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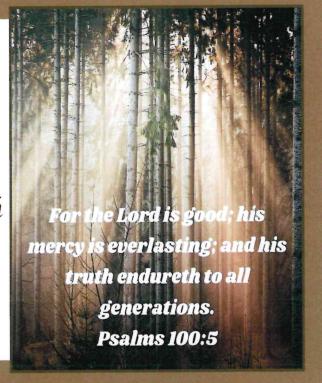


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Profession of Faith
Austin Folkens
Brock Mulder
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Addison Van't Hul

Reaffirmation of Faith Kevin & Lori Eppinga

Welcome
Duane & Gayle Walhof



THE LORD'S DAY November 23, 2025 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: "He Has Made Me Glad"

PH:1

Reading of God's Law

Preparatory Exhortation of the Lord's Supper (read responsively)

Song of Salvation: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

PH:1-2

Profession of Faith - (Form No. 2 - page 134, back of Psalter)
Austin Folkens, Brock Mulder, Harper Van Bemmel, Addison Van't Hul
Reaffirmation of Faith - Kevin & Lori Eppinga

Ministry of Music - "If I Got Jesus" - Altena Family

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" GH:1,3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 100 (page 557/937)

Sermon: "BLESS THE LORD"

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

*Song of Response: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" LUYH:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: GEMS & Classical Quotas

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Give Thanks"

Piano Postlude Pianist: Carisa Maassen

*Please stand if you are able

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH ROCK VALLEY, IOWA November 23, 2025

We pray that everyone will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises & prayers, witness & celebrate

Public Profession & Reaffirmation of Faith, and hear His Word proclaimed!

WELCOME!

TODAY

- -- This morning we will be taking part in the Preparatory Exhortation of the Lord's Supper. Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will take part in the distribution of the Lord's Supper. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this Holy Sacrament.
- -- Today we have the privilege to witness & celebrate the Public Profession of Faith of Austin Folkens, Brock Mulder, Harper Van Bemmel, & Addison Van't Hul, and Reaffirmation of Faith of Kevin & Lori Eppinga. We also have the privilege to welcome Duane & Gayle Walhof by transfer from Calvin CRC in Le Mars.
- -- Children's Choir all **Preschool through 6th Grade students** please meet in the **Sanctuary** after the morning worship service today for Christmas program practice.
- -- Adult Choir please meet in Classroom #5 for practice after the morning worship service.
- -- Newsletter articles are due today.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE & APPRECIATION

- -- A special thank you to Troy, Ethan, Levi, and Jacob & Katelyn Altena for blessing us with your ministry of music during our morning worship service!
- -- Thank you to all who came out to our annual Potato Bake Supper! We are so grateful for the support shown to our high school students all throughout the year! -- IGNITE Youth Group

PRAYER CONCERNS

- -- Galen Kats underwent hip replacement surgery this past Tuesday, November 18 in Sioux Center. He is at home recovering. Pray for healing, patience, and strength.
- -- 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 this week Tuesday, November 25 at North Central Heart. Pray for Gert as she awaits this procedure and for patience with the anticipation to be able to have her knee surgery.
- -- Gerrit Kats underwent a successful bladder surgery last week; however, a contained spot of cancer was reported. He was told he would need to undergo a 6 week treatment plan in which he will begin early December. Pray for Gerrit as he continues to heal from surgery and anticipates beginning the recommended cancer treatments.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **GEMS**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **Classical Quotas**. The offerings for next week will be for the Sioux City Gospel Mission and our Building Fund.

Note from the Deacons: The General Fund budget is approximately \$25,000 behind for 2025. Please continue to prayerfully consider giving during this month of November. *Thank you!*

Thanksgiving Offerings: A list of suggested Special Offerings was provided in your Church mailbox. Please use the envelope attached and follow the instructions provided when giving your offering.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- At the Annual Congregational Meeting held Wednesday, November 19, the names of the following men were drawn to their respective offices:

Elders: Elmer Boon, Jeff Van Bemmel, Merlin Van Otterloo; Alternate - Rob Jansen

Deacons: Austin Bliek, Tyler Den Boer, Taylor Kats; Alternate - Alex Kooima

-- At the Council Reorganizational Meeting the following 2026 Council offices were established:

Elders: <u>President</u> - Merlin Van Otterloo; <u>Vice President</u> - Leonard Hoekstra; <u>Clerk</u> - Carl Elbers; Vicar - Ron LeLoux

Deacons: <u>President</u> - Mitchell Byl; <u>Secretary</u> - Blake Zomer; <u>General Fund</u> - Colton Van Otterloo; <u>Vicar</u> - Taylor Kats; <u>Building Treasurer</u> - Evan Altena; <u>Benevolence Treasurer</u> - Carter Vanden Bos; <u>Special Offerings</u> - Tyler Den Boer; <u>Missions</u> - Austin Bliek

- -- The proposed 2026 General Fund Budget and Classical & Denominational Causes were approved by voice vote.
- -- The proposed Narthex Expansion Project passed by 72%. There are two opportunities for meeting with the Deacons to drop off donations towards the project: December 2 and January 13 both from 7:00-8:30pm in the Council Room.

Thank you to the Congregation for your attendance and participation in the life, faith, commitment, and growth of our Church!

- -- Our Thanksgiving Service will be held this week <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 27</u> at 9:30am. The Children's Choir ages <u>Preschool thru 4th grade</u> will be singing our Call to Worship. Please have your child(ren) at Church at 9:10am in Classroom #5 to line-up & practice.
- -- <u>Sunday, November 30</u> we will take part in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and it is the 1st Sunday of Advent <u>Hope</u>. Darin & Lisa Pollema & Family will be sharing the Advent reading and lighting the candle of Hope during our morning service.
- -- The Preschool 6th Grade Christmas program will be held <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 21</u> at 11:00am. Coffee and cookies will be served in the Fellowship Hall between the worship service and the program.
- -- Our Candlelight service will be held the evening of **Sunday, December 21**.
- -- Our Christmas Day service will be held *Thursday, December 25* at 9:30am.
- -- Installation of New Office Bearers will occur **Sunday, December 28** during our AM service.
- -- January 1, 2026, we will be hosting the New Year's Day Community Worship Service.
- -- **1st CRC Book Club** The 2026 Book Club will kick off on *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! Come learn about the authors/books others enjoy, and then provide input on future reads for the Church Book Club.
- -- **THANKSGIVING PROJECT:** We are continuing to collect money and canned food and dry goods for three local food pantries: Hull Community Food Pantry, Manna Market in Inwood, and Love INC here in Rock Valley. There is a box for financial donations and two totes in the back of church for canned food and dry good donations. If you have any questions please seek out a Mission Committee member. *Thank you!*
- -- **CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please return your family profile sheets that were provided in your church mailbox. If everything is correct, write "Ok" on the sheet. *Please return them <u>NO LATER THAN next week Sunday, November 30</u>. If you would like a new picture for your profile, please submit your new photo by email to Kim at <u>secretary@firstcrcrv.org</u>.*
- -- Address Update: Don & Lois Postma have been moved to Four Seasons Room #105.

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

SONG LEADER:

GREETERS:

OFFERING:

Tracy B **USHERS:**

AM: Randy & Pat B Bradyn & Braelee D Cody & Em D

AM: GEMS PM: Classical Quotas

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

PM: Rick & Bonnie D Vern & Carol DB LETTERS:

NURSERY: AM: Jamie Z, Kennedy VH, Faith K Kevin & Diana DG

Ribbens: Eddie H Maletoungou: Leonard H Klompiens: Steve H

PM: April DK, Abby A

NARTHEX: Larry & Yvonne

PIANIST: Carisa M

PPT: Jaydn L

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

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

November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day Service

PRAISE TEAM:

GREETERS:

OFFERING:

Tricia M, Tammy B, Jack VB, Nolan VO

Zach & Jamie DJ Erin DK

Thanksgiving Special Offerings

USHERS:

Steve & April DK

PIANIST: Robin Te Slaa

East: Joel B, Matt VE

West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

SOUND: Leonard H **VIDEO:** Carter VB **PPT:** Aiden VR

NURSERY:

Deb H, Kaysha A, Kate L

East: Arnold K, Bob G

November 30, 2025 - Communion/1st Sunday of Advent

SONG LEADER:

GREETERS:

AM: Ron & Darletta L Tim & Kim VT

Leonard & Deb H

PM: Jaden & Katlien DB Tyler & Alli DB

Michael & Jamie E NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen OFFERING:

AM: Sioux City Gospel Mission

PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Betty H

Maletoungou: Darwin H Klompiens: Kyle H

PIANIST: Krista VE

NURSERY: AM: Aftyn B, Teeghan B, Jaelyn K

James VB

USHERS:

Sloan M, Peyton R PM: Kristin J, Noah DK

West: Benjamin H, Keith L

SOUND: Jack VB VIDEO: Brian F

PPT: Benjamin H

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Leader: Hadlie VB Helper: Harper VB

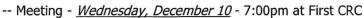
Nursery Volunteers: If you would like your name added to the nursery helper list, please contact Kelsey Ver Burg or sign up on the sheet in the nursery by December 15! If you would like your name removed, please do the same. Anyone 4th grade and older is welcome! The next schedule will be Jan-May 2026.



II CADETS

-- Wednesday, December 3 - Whispering Heights visit

-- Wednesday, December 17 - Christmas Party



-- Meeting - Wednesday, December 17 - 7:00pm at First CRC

-- Snow Derby - Saturday, December 27

-- Meeting - Wednesday, December 10 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

November 23, 2025

9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service - Welcome/Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith TODAY:

10:45 AM: K-6 Christmas Program Practice/Adult Choir practice

6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

THURS: 9:30 AM: Thanksgiving Service

PRAYER REMINDERS

Season of Thanksgiving

Welcome

Duane & Gayle Walhof

Proffession & Reaffirmation of Faith

Austin Folkens, Brock Mulder, Harper Van Bemmel, Addison Van't Hul, & Kevin & Lori Eppinga

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

r Care Center Residents:	
ur Seasons River View Ridg	<u> Hull - Pleasant Acres</u>
resa Oostra (CG#6) Nathan Dorhout (CG#2) Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)
n & Lois Postma (CG#3) Jim Driesen (CG#	6) <u>Crown Pointe - SC</u>
hispering Heights Gerrit & Esther Ka	its (CG#4) Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5
retta Lobbes (CG#5) LeRoy & Jane Koe	edam (CG#3)
ace Teunissen (CG#8) Henrietta Vanden	Bosch (CG#4)

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

Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)

♦ Lakeview CRC - Valentine, NE

Harvey & Joanne Van Ótterloo (CG#6)

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

Denominational Requests

(Thrive) Newcomers - Loving God, you welcome the stranger and make a home for all people. Be with all who journey in search of safety and belonging. Grant them courage, and stir our hearts toward hospitality, fairness, and love that cresses every border. Through Christ, our shelter and quide, Amen.

Outreach

Orphan Grain Train

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.



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday - Claretta Lobbes (92)

Saturday - Shannon Bloemendaal, Eric Breuer

FUTURE DATES

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

November 30 - Communion/1st Sunday of Advent

December 1 - Council Meeting

December 21 - K-6 Christmas Program - AM & Candlelight PM Service

December 25 - Christmas Service

December 27 - CADET Snow Derby

December 28 - Installation of Office Bearers

December 29 - Council Meeting

January 1 - New Year's Combined Service at First CRC

January 11 - Youth Sunday

January 12 - Book Club Kick-off for 2026

January 12-16 - Meals on Wheels

January 18 - 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:

- No SCRIP orders this week.
- Chapel led by 3rd & 7th Graders Wednesday, November 26 at 8:30am in the Gym
- Noon dismissal Wednesday, November 26
- No School Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28 Thanksgiving Break
- ♦ RVCS Christmas Program Thursday, December 4 6:30pm at Trinity CRC
- 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. 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, and Jake Faber.

Western Christian High School:

- Noon dismissal Wednesday, November 26
- ♦ No School Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28 Thanksgiving Break
- Will you prayerfully consider "Celebrating Western" with a year-end gift? Gifts and funds arised will be given to the General Fund for capital improvements. Thank You to those who have already contributed to the mission of WCHS!
- ♦ The Bargain Alley Furniture Outlet is in 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:

- ♦ 1:00pm dismissal Wednesday, November 26
- ♦ No School Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28 Thanksgiving Break

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrcrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude Call to Worship Silent Prayer *Declaration of Trust in God *God's Greeting *Song of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" PsH 318:1,3,4 *The Nicene Creed (in unison) *Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" CH:1 The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 39 Q/A 104 (read responsively) Congregational Prayer *Songs of Preparation: "You Are My All in All" PH:1-2 CH:1,3,4 "Trust and Obey" **Prayer for Illumination** Scripture: 2 Kings 17:1-23 (page 354/600) Sermon: "THE FALL OF ISRAEL" Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word *Song of Application: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" PH 13:1,3,4 Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas *Benediction *Closing Song: "Trust and Obey" CH:5

*Please stand if you are able

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Carisa Maassen

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - ROCK VALLEY, IOWA 2025 COUNCIL

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ELDERS:		DEACONS:
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Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)	Care Group 2	Mitchell Byl, Special Offerings '26 - (470-2920)
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)
Scott Koedam '25 - (470-7037)	Care Group 7	Ryan Zomer, Building Treasurer '25 - (712-441-3970)
Ron LeLoux, Vicar '26 - (470-2426)	Care Group 8	Evan Altena, <i>Missions</i> '26 - (470-2575)
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	
Pulpit Supply	Pastor Matt, Leonard H (Chr.), Evan VB	
Bulletin	Pastor Matt, Kim A, Evan VB, Nate VK	
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.), Carl E (Liaison), Ryan Z (Treas.), Steve DK, Marva H, Mike P	
Education Committee	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,	
	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		
Youth Group Sponsors	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH,	
• •	Colton & Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (Liaison)	
Welcome CommitteeRoger &	Hilaine K (Chr), Harlan & Priscilla D, Eric & Tracy B, Larry & Yvonne H, Ron & Darletta L, Vern & Ellen VB	
	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	Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Aiden VR 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) Kim A (Office-476-5902; Cell-712-470-6103) *Present bulletin announcements by 4:00 PM Wednesday*	
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	
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	Marva H, Karla VK, Carol VH	
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Safe Church Committee	Scott K (Chr.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, Kim A, Sue L	
Scheduling Rides	Travis J	
	Mitchell B	
	District Elders	
School Board Representatives		
SACDAMENTS: HOLV RAPTISM - Upon approved request		

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 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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