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THE LORD'S DAY November 16, 2025 - Baptism Sunday 9:30 AM Divine Worship

Prelude - CEC Video

Call to Worship - "As for Me and My House" - Adult Choir

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PsH 327:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

CH:1-2

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Jensen James WhiteFeather-Koedam (Form No. 3 - page 129, back of Psalter)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation: "Forever Jesus"

GH:1-2

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 36 (page 519/874)

Sermon: "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

*Song of Response:

"Count Your Blessings"

PH 40:1,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Sioux Falls Gospel Mission & Hope Haven

*Benediction

*Closing Song:

"Give Thanks"

Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

ROCK VALLEY, IOWA November 16, 2025

We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises & prayers, witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and hear His Word proclaimed!

WELCOME!

TODAY

- -- Today we have the privilege to witness & celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Jensen James WhiteFeather-Koedam, infant son of Chloe Koedam. May the Lord equip Chloe to train Jensen to grow in the light of His Holy Word.
- -- Children's Choir all 3rd and 4th graders please join Preschool thru 2nd graders today in choir practice to prepare for the Thanksgiving service. *Christmas program practice will begin next Sunday, November 23 for Preschool thru 6th grade.
- --- **Today** is the final Fall session of Sunday School & Catechism. Children in Worship **will continue** through December 14 then pause until January 11 when SS/Catechism also resume.

EXPRESSION OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

- -- We rejoice with Trevor & Lexi Koedam as they were blessed with the birth of a healthy baby boy, Riggs Alan, on Tuesday, November 11! Both mother & baby are doing well. Welcoming him home is his very excited big sister, Kylah!
- -- Thank you to all who attended the Chili Cook-Off this past Thursday evening, and thank you to all of our participating chefs who prepared their finest chili Tammy Baartman, Pastor Matt, Shannon Bloemendaal, Teeghan Breuer, Carla Jansma, Eric Breuer, Tad Miller, Tracy Breuer, & Brad Postma! The 1st place winner was Tracy Breuer, 2nd place went to Shannon Bloemendaal, & 3rd place went to Brad Postma! Thank you for a fun evening of fellowship together! -- Fellowship Committee
- -- Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and service to the silage pile projects this year. We also appreciate all the generous donations of food and drinks for those working at the sites. A special thank you to the families who graciously provided these opportunities during the harvest season. It has been a true blessing to see everyone work together in service! -- CEC Committee

PRAYER CONCERNS

- -- Rick Davelaar began his cancer treatments this past week. Pray for strength throughout these treatments.
- -- Gerrit Kats underwent same day surgery on his bladder this past Tuesday, November 11 in Sioux Falls. Pray for him during this time of healing and recovery.
- -- Galen Kats will undergo hip replacement surgery this week Tuesday, November 18 in Sioux Falls. Pray for him as he anticipates this surgery, that it may be successful, and for patience and strength throughout his recovery.
- -- Gert Van Regenmorter's knee replacement surgery has been postponed due to the need to have an angiogram on her heart which will take place on November 25 at North Central Heart. Pray for Gert as she awaits this procedure, and patience with the anticipation to have her knee surgery.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for the **Sioux Falls Gospel Mission**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Hope Haven**. The offerings for next week will be for GEMS and our Classical Quotas. *Note from the Deacons:* The General Fund budget is approximately \$25,000 behind for 2025. Please continue to prayerfully consider giving in the month of November. *Thank you for the generous donations that have come in so far to help reduce the deficit!*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

- -- **THANKSGIVING PROJECT:** The Mission Committee has seen a need for the local food pantries and we would like to be a blessing to them and local residents this Thanksgiving Season. We will be collecting money and canned food/dry goods for three local food pantries: Hull Community Food Pantry, Manna Market in Inwood, and Love INC here in Rock Valley. There will be a box for financial donations and two totes in the back of church for canned food and dry good donations. Further details were provided in your Church mailbox last week. If you have any questions please seek out a Mission Committee member.
- -- **CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Your family profile copy was provided in your Church mailbox. Please indicate the changes necessary. If everything is correct, write "Ok" on the sheet. *Return your profiles to the Church office* **ASAP NO LATER THAN November 30.** If you would like a new picture for your profile, please submit your new photo by email to Kim at secretary@firstcrcrv.org. The updated directory will be printed and distributed the end of December. *Thank you!*
- -- This week Wednesday, November 19, is the annual **Potato Bake Supper** hosted by our IGNITE Youth Group from 5:00-7:00pm! Come and enjoy a delicious meal of hot baked potatoes and toppings as well as a variety of salads being served by our youth! **Reminder: We are excited to have 6 members planning to travel on the Guatemala Mission Trip, and we are hoping for a great response to the Summer opportunity with ThereforeGo Service & Learning Trip! Due to the increased cost of transportation, there is a need for extra financial support to ensure these projects can go forward as planned. Please prayerfully consider donating to these opportunities for our youth! *Thank you!*
- -- Congregational Meeting is this week <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 19</u> This year after the Potato Bake, <u>ALL</u> members and families of First CRC are encouraged to support and attend the Annual Congregational Meeting that will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. Grab supper provided by our youth and stay for the meeting! All professing members take part in voting; therefore, it is very important to participate! <u>Nursery will be provided!</u> The Building Expansion project will be voted on during this meeting. Absentee ballots were provided in your Church mailbox previously, extra copies are on the table in the Narthex. Please complete, SIGN, seal, and return your ballots in the box provided by <u>TODAY Sunday</u>, <u>November 16!</u>

The Council presents the following nominations to the Congregation for consideration:

- <u>Nominations to the office of Elder:</u> Elmer Boon, Mike Haverhals, Rob Jansen, Chad Van't Hul, Jeff Van Bemmel, Merlin Van Otterloo.
- <u>Nominations to the office of Deacon:</u> Austin Bliek, Dan Bloemendaal, Cody Davelaar, Steve De Kam, Tyler Den Boer, Taylor Kats, Alex Kooima, Darin Kooima, Darin Pollema.
- -- "Are you Called to Ministry?" Explore this question with Classis Iakota at an event being held at Dordt University on <u>Saturday, November 22</u> from 10am-3pm.
- -- Next week <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 23</u>, Lord-willing, we will celebrate and witness Profession of Faith of Austin Folkens, Brock Mulder, Harper Van Bemmel, & Addison Van't Hul, and Reaffirmation of Faith of Kevin & Lori Eppinga. We will also welcome Duane & Gayle Walhof by transfer.
- -- Christmas program practice for Preschool-6th grade begins next <u>Sunday, November 23</u>. The Christmas program will be held at 11:00am on <u>Sunday, December 21</u>.
- -- Newsletter articles are due next week.
- -- A COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Meal will be held on <u>Tuesday, November 25</u> at Trinity CRC. Meals will be available in-person or to-go from 5:30-7:00pm. The meals are for EVERYONE and are FREE of charge, but you need to RSVP by November 17 on the sign-up sheet provided on the table in the Narthex. *May God bless this COMMUNITY time of gathering together!*
- -- Our Thanksgiving Service will be held on <u>Thursday, November 27</u> at 9:30am.
- -- **Sunday, November 30** is the 1st Sunday of Advent and we will take part in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

November 16, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

Elmer & Lori B

Karl & Alyssa B

PM: Eric & Tracy B

PRAISE TEAM: **GREETERS:** Jamie E, Julie VO. AM: Dan & Shannon B

Evan VB, Benjamin H

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Shannon B, Jenessa VR, Ada K PM: Jamie DJ, Addison VH

SOUND: James VB VIDEO: Ron L

Mitchell & Kelsi B

GREETERS:

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

Josh & Katie B

PPT: Tammy B

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Leader: Samantha P Helper: Alison L

November 23, 2025 - Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith & Welcome

Cody & Em D

Vern & Carol DB

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

Kevin & Diana DG

PM: Rick & Bonnie D

Bradyn & Braelee D

AM: Randy & Pat B

SONG LEADER: Tracy B

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Jamie Z, Kennedy VH, Faith K

PM: April DK, Abby A

SOUND: Rich R **VIDEO:** Aiden VR

PPT: Jaydn L

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Leader: Samantha P Helper: Abby A

November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day Service

GREETERS:

Erin DK

Zach & Jamie DJ

Steve & April DK

PRAISE TEAM: Tricia M, Tammy B.

Jack VB, Nolan VO

USHERS: East: Joel B, Matt VE

West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURSERY:

Deb H, Kaysha A, Kate L

YOUTH

GROUP

SOUND: Leonard H **VIDEO:** Carter VB

OFFERING:

OFFERING:

LETTERS:

PM: Hope Haven

Ribbens: Larry H

Klompiens: Mike H

OFFERING:

PM: Classical Quotas

Maletoungou: Leonard H

Ribbens: Eddie H

Klompiens: Steve H

PIANIST: Carisa M

AM: GEMS

LETTERS:

ORGANIST: Ranae K

AM: Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

Maletoungou: Pastor Matt H

PPT: Aiden VR

PIANIST: Robin Te Slaa

Thanksgiving Special Offerings

Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org

-- Annual Potato Bake - Wednesday, November 19





-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC



-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

November 16, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service - Baptism of Jensen James WhiteFeather-Koedam

10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Choir

5:00 PM: Staff Meeting

6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service **7:15 PM:** Saved to Serve Bible Study

TUES: 9:45 AM: Coffee Break - Lesson 10

WED: 5:00-7:00 PM: IGNITE Youth Group Potato Bake

6:45 PM: GEMS - Meet at Calvin CRC

7:00 PM: Annual Congregational Meeting

CADETS - Meet at Trinity CRC

THURS: 1:30 PM: LIFT - Lesson 6 - Lunch: Lois P/Ellen VB

PRAYER REMINDERS

Baby Blessings

Trevor & Lexi, Kylah, & Riggs Alan Koedam

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Rick Davelaar (CG#3), Gert Van Regenmorter (CG#1), Galen & Paula Kats (CG#1), Gerrit Kats (CG#4), Starla Van Otterloo (CG#1), Brock Mulder (CG#7), Tracy Hoogendoorn (CG#2), Skyler Zomer (CG#4), Nate Van Kley (CG#1)
- ♦ Family/Friends of Our Church Family: Gerald Van Den Top, Judy Wesselink, Hazel Van Der Brink, Jason Davelaar, and Rev. Dan De Groot

Congregational Meeting

Our Care Center Residents:

Four SeasonsRiver View RidgeHull - Pleasant AcresTeresa Oostra (CG#6)Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)Whispering HeightsJim Driesen (CG#6)Crown Pointe - SCClaretta Lobbes (CG#5)Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5)Don Postma (CG#3)LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)

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Grace Teunissen (CG#8 Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)

Harvey & Joanne Van Ótterloo (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

(World Renew) World Children's Day - Today we thank God for the gift of children and the joy they bring to families and communities. Please pray for children around the world who face hunger, conflict, poverty, and lack of access to education or health care. May we faithfully support their growth, safety, and well-being so that children everywhere can thrive.

Trinity Christian College in Chicago, IL will be closing it's doors after this school year. Pray for the staff and students as they transition to new opportunities in Christian higher education locations.



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Pat Kats (88), Jason Timmerman

Monday - the Mike Kooistra's

Tuesday - Katie Byl, Kacie Van Bemmel

Thursday - Kenzie Kooima, Lynnette Rozeboom, the Austin Bliek's

Friday - Travis Jansen, the Randy Byl's, the Dereck Van Der Brink's

Saturday - Alayna Davelaar, the Evan Vanden Bosch's

FUTURE DATES

November 23 - Profession of Faith/Reaffirmation of Faith Sunday/Welcome
Preschool-6th Grade Christmas program practice begins
November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Service
November 30 - Communion/1st Sunday of Advent
December 21 - K-6 Christmas Program
December 25 - Christmas Service
December 28 - Installation of Office Bearers
January 1 - New Year's Combined Service at First CRC

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ♦ SCRIP Orders due Monday, November 17 9:00am
- 2:30pm dismissal Wednesday, November 19

Western Christian High School:

- ♦ Explore Western, on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00pm. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event.
- ♦ 9:25am start Wednesday, November 19
- We are hosting a "Celebrate Western Luncheon" on Friday, November 21. This will begin at noon in the Event Center. Dr. Brian Verwolf and Mr. Brad Vis will be presenting details about the "Cornerstone Campaign" followed by a Q&A session. We welcome you to join us! Lunch will be provided. questions, please contact Mr. Brad Vis brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com 605-359-5704.
- Attention Grain Farmers! Please remember the annual Winter Festival Grain Project when delivering your corn to Doon Elevator, Farmers Elevator, and/or Valley Feed and Seed. Thank you in advance for your generosity! The Winter Festival is slated for Friday, February 13th. -- RVCS Board Winter Festival Committee: Jack Ver Burg, Brad Vanden Bosch, and Jake Faber.
- The Bargain Alley Thrift Store is currently in need of toddler/youth clothing. A reminder that the store is located at 1103 Maple Street in Hull and is open Tuesday Saturday. Please contact Kari with any questions. bargainalleyhull@gmail.com or 712-439-6800. Thank you!

Rock Valley Community School:

2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, November 19

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrcrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ	Prelude
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Hymn Sing

"Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)"

"God of Every Grace"

PH:1-3

GH:1-2

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise:

"Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH: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 38 Q/A 103 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation:

"Sanctuary"

PH:1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Kings 16 (page 353/598)

Sermon: "BREAKING THE SABBATH BREAKS EVERY COMMAND"

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

*Song of Application: "For the Cause" GH:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Hope Haven

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "For the Cause" GH:5

*Organ Postlude Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA **2025 COUNCIL**

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

ELDERS:		DEACONS:
Evan Vanden Bosch, President '25 - (470-1022)	Care Group 1	Travis Jansen, Secretary '25 - (470-3486)
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Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)	Care Group 3	Carter Vanden Bos, Benevolence '27 - (422-2107)
Carl Elbers ²⁷ - (451-8150)	Care Group 4	Colton Van Otterloo, GF Treasurer '27 - (451-9007)
Leonard Hoekstra, Vice President '27 - (451-9430)	Care Group 5	Blake Zomer, Vicar of Deacons '27 - (460-2552)
Darwin Hoogendoorn '26 - (470-0697)	Care Group 6	Myron Bleyenberg, President '25 - (605-359-8574)
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Nate Van Kley, Clerk '25 - (470-2348)	-	

Please contact the Pastor or assigned Elder with needs.

	2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:	
Executive Committee	Pastor Matt, Evan VB (Chr.), Leonard H, Nate VK, Ron L, Myron B, Colton VO	
	Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Evan VB	
Bulletin	Pastor Matt, Kim A, Evan VB, Nate VK	
	Elders	
Sacraments	Ron L, Tim VT	
	Leonard (Chr.) & Deb H, Mike & Tammy B, Randy & Pat B, Mark & Deb VH, Tim & Kim VT	
Family Faith Visitation Committee	Darwin H, Randy VK	
	Pastor Matt, Evan VB, James VB (Chr.), Rachelle VB, Krista VE, Andy VR	
Music Coordinator	Rachelle VB	
Building and Grounds Committee	Jeff VB (Chr.), Carl E (Liaison), Ryan Z (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P	
	Pastor Matt, Damon R (Chr.), Mitchell B, Jamie DJ, Scott K, 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,	
D - I M-th- Caldala D1	Matthew & Autumn L, Keith & Jacque L, Joe & Jill M	
CADET I 4	Ron L, Mike P Brian F, Kevin J, Ryan Z	
CEMS London	Sharla VR, Alli DB, Shanna L, Bonnie W, Kelci Z	
Vouth Group Spongorg	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH,	
Touth Group Sponsors	Colton & Kristi H. Mike K. Dave & Amy VB. Nate VK (Liaison)	
Welcome Committee Roger &	Hilaine K (Chr), Harlan & Priscilla D, Eric & Tracy B, Larry & Yvonne H, Ron & Darletta L, Vern & Ellen VB	
	Deacons	
	Ron L	
	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, Evan VB	
	Bonnie D (Chr.), Tracy B, Katie B, Alli DB, Patty H, Kendra J, Kristin J, Sara J, Steph K, Jill M, Brenda P	
	Marva H, Karla VK, Carol VH	
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Website Team	Scott K (Chr.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, Kim A, Sue L	
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Community Impact Committee	Mitchell B	
	District Elders	
	Western Christian - Brenda P, Loy VH, Jr. & Rock Valley Christian - Mike B, Jamie DJ, Jack VB	
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SACRAMENTS: HOLY BAPTISM - Upon approved request		

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MISSIONS: Rev. Mike & Megan Ribbens-Johannesburg, South Africa (email Mike at mribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mribbens@gmail.com)
Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou-West Africa (email smaletoungou@crcna.org)
Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompien-Nepal (mklompien@crcna.org)

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