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Baptism

Tovey Jon Kats

THE LORD'S DAY
October 19, 2025 - Baptism Sunday
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

Song of Praise:

"Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

BsH 400:1-4

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Shout to the Lord"

PH:1

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Tovey Jon Kats

(Form No. 3 - page 129, back of Psalter)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"**

GH:1-2

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 14:8-28 (page 1023/1717)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD SENDS THE GOOD NEWS, MIRACLES OCCUR"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Shout to the North"

PH 105:1-2

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Classical Quotas & Teacher's Garden

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Shout to the North"

PH 105:3

Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

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October 19, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

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

WELCOME!

TODAY

-- Today, we as a congregation, have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Tovey Jon Kats, infant son of Taylor & Jessica, during our morning worship service. May God equip Taylor & Jessica to train Tovey to grow in the light of His Holy Word and may He bless the Kats family.

-- This evening we welcome Rev. Scott Van Voorst as he leads our worship service. The Mission Committee will provide coffee and cookies after the service for a time of fellowship with Rev. Van Voorst. All are welcome! *Thank you for being with us Rev. Van Voorst.*

-- Newsletter articles are due today.

EXPRESSION OF PRAISE

-- *Thank you to everyone who attended our CEC auction this past Wednesday! We appreciate all the donations that were graciously provided and the lively bidding that made for a fun and successful event. We are extremely thankful for another fabulous turnout and the continued support for CEC. Praise God for His leading and providing and may we continue to honor Him in all we do! -- CEC Committee*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for our **Classical Quotas**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Teacher's Garden**. The offerings for next week will be for Justice For All and our Building Fund. **Note from the Deacons:** The General Fund is running approximately \$60,000 behind budget for 2025. Please prayerfully consider donating this month to help catch up. Please indicate General Fund in your check memo. *Thank you!*

-- Serve with Freedom's Gate Church - On Sunday, November 2 at 5pm, the Mission Committee invites 20 volunteers to join worship and share a fellowship meal with Freedom's Gate Church in Sioux Falls, a ministry led by Pastor Jason Wiersma serving men and women released from prison. Sign up in the narthex or contact a Mission Committee member for details. **You must be 18 or older to sign-up and attend.**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

-- On Sunday, November 9, prior to Veterans Day, the Council has agreed to have a tribute honoring our past and present military personnel. If you are active military, have served, or have an immediate family member who is serving or has served, please provide a photo (preferably military), the branch of military/war engaged in, years of service, and their relationship to you. Please put this information in Bonnie Wiersma's mailbox or scan and email it to her at hbwier@mtcnet.net prior to November 1.

-- **Meals on Wheels** - It is our turn to deliver meals to the elderly of our community the week of **November 10-14**. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Narthex! Please consider giving of your time to bless all those who receive these meals. *Thank you!*

-- Book Club's next book for reading is *Tea with Elephants* by Robin Jones Gunn. Two copies of the book are available on the table in the Narthex. Please sign in/out when borrowing the book. Book Discussion night is Monday, November 10.

-- *Bring your finest recipe and put your chili to the test!* The Fellowship Committee is planning a **Chili Cook-Off** on Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-8:00pm. A sign-up sheet to enter your finest chili is on the table in the Narthex. Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy some hot chili & cinnamon rolls, and determine which chili is your favorite!

-- Wednesday, November 19, IGNITE Youth Group will host be hosting their annual **Potato Bake Supper** from 5:00-7:00pm! 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 and stay for meeting!

-- "Are you Called to Ministry?" - Explore this question with Classis Iakota at an event being held at Dordt University on November 22 from 10am-3pm.

-- 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 do need to RSVP by indicating your name, # of meals, & to-go or in-person on the sign-up sheet provided on a table in the Narthex. Opportunities to help with the meal 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 to GIVE THANKS! *All are welcome!*

PRAISE *God* FROM WHOM
all blessings flow

October 19, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

PRAISE TEAM:

LaRae VDB, Pat B,
James VB, Randy VK

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Rhonda L, Noah DK, Tessa B
PM: Jamie Z, Titus H

GREETERS:

AM: Andy & Sharla VR
Mike & Gert VR
Colton & Leah VS
PM: Alyssa VH
Chad & Sandra VH
Mary VH & Carol VH

NARTHEX: Vern & Ellen

OFFERING:

AM: Classical Quotas
PM: Teacher's Garden

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Zach E
Maletoungou: Jesse E
Klompens: Brian F

ORGANIST: Ranae K

VIDEO: Jack VB **SOUND:** Carter VB **PPT:** Aiden VR

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Jacque L *Helper:* Kennedy VH

October 26, 2025

SONG LEADER:

Tricia M

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE
West: Tyler DB, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Laurie VK, Jaelyn K, Harper B
PM: Ashley VO, Alison L

GREETERS:

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

OFFERING:

AM: Justice For All
PM: Building Fund

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Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org



- Meeting - Wednesday, November 5
- Annual Potato Bake - Wednesday, November 19



- Meeting - Wednesday, October 22 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 12 - 7:00pm at First CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 7:00pm at Trinity CRC



- Meeting - Wednesday, October 22 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 12 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC
- Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

October 19, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Baptism of Tovey Jon Kats
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism/Choir
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service - Guest Pastor - Rev. Scott Van Voorst
7:00 PM: Mission Committee hosting Fellowship with Rev. Van Voorst
Saved to Serve Bible Study

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Lesson 6

WED: **6:00 AM:** 3D Leadership Bible Study
6:45 PM: GEMS
7:00 PM: Cadets
CCC Bible Study
Together in Faith Bible Study

THURS: **1:30 PM:** LIFT Bible Study

PRAYER REMINDERS

Baptism

- ♦ Taylor & Jessica, Jaelyn, Jordyn, Tyke, Treyton, & Tovey Jon Kats

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Paula Kats (CG#1); 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

Our Care Center Residents:

Four Seasons

Teresa Oostra (CG#6)

Whispering Heights

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 Maletougou - West Africa
- ♦ Rev. Mark K Family - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

Classical Missions

- ♦ Lakeview CRC - Valentine, NE

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

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (World Renew) *Haiti* - Our hearts go out to people living in Haiti, where gang-related violence continues to escalate. We ask God to intervene and bring a peaceful end to the crisis in Haiti and in other countries where chaos and unrest persist. Please pray for protection for our staff and partners working in areas that experience violence and conflict.

Outreach

- ♦ **Orphan Grain Train**

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Michelle Kooima

Monday - *the Harlan Driesen's (58)*

Tuesday - Irene Groeneweg (87), Carla LeLoux, Brenda Postma

Thursday - Loy Van't Hul, Sr.

Friday - Ezra Haan, Betty Hoogendoorn (82)

Saturday - Nathan Dorhout

FUTURE DATES

October - Pastor Appreciation Month

October 27 - Council Meeting

November 2 - Daylight Savings/Mission Committee serving at Freedom's Gate Church

November 9 - Military Tribute in honor of Veteran's Day

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 Sunday/P-6th 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, October 20 - 9:00am
- ◇ Fall 6-8th Instrumental Concert at RVCS - 7pm
- ◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 22
- ◇ Noon dismissal - Friday, October 24 - End of 1st Qtr
- ◇ 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, October 22
- ◇ 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!*
- ◇ You're invited to our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, on *Tuesday, November 18*, at 7:00pm. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School. You'll also get a sneak peek at an exciting capital project God has placed on our hearts—join us for Explore Western!

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ No School - Monday, October 20 - Professional Development
- ◇ 2:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, October 22

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Hymn Sing

"It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises"

BsH 180:1,3

"We Praise Thee, O God"

PsH 311:1-3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "Be Thou My Vision"**

CH:1-4

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

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

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 33 Q/A 90-91 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Holy Spirit"

GH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37 (page 934/1564)

Sermon: **"UNCOMMON HOPE FOR OUTSIDERS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

PsH 412:1,2,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Teacher's Garden

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

PsH 412:Chorus

*Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

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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)

----- Care Group 1 -----
----- Care Group 2 -----
----- Care Group 3 -----
----- Care Group 4 -----
----- Care Group 5 -----
----- Care Group 6 -----
----- Care Group 7 -----
----- Care Group 8 -----

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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