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YOU, LORD, ARE
forgiving
AND *good,*
ABOUNDING IN LOVE TO
ALL WHO CALL TO YOU.
PSALM 86:5
NIV

REV. TIM OUWINGA
AM SERVICE

MR. THOMAS SOODSMA
PM SERVICE



JONAH
"The Sovereign Love of God"

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

Prelude - Military Tribute

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:

"His Mercy is More"

Vs:1-3

Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"How Great Thou Art"

PH 50:1-3

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "The Potter's Hand"**

WH:1-2

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 86 (page 550/924)

Sermon: **"THANKING OUR GOD WHO HEARS & ANSWERS PRAYER"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Give Thanks"

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Alpha Center & General Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"How Great Thou Art"

PH 50:4

Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

*Please stand if you are able

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November 9, 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

-- Today we welcome Rev. Tim Ouwinga as he leads our morning worship service, and Mr. Thomas Soodsma as he leads our evening worship service. *Thank you for being with us Rev. Ouwinga and Mr. Soodsma!*

-- 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 grade.*

-- **CEC AUCTION ITEM!** We have received a late donation for our CEC auction: Two tickets to the Iowa State vs. Kansas football game on November 22 (time TBD). This will be a silent auction item, with a bidding sheet and instructions available on the table in the back. Please note, bidding will close at 7:30pm **TODAY, Sunday, November 9.** *Thanks! -- CEC Committee*

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

-- *As Veteran's Day is observed on Tuesday, November 11, let us thankfully remember the service of our veterans, both past and present, for their service and sacrifice to our country in order that we may live free!*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- Starla Van Otterloo underwent knee replacement surgery this past Monday, November 3. Pray for healing and patience for Starla in her recovery.

-- Paula Kats returned to the Sioux Falls hospital this past week for close monitoring of her health & healing.

-- 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 18 in Sioux Falls.

-- Gert Van Regenmorter will undergo knee replacement surgery on November 18 in Sioux Falls.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for the **Alpha Center**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for our **General Fund**. The offerings for next week will be for the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission and Hope Haven. **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!*

-- **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. There are further details provided in your Church mailbox. If you have any questions please seek out a Mission Committee member.

-- **CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Your family profile copy was provided in your Church mailbox last week. 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!*

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- Book Club discussion night for the book *Tea with Elephants* will be held at 6:30pm tomorrow, **Monday, November 10.**

-- The Fellowship Committee **Chili Cook-Off** is this week **Thursday, November 13, from 6:00-8:00pm.** Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy some hot chili prepared by our participating chefs using 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, and 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: 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. Absentee ballots were provided in your Church mailbox, extra copies are on the table in the Narthex. Please complete, SIGN, seal, and return your ballots in the box provided by **Sunday, November 16!**

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 Bliet, 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 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 set up 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.

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

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

Klompies: Kelly H

PIANIST: Jackie R

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

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

November 16, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

Jamie E, Julie VO,

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

GREETERS:

AM: Dan & Shannon B

Elmer & Lori B

Karl & Alyssa B

PM: Eric & Tracy B

Josh & Katie B

Mitchell & Kelsi B

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

OFFERING:

AM: Sioux Falls Gospel Mission

PM: Hope Haven

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Larry H

Maletoungou: Pastor Matt H

Klompies: Mike H

ORGANIST: Ranae K

VIDEO: Ron L **SOUND:** James VB **PPT:** Tammy B

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



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:

“THANKING OUR GOD WHO HEARS & ANSWERS PRAYER” PSALM 86

- A. Vs. 1-4 A cry for help**

- B. Vs. 5 God’s steadfast love**

- C. Vs. 6-7 Seeking God’s help in trouble**

- D. Vs. 8-10 God to be exalted by the nations**

- E. Vs. 11 Desire to walk in God’s truth whole-heartedly**

- D. Vs. 12-13 God is exalted by the Psalmist**

- C. Vs. 14 Trouble rises from evil-doers**

- B. Vs. 15 God’s steadfast love**

- A. Vs. 16-17 A cry for help**

November 9, 2025

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Rev. Tim Ouwinga
 10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Choir
 6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service - Mr. Thomas Soodsma

MON: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Sharla Van Roekel

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Lesson 9
 11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels - Marva Haak/Laura Maassen
 7:00 PM: L.I.G.H.T. Bible Study

WED: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Gerrit & Kay Vis
 7:00 PM: Cadets
 Men's Society - Lesson 2 Q/A 6
 Together in Faith - Exodus 4

THURS: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Kevin Jansma
 6:00 PM: Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Fellowship Committee

FRI: **11:00 AM:** Meals on Wheels - Larry & Yvonne Haak

PRAYER REMINDERS

Veteran's Day - Pray for all of our service men & women both past & present.

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Starla Van Otterloo (CG#1), Gert Van Regenmorter (CG#1), 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

- ♦ New Roots Ministry

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

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Resonate) *Church planting* - Pray for church planting efforts in the CRCNA. May our eyes be open to opportunities God is providing to reach people with the gospel throughout North America.

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 - Kamden Jansen, Rashana Mulder

Tuesday - Aftyn Bleyenbergh, Kennedy Van't Hul

Thursday - Brian Faber, Darin Pollema, Jeff Van Bommel, Mike Van Zanten, Shelby Van't Hul

Friday - Alvin LeLoux, Pam Maassen, James Vanden Bos,
Jaslyn Van Otterloo, the Ver Van Bommel's

Saturday - Jake Davelaar

FUTURE DATES

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 10 - 9:00am
- ◇ Coffee Cuttin' Club - Monday, November 10 - 9:30-10:30am
- ◇ 2:30 dismissal - Wednesday, November 12
- ◇ Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 12 - 7:00pm
- ◇ ARROWS Prayer Warriors - Friday, November 14 - 8:30am
- ◇ 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:

- ◇ 9:25am start - Wednesday, November 12
- ◇ Explore Western, on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00pm. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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 12

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrcv.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:**

"To God Be the Glory"

GsH 473:1-3

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day Q/A 27-28 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Songs of Preparation:**

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

GsH 380:1,2,4,5

"He Leadeth Me"

PsH 463:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jonah 1 (page 857/1436)

Sermon: **"THE SOVEREIGN LOVE OF GOD"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Day by Day"

PH 37:1-3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: General Fund

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "He Leadeth Me"**

PsH 463:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Jackie Rus

*Please stand if you are able

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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)
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 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)
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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
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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
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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