

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**March 2, 2025 - Communion**  
**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:**

**"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"**

CH 188:1-3

Reading of God's Law

**Song of Salvation: "He Is Exalted"**

PH:1

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation: "I Love You Lord"**

CH 78

\*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 18:15-17 (page 972/1629)

Sermon: **"CHILDLIKE FAITH ENTERS THE KINGDOM"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Response:**

**"Children of the Heavenly Father"**

GsH:1-30

Formulary for the Lord's Supper (Form No. 2 - page 151 - back of Psalter)

**Song while Passing of the Bread: "Behold the Lamb"**

GH:1-2

**Song while Passing of the Cup: "Behold the Lamb"**

GH:3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Benevolent Fund & CEC

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Behold the Lamb"**

GH:4

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

\*Please stand if you are able

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## ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

March 2, 2025 - Communion

*WELCOME!*

*We pray that all will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today  
as we bring our praises & prayers, participate in the Sacrament of  
Holy Communion, 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**

-- We have the privilege of celebrating the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our morning worship service. We invite all who have publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior in a bible-believing church to partake of the elements today.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION**

-- *Thank you to the Children's Choir for your ministry of music this morning, and thank you to Jackie Rus, April De Kam, and Lisa Pollema for teaching and leading the choir!*

-- *We rejoice with Blake and Genae Zomer as they were blessed with the birth of a healthy baby boy, Brayton Clarence, on February 24! He is welcomed home by brother, Wyatt, and sister, Gensen. Both mom and baby are doing well!*

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-- The *first* offering received today will be for our **Benevolent Fund** and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings next week Sunday will be for Love INC and our Classical Quotas

-- **First CRC Book Club** discussion night will be held tomorrow, Monday, March 3.

-- The Spring Classis Iakota meeting will be held this week 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.

-- Due to carpet and pew installation, our **Prayer Day Service** on March 12 will need to be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm. If you are scheduled for helping with the Prayer Day service, please plan to help on the newly scheduled date. *Thank you for your patience and flexibility with rearranging scheduled events during the installation process!*

-- It is once again our turn to deliver **Meals on Wheels** the week of March 17-21. Please consider delivering meals to the elderly of our community! A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

-- **CEC Taco Supper** - The CEC Annual Taco Supper is scheduled for Monday, March 24. Mark your calendars and come and enjoy a delicious meal! We look forward to a great night of fellowship together in support of the youth of our Church!

-- **January Receipts:** General Fund - \$ 25,321.00; Benevolent Fund - \$5,109.10; Building Fund \$11,405.83.

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS ANNOUNCEMENT**

- ♦ March 7-8—Balcony pews coming out.
- ♦ March 9—Worship in sanctuary.
- ♦ March 16—Worship will be in the fellowship hall—AM & PM.
- ♦ March 23—Worship in sanctuary.

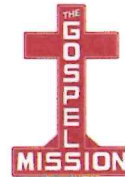
-- **Minn-I-Kota Ministries** - MIK+ YOUNG ADULTS (19-29 year old singles) is a sister ministry to MIK Youth (6th-8th grades & 9th-12th grades). Both of these ministries are supported by three Christian Reformed Classis (Minnikota, Iakota, and Heartland). MIK Youth has been around a long time, but **MIK+ Young Adults is NEW!** *This is an awesome ministry opportunity for our young adult singles in our regional CR Churches.* Follow the Minnikota Youth Facebook page for more information and updates on events and times going forward, and if you would like to be added to a text list for updates, please send a text to Lee De Groot - 712-470-4244 and provide your name. A tentative upcoming schedule is as follows:

- ⇒ SATURDAY MARCH 22 - Bible Study - book of Leviticus - Hull First CRC Youth Building.
  - ⇒ SATURDAY APRIL 5 - ACTIVITY - Escape Rooms in Sioux Falls. Will need to RSVP in advance to pay for tickets in advance.
  - ⇒ SATURDAY APRIL 19 - Bible Study - book of Numbers - Sioux Center Hope CRC Youth Building.
- \*To get updates and more detailed information and times for the events follow their Facebook page and request text updates as stated above.



### **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

### **March 2, 2025 - Communion**

**PRAISE TEAM:**

Michelle K, Tammy B,  
Andy VR, Nolan VO

**USHERS:**

*East:* Cody D, Mike B  
*West:* Cole VDB, Titus H

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Harper VB, Addison VH,  
Jenessa VR, Sloan M  
*PM:* Lisa P, Brennan VK

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Darwin & Tracy H  
Evan & Wanda VB  
Nate & Laurie VK  
*PM:* Chad & Sandra VH  
Carol VH  
Mary VH

*NARTHEX:* Eric & Tracy

**VIDEO:** Carter VB

**SOUND:** Blake Z

**PPT:** Aiden VR

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Benevolent Fund  
*PM:* CEC

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* Arnold K  
*Maletoungou:* Roger K  
*Klompens:* Clarence K

**PIANIST:** Krista VE

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Samantha P *Helper:* Isaac P

### **March 9, 2025**

**SONG LEADER:**

Rachelle VB

**USHERS:**

*East:* Josh B, Mike VZ,  
*West:* Dan B, Darin P

**NURSERY:**

*AM:* Rhonda L, Jill M,  
Abby A, Quincy E  
*PM:* Laurie VK, Tad M

**GREETERS:**

*AM:* Loy & Janice VH  
Loy & Taryn VH  
Mark & Deb VH  
*PM:* Mike & Christal VH  
Mitchel & Shelby VH  
Tim & Kendra VT

*NARTHEX:* Rog & Hilaine

**VIDEO:** Brian F

**SOUND:** Mike H

**PPT:** Benjamin H

**OFFERING:**

*AM:* Love INC  
*PM:* Classical Quotas

**LETTERS:**

*Ribbens:* LeRoy K  
*Maletoungou:* Taylor K  
*Klompens:* Ruth K

**ORGANIST:** Ranae K

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** *Leader:* Samantha P *Helper:* Isaac P

**\*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](mailto:youth@firstcrcrv.org)**

**-- Meeting - Wednesday, March 5 - 7:00pm**



**-- Cadets - Meeting - Wednesday, March 12 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC**



**-- GEMS - Meeting - Wednesday, March 5 - 6:30pm  
- Meeting - Wednesday, March 26 - 6:30pm**

**SERMON NOTES:**



**March 2, 2025**

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

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**TUES:**     **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Shalom - Lesson 3

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**WED:**     **6:30 PM:** GEMS  
              **7:00 PM:** IGNITE Youth Group

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**THURS:**   **1:30 PM:** LIFT Bible Study—End of Lesson 2—Lunch served by Kim A & Joyce VE

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**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**Health, Healing, & Peace**

- ◆ Howard Altena, 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  
Don Postma  
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**  
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**

- ◆ New Roots Ministry

**Denominational Requests**

- ◆ (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Gather Events* - Senior students will be taking their oral comprehensive exams this month as they prepare for graduation and ministry beyond seminary. Pray that the exams will not cause undue anxiety but will bless them in knowing how much they have learned in their studies.

**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**

**Tuesday** - Jonathon Kats

**Wednesday** - Tracy Hoogendoorn, Lois Postma (85)

**Thursday** - Gracie Bloemendaal, Damon Rus, Penny Ver Burg

**Friday** - Brad Postma

**Saturday** - Megan Kooima

## **FUTURE DATES**

**March 9** - Daylight Savings Time begins

**March 16** - Worship in Fellowship Hall—AM & PM

**March 17-21** - Meals on Wheels

**March 24** - CEC Taco Supper

**March 26** - Prayer Day Service

**March 31** - Council Meeting

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders Due - 9:00am - Monday, March 3
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, March 5
- ◇ Donuts with Dads - Friday, March 7 - 7:30-8:15am in the Cafeteria
- ◇ ARROWS Prayer Warriors - Friday, March 7 - 8:30am - Praying specifically for 3rd Grade, Resource, & Enrichment - All are welcome to pray with us!
- ◇ As the RVCS Annual Meeting approaches in June, the Board of Directors is seeking individuals who would be interested and willing to serve a 3-year term on the Board. Individuals with gifts and talents in finance, building/grounds and Board leadership are needed. Positions to be filled for 2025 are First CC, Calvin CRC and two at-large members. Those who wish to nominate an individual to be considered, please contact Andy Van Roekel at 470-6490, or email at [andy.vanroekel@gmail.com](mailto:andy.vanroekel@gmail.com) before April 7.

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

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, March 5
- ◇ Western Christian's School Board is seeking nominations for new Trustees! Members of Western's society are invited to recommend candidates for board service. Nominations are encouraged by Friday, March 14. To submit your nominations, contact Board President John Vander Haag: [john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com).
- ◇ The Bargain Alley Thrift Store and Furniture Outlet would like to welcome more volunteers. Please contact Kari Hoekstra at [bargainalleyhull@gmail.com](mailto:bargainalleyhull@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping at one of the Bargain Alley locations.

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

- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, March 5

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** - [www.firstcrrcv.org/resources](http://www.firstcrrcv.org/resources)



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

Piano Prelude

### **Hymn Sing**

**"Blessed Be Your Name"**

LUYH:1-4

**"Redeemed"**

PH 111:1,4

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

**\*Song of Praise: "Oh How Good It Is"**

GH:1-3

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

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

CH:1

**The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 9 - Q/A 26** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"**

PsH 404:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 9 (page 709/1186)

Sermon: **"THE LORD ALMIGHTY SAYS, 'BUT WILL HUMANITY UNDERSTAND?'"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Songs of Application:**

**"Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven"**

PsH 226:1,3,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

\*Benediction

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

PH 20:3

\*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

\*Please stand if you are able