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**“Now, our God, we give You thanks,
and praise Your glorious name.”**

1 Chronicles 29:13

THE LORD'S DAY
November 2, 2025
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Call to Worship - 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"Goodness of God"

BM

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Let It Be Said of Us"

WH:1-2

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "He Will Hold Me Fast"**

GH:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 34 (page 517/871)

Sermon: **"NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

GsH:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Benevolent Fund & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

GsH:3

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

*Please stand if you are able

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ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
November 2, 2025**

*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!*

WELCOME!

TODAY

-- 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 November 23 for Preschool thru 6th grades.*

-- For those who are signed up to go to the Freedoms Gate Church service today, there will be a short meeting right after the morning service in Room #1. The service begins at 5:00pm; the address is 4800 South Tomar Rd, Sioux Falls. If you are unable to make it to the meeting, contact someone from the Mission Committee if you have any questions.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

-- *Dearly loved brothers and sisters of First CRC,
Thank you for the blessings showered upon us for Pastor Appreciation month! Thank you for your notes and personal encouragement. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee and full Council for your blessings. It is a blessing to serve with you as partners of the gospel of Christ Jesus and His kingdom. We look forward to many years of ministry together! We praise God for each of you, and the opportunity to serve here!! The Lord is moving mightily here! It is a joy and privilege to be the Pastor of First CRC in Rock Valley, IA! -- Blessings, Pastor Matt & Holly, Benjamin, Titus, Ezra, and Andrew*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- Brock Mulder broke his pinky finger during a football game. He had surgery this past Thursday to reposition the fragmented bone and reattach the tendon. He anticipates 8-10 weeks of healing.

-- Tracy Hoogendoorn will be having same day surgery for arthritis in her other thumb on November 4 at Avera Orthopedics in Sioux Falls.

-- Gerrit Kats will undergo same day surgery on his bladder on November 11 in Sioux Falls.

-- Galen Kats will undergo hip replacement surgery on November 14 in Sioux Falls.

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 for next week will be for the Alpha Center and our General Fund. **Note from the Deacons:** The General Fund budget is now 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 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@firstcrrv.org. The updated directory will be printed and distributed during *the last week of December. Thank you!*

-- Next **Sunday, November 9**, we will have a Military Tribute during the prelude of our morning worship service in honor of our service men and women.

-- Next week **Sunday, November 9**, we will welcome Rev. Tim Ouwinga as he leads our morning worship service, and Mr. Thomas Soodsma as he leads our evening worship service.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- Meals on Wheels - It is our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community the week of **November 10-14**. *Thank you to all those that have signed up to deliver!*

-- Book Club discussion night for the book *Tea with Elephants* will be held **Monday, November 10**.

-- The Fellowship Committee **Chili Cook-Off** is **Thursday, November 13**, from 6:00-8:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy some hot chili prepared by our participating chefs and their finest recipes! Crackers, cinnamon rolls, and beverages will also be served.

-- **Sunday, November 16**, Lord-willing, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Jensen James WhiteFeather-Koedam, infant son of Chloe Koedam.

-- **Sunday, November 16** will be the final Fall session of Sunday School/Catechism/Children in Worship.

-- IGNITE Youth Group will host their annual **Potato Bake Supper Wednesday, November 19**, 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 also that 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 transportation costs, 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 - Wednesday, November 19** - This year after the Potato Bake, **ALL** 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! **Nursery will be provided!** The Building Expansion project will be voted on during this meeting.

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

- **Nominations to the office of Elder:** Elmer Boon, Mike Haverhals, Rob Jansen, Chad Van't Hul, Jeff Van Bommel, Merlin Van Otterloo.

- **Nominations to the office of Deacon:** Austin Blik, 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 **Saturday, November 22** from 10am-3pm.

-- **Sunday, November 23**, Lord-willing, we will celebrate and witness the Profession of Faith of Austin Folkens, Brock Mulder, Harper Van Bommel, & Addison Van't Hul, and the Reaffirmation of Faith of Kevin & Lori Eppinga. We will also welcome Duane & Gayle Walhof by transfer.

-- **Christmas program practice for grades Preschool-6th grade begins Sunday, November 23. The Christmas program will be held at 11:00am on Sunday, December 21.**

-- A COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Meal will be held on **Tuesday, November 25** 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 on the sign-up sheet provided on a table in the Narthex. Opportunities to help include: donations of pies, desserts, or salads, or to help serve, in which sign-up sheets are also available. May God bless this COMMUNITY time of gathering together!

-- **Our Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday, November 27 at 9:30am.**

-- **Sunday, November 30** is the 1st Sunday of Advent and we will take part in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

-- At her request, Macay Van Wyk has transferred her church membership papers to Crossroads Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in West Des Moines, IA. May God continue to bless Macay in her faith in her new church home.

-- September Receipts: \$27,485.77 - General Fund; \$11,397.28 - Benevolent Fund; \$1,723.49 - Memorial Fund; \$9,200.19 - Building Fund; \$4,800.00 - Mission Fund.

November 2, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

Kelsi B, Ashley VO,
Andy VR, Mike B

USHERS:

East: Arnold K, Bob G
West: Benjamin H, Keith L

NURSERY:

AM: Judy VO, Tad M, Jordyn K
PM: Sharla VR, Harper VB

VIDEO: Rich R **SOUND:** Mike H **PPT:** Carla J

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jill M *Helper:* Isaac P

GREETERS:

AM: Mike VZ

Jack & Kelsey VB
Gerrit & Kay V

PM: Harm & Bonnie W

Ryan & Kelci Z
Blake & Genae Z

NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta

OFFERING:

AM: Benevolent Fund

PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Galen G

Maletoungou: Irene G

Klomprens: Brad G

PIANIST: Krista VE

November 9, 2025 - Military Tribute

SONG LEADER:

Mer VO

USHERS:

East: Taylor K, Rick D
West: Joe M, Gene L

NURSERY:

AM: Jamie Z, Brennan VK, Ezra H
PM: Tammy B, Erica VR

VIDEO: Alex K **SOUND:** Blake Z **PPT:** Cowan VK

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jill M *Helper:* Isaac P

GREETERS:

AM: Ryan & Jamie Z

Evan & Kim A
Lynette A

PM: Mike & Tammy B

Myron & Amy B
Austin & Allison B

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

OFFERING:

AM: Alpha Center

PM: General Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Bob G

Maletoungou: Marva H

Klomprens: Kelly H

PIANIST: Jackie R



Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org



-- Annual Potato Bake - Wednesday, November 19



-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 12 - 7:00pm at First CRC
-- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC



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

SERMON NOTES:

November 2, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Choir/Mtg in Room 1 - Freedom's Gate attendees
5:00 PM: Freedom's Gate service & serving for Mission Committee
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

TUES: 9:45 AM: Coffee Break - Lesson 8
7:00 PM: CCC Bible Study

WED: 6:00 AM: 3D Leadership Bible Study

PRAYER REMINDERS

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ◆ Brock Mulder (CG#7), Tracy Hoogendoorn (CG#2), Gerrit Kats (CG#4), Galen & Paula Kats (CG#1), Skyler Zomer (CG#4), Rick Davelaar (CG#3), 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

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra (CG#6)
Whispering Heights
Claretta Lobbes (CG#5)
Don Postma (CG#3)
Grace Teunissen (CG#8)
Alvina Van't Hul (CG#6)
Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo (CG#6)

River View Ridge

Nathan Dorhout (CG#2)
Jim Driesen (CG#6)
Gerrit & Esther Kats (CG#4)
LeRoy & Jane Koedam (CG#3)
Henrietta Vanden Bosch (CG#4)

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk (CG#7)
Crown Pointe - SC
Harriet Vande Kamp (CG#5)

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

- ◆ Amistad Cristiana

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

Denominational Requests

- ◆ (Thrive) *Growing Faith* - Faithful God, nurture in us a deep and living faith. Guide parents, mentors, and teachers as they share your story with the next generation. Fill our homes, churches, and hearts with curiosity, wisdom, and joy in following Jesus every day. Shape us into your people of love.

Outreach

- ◆ Orphan Grain Train



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - Joel Baartman

Tuesday - Harriet Vande Kamp (89), *the Kevin Jansma's, the Davis Van Roekel's*

Wednesday - Amanda Maassen, *the Jacob Maassen's*

Friday - Cherie Groeneweg, Larry Haak, Jared Kats, *the Randy Vande Kamp's*

Saturday - Shanna LeLoux, *the Charlie Poppema's*

FUTURE DATES

November 9 - Military Tribute in honor of Veteran's Day during prelude of morning service

November 10 - Book Club Discussion Night

November 10-14 - Meals on Wheels

November 13 - Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Fellowship Committee

November 16 - Baptism Sunday/Final session of Fall classes for SS/Catechism

November 19 - IGNITE Youth Group Potato Bake & Annual Congregational Meeting

November 23 - Profession of Faith/Reaffirmation of Faith Sunday

Preschool-6th Grade Christmas program practice begins

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Service

November 30 - Communion/1st Sunday of Advent

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ SCRIIP Orders due - Monday, November 3 - 9:00am
- ◇ Noon dismissal for PT Conferences - Wednesday, November 5 & Thursday, November 6
- ◇ No School - Friday, November 7
- ◇ RVCS will be hosting a **Veterans Day Program** on Friday, November 14. Coffee for Veterans: 8:30 a.m. Program begins: 9:00 a.m. Location: RVCS Gym

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ Noon dismissal for PT Conferences - Monday, November 3 & Tuesday, November 4
- ◇ Follow State volleyball schedule as it updates.
- ◇ No School - Friday, November 7
- ◇ Explore Western, on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00pm. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event.
- ◇ 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 5

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"We Will Glorify"

PH 86:1-4

"Be Exalted, O God"

PH:1

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "O Church Arise"**

GH:1,2,4

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

***Song of Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 37 Q/A 101-102 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Show Us Christ"**

LUYH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Kings 15:32-38 (page 353/598)

& 2 Chronicles 27:3-6 (page 421/712)

Sermon: **"BUILDING FOR BEAUTY"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"We Will Extol You, God and King"

LUYH 562:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "We Will Extol You, God and King"** LUYH 562:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Krista Van Engen

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2025 COUNCIL

MINISTER:
REV. MATTHEW A. HAAN

ELDERS:

Evan Vanden Bosch, *President* '25 - (470-1022)
 Randy Vande Kamp '26 - (541-7500)
 Tim Van Tilburg '27 - (470-5009)
 Carl Elbers '27 - (451-8150)
 Leonard Hoekstra, *Vice President* '27 - (451-9430)
 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, *Special Offerings* '26 - (470-2920)
 Carter Vanden Bos, *Benevolence* '27 - (422-2107)
 Colton Van Otterloo, *GF Treasurer* '27 - (451-9007)
 Blake Zomer, *Vicar of Deacons* '27 - (460-2552)
 Myron Bleyenbergh, *President* '25 - (605-359-8574)
 Ryan Zomer, *Building Treasurer* '25 - (712-441-3970)
 Evan Altena, *Missions* '26 - (470-2575)

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	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, Nate VK (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, Evan VB
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	Tracy B (Chr.), Kim A, Brian F, Josie F
Safe Church Committee	Scott K (Chr.), Colton VO, Jamie DJ, Delanie VB, Kelsey VB, Damon R, Kim A, Sue L
Scheduling Rides	Travis J
Community Impact Committee	Mitchell 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

MISSIONS: *Rev. Mike & Megan Ribbens*-Johannesburg, South Africa (email Mike at mrribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mrribbens@gmail.com)

Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou-West Africa (email smaletoungou@crcna.org)

Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompjen-Nepal (mklompjen@crcna.org)

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