i> '26 - (470-2575)
Carl Elbers, <i>Clerk</i> '27 - (451-8150)		

DEACONS:

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

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