

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**January 21, 2024**  
**Youth Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Piano Prelude - *Jenessa VR*

Call to Worship - Psalm 139 - *Ryder VB*

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"**

LUYH:1-3

Reading of God's Holy Word

**Song of Salvation:**

**"Oh How Good It Is"**

GH:1-2

Ministry of Music - "It Is Well" - *Breya VK*

Congregational Prayer - *Jenna VO, Kayla VO, Sam VO*

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Jesus, Your Name"**

GH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination - *Ethan VH*

Scripture: Hebrews 6:13-16 (page 1113/1868) - *Rashana M*

Isaiah 45:22-25 (page 677/1133) - *Taylor A*

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

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word - *Lydia G*

**\*Song of Response: "Jesus, Strong and Kind"**

Vs:1-4

Offertory Prayer - *Amera F*

Offering: Youth Group & Alpha Center

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Oh How Good It Is"**

GH:3

\*Piano Postlude

**Pianist:** Carisa Maassen

\*Please stand if you are able

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Youth Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday**

***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 celebrate Youth Sunday. As part of our celebration, our Youth Group members will be greeting, ushering, and participating in our morning worship service. Please remember these covenant youth and their leaders in your prayers.

*"You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden....Let your light shine."*  
*Matthew 5:14-16*

-- Today we also celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday. This day we memorialize each year as we pray for an end to abortion worldwide. On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we celebrate the sacred gift of life.

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."*  
*Jeremiah 1:5*

-- Adult Choir will resume today in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome!

-- Newsletter articles are due today.

-- This evening we welcome Rev. Duane Tinklenberg as he leads us in our worship service.  
*Thank you for being with us Rev. Tinklenberg!*

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

-- *We thank each of our Youth Group members for sharing your gifts of word, prayer, and music in our Youth Sunday Service this morning. Your participation is a blessing to our service! Thank you to the leaders for all of your time spent with our students all throughout the year!*

-- *A special thank you to our Tech Committee for airing a pre-recorded worship service via cable last week Sunday morning while we were unable to gather together! We appreciate your efforts for providing a service for us to view and reflect on during the winter weather! Reminder: Our services can also always be viewed through our website or Roku if you have those streaming options.*

**PRAYER CONCERN**

-- Grace Teunissen has been moved to Whispering Heights - Meadow Lane #52. Please be in prayer for Grace as she transitions and adjusts to a new place to call home.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for the our **Youth Group**, and the *second* offering will be for the **Alpha Center**. Our *evening* offering will be for **Classical Quotas**. The offerings next week will be for CADETS and the Guatemala Mission Trips during the morning service and our Building Fund during the evening service.

-- The entire month of January recognizes Sanctity of Human Life. A baby cradle is located in the Narthex for donations of baby clothes and supplies. Donations will be delivered to the Alpha Center by our Community Impact Committee early February.

-- **Family Faith Visitation** - *All members of Care Groups 5-8 will meet with the Elders this year.* Please schedule your Family Faith Visitation meeting promptly. *Meetings will begin tomorrow, Monday, January 22.* The sign-up schedule is available on the table in the Narthex. If you are in Care Groups 5-8, a copy of the Visitation outline is provided in your Church mailbox. If you are a member of Care Group 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.

-- First CRC **Book Club Discussion Night** for the book, All That Fills Us, is scheduled for tomorrow, *Monday, January 22 at 6:30pm.*

-- **Guatemala supplies** - There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for some supplies needed to bless our families for the 9 home builds that will take place during the mission trips in February and March. Please place your items in Classroom #3 across from the Youth Group room. ***Supplies are needed by next Sunday, January 28.*** *Reminder:* The special offering for Guatemala will be taken next week Sunday morning as well. *Thank you!*

-- The **Cadet Pinewood Derby** is Friday, January 26 at RVCS from 6:30-9:30pm.

-- Next Sunday, January 28, we will celebrate **Cadet Sunday**. Please have your Cadet wear their uniform and be at Church by 9:00AM to greet and usher. They will also sit together.

-- **Marriage Strong** - The new season of Marriage Strong will begin on February 8. Please contact Pastor Matt to pick-up your book if you would like to join the class.

-- **Society Treasurers** - *CEC and Youth Group* - please turn in your 2023 financial reports to the church office as soon as possible.

-- Bible-In-A-Year - Materials are provided to you on the table in the Narthex. You can also find these options/links on our Church website - [www.firstcrrcv.org](http://www.firstcrrcv.org). Click on the "Resources" tab and select "Bible-In-A-Year" on the left menu.

## **CEC FUNDRAISER**

-- The Christian Education Chapter will be selling **JOLLY TIME Coated Kernels popcorn** in a variety of different flavors! Order forms have been placed in your Church mailbox. The orders are due by February 4, 2024. Please place them in the box provided on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

## **FROM THE COUNCIL**

-- **Please submit Youth Administrator applications by January 28.** Pick-up an application from the Church office or you can print a copy that is available on our Church website - [www.firstcrrcv.org/resources/](http://www.firstcrrcv.org/resources/). Any questions and completed applications can be submitted to Elder Evan Vanden Bosch or to Elder Nate Van Kley.

### **January 21, 2024 - Youth Sunday/Sanctity of Life Sunday**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

*AM:* Youth Group  
*PM:* Kelsi B, Tracy B,  
James VB, Benjamin H

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Youth Group  
*PM:* Steve & Sue H  
Kyle H  
Jarod L

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Youth Group & Alpha Center  
*PM:* Classical Quotas

**USHERS:**

*AM:* Youth Group  
*PM:* *East:* Josh B, Mike VZ  
*West:* Dan B, Darin P

*NARTHEX:* Larry & Yvonne

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Randy B  
*Maletoungou:* Cody B  
*Klomprens:* Rick D

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Malorie K, Rhonda L  
Amera F, Taryn B  
*PM:* Jill M, Brielle J

### **January 28, 2024 - CADET Sunday**

**SONG LEADER:**

Evan VB

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* CADETS  
*PM:* Kevin & Kristin J  
Sara Johnson  
Galen & Paula K

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* CADETS & Guatemala Mission Trips  
*PM:* Building Fund

**USHERS:**

*AM:* CADETS  
*PM:* *East:* Joel B, Matt VE  
*West:* Jace M, Alvin L

*NARTHEX:* Vern & Ellen

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Vern DB  
*Maletoungou:* Kevin DG  
*Klomprens:* Zach DJ

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Lisa P, Jackie R  
Benjamin H, Teeghan B  
*PM:* Ellen VB, Titus H

## **SERMON NOTES:**



## **January 21, 2024**

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

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

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**TUES:**       **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - 1 & 2 Timothy - Lesson 6

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**WED:**       **7:00 PM:** Men's Society - Lesson 1  
                                Mission Guild - Lesson 6

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**THURS:**    **1:30 PM:** L.I.F.T. - Read Chapter 10 - Lesson 9 Q/A  
                  **7:00 PM:** Marriage Strong - Chapters 16 & 17

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**FRI:**        **6:30 PM:** CADET Pinewood Derby

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### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

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

- ♦ Gerrit Kats, Pastor Dan De Groot, Kayla Groeneweg, Marv Van Den Top



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

##### Whispering Heights

Esther De Roan

Violet Haak

Jennie Maassen

Grace Teunissen

Mary Ann Van Bommel

Joan Van Maanen

Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo

Alvina Van't Hul

##### Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra

##### Riverview 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 Malentoungou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompier - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

#### **Classical Missions**

- ♦ Siouxland Unity CRC

#### **Denominational Requests**

- ♦ (World Rewew) *Peace* - Join us and churches around the world in praying for an end to conflict, unrest, and oppression everywhere. We praise God for amazing stories of reconciliation and hope that our staff have been able to witness in places like Kenya, Laos, and Guatemala. Pray for peacebuilding work to continue in difficult situations.

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

Sunday - Elmer Boon, Harlan Driesen

Monday - Easton Byl

Tuesday - Fred Van Kley

Wednesday - Hadlie Van Bommel, Lyle Van Engen

Thursday - Carla Jansma, Hilaine Kempema, Owen Rus

Friday - Nanci Grevengoed, Justin Van Otterloo

Saturday - Jasmine Bos, Marva Haak

## **FUTURE DATES**

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

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

**February 21** - Youth Group Supper

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders due Monday, January 22 - 9:00am
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, January 24
- ◇ The 2nd graders at RVCS have cookbooks for sale in the narthex. Along with their favorite recipes you will notice pictures of them, their ideas, and some of the memory verses they are working on in second grade. There is an envelope next to the cookbooks where you can put a freewill donation. All proceeds will go to blessing others in our community.
- ◇ Winter Festival is scheduled for Friday, February 16 - Mark your calendars!

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

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, January 24

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

- ◇ 1:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, January 24

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

### **Think About It**

God is often referred to in the Psalms as a rock or a fortress. He can be trusted, leaned on, and run to. If there's anything unsure in your life, know that it's not God who is shifting.

*"Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever."*

*Hebrews 13:8*

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





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

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

**"Shout to the North"**

PH 105:1-3

**"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

CH:1-3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"His Name is Wonderful"**

PH 48:1

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

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

GH

**Canons of Dort - Point 5 - Articles 1 & 2** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation: "Seek Ye First"**

PH 74:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 (page 952/1595)

Sermon: **"PARADISE REENACTED"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

GsH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "To God Be The Glory"**

Chorus

\*Piano Postlude

**Pianist:** Carisa Maassen

\*Please stand if you are able

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## 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)

### 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, 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 Bemmell, 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 Roan, 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 [mribbens@crcna.org](mailto:mribbens@crcna.org) or Megan at [mribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mribbens@gmail.com))

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