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**GOD IS SPEAKING
TO YOU THROUGH
HIS WORD-
ARE YOU LISTENING?**

THE LORD'S DAY
September 21, 2025
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:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

PsH 444:1,3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"Jesus Saves"

CH:1,3

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord"**

GH:1-3

*Children ages 2-4 invited to Children in Worship

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 12:19-25 (page 1021/1713)

Sermon: **"WHEN GOD JUDGES, WILL YOU ACCEPT HIS JUDGEMENT?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"The Lord is My Salvation"

GH:1-4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Freedom's Gate Church
& Missionaries: Rev. Mark K Family

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"My Friends, May You Grow In Grace"

LUYH:1

Organ Postlude

Organist: Ranae Kooistra

*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
ROCK VALLEY, IOWA
September 21, 2025**

WELCOME!

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!

If you are a visitor with us today and would like additional materials from First CRC, they are located in the "Visitor" mailboxes. If you currently do not have a church home and desire information about church membership, please contact the church office.

TODAY

- Newsletter articles are due today.
- Safe Church Committee members, please meet in Classroom #6 at 5:00pm today.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

-- *Thank you to all who attended the outing at Van Grouw Flower Farm! It was a great night of fellowship while creating beautiful flower bouquets! We hope to plan this outing again next year! -- Fellowship Committee*

PRAYER CONCERNS

-- We express our Christian sympathies to the family of Warren Van Otterloo, his son Justin Van Otterloo, stepson Nic McVay, his parents Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo, his siblings Bonnie & Rick Davelaar & Family, Merlin & Cindy Van Otterloo & Family, Nolan & Julie Van Otterloo & Family, Starla Van Otterloo & Family, Kimberly Van Otterloo, Darwin & Wanda Van Otterloo & Family, and Wendell & Julie Van Otterloo & Family, and all extended families and loved ones. Warren passed away in a truck rollover accident on September 11. His funeral was held this past Thursday, September 18 at First CRC. Please uplift and surround the entire family with love and prayers as they grieve his sudden loss and may God provide His peace that surpasses all understanding.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *first* offering received today will be for **Freedom's Gate Church**, and the *second* offering and *evening* offering will be for **Missionaries: Mark K Family**. The offerings next week will be for One Body One Hope and our Building Fund.
- Book Club will meet tomorrow, Monday, September 22 at 6:30pm in Classroom #5.
- Next week Sunday, September 28, Lord-willing, we will have the privilege to witness and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to Rohen Josiah Faber, infant son of Justin & Josie, during our morning worship service, and to Monty Alan Bliek, infant son of Austin & Allison, during our evening worship service.
- Adult Choir practice will begin practice next week Sunday, September 28. All are welcome to join! Please meet in the Sanctuary at 11:00am after the Children's Choir is done practicing.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

-- Elder/Deacon nomination ballots were placed in your Church mailbox last week. Please complete and return the ballots in the envelopes provided on the table in the Narthex. Ballots are due next week **Sunday, September 28**. *Thank you!*

CEC ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **Harvest Continues!** - The CEC reminds all of our farm families that we are willing and excited to be able to helping out your operations by covering your silage piles! We have been hard at work this past week again and appreciate continued requests for help! *Please contact Jill Miller with any questions and to arrange times/locations - 712-441-0136.*

**Thank you to everyone who has been helping! Keep it up as we roll into a new week!*

*Another way to help at the silage piles! The CEC Committee invites you to continue providing bars, chips, and drinks for those that are volunteering on the piles. They can be dropped off in the Church kitchen.

-- **CEC Annual Auction** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15!

- Each CEC family is asked to donate 2 or more items.
- Youth Group please bring your items/services that you will be contributing as well! Please let a leader know what you are donating or have your item/service labeled with your name so it can be listed.
- Please have your donated items brought to Church by October 8 (the sooner the better). They can be put in Classroom #3.
- We are also still looking for corn donations! Please call Brad Grevengoed with your donation amount and the name of the elevator. His # is 712-541-7617.

Thank you for your donations and support of our upcoming auction!

Remember

There's nothing wrong with making plans to live wisely.
But as far as where our trust lies, that only belongs in one place.

*"My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him.
He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken."*

Psalms 62:5-6

September 21, 2025

PRAISE TEAM:

Michelle K, Lindsey VB,
Evan VB, Randy VK

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: Em D, Harper VB, Peyton R
PM: Tammy B, Kaysha A

GREETERS:

AM: Keith & Jacque L
Shanna L
Jacob & Amanda M
PM: Larry & Pam M
Joe & Jill M
Brian & Tricia M

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

OFFERING:

AM: Freedom's Gate Church
PM: Missionaries: Mark K Family

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Zach DJ
Maletoungou: Erin DK
Klomprens: Steve DK

ORGANIST: Ranae K

VIDEO: Rich R **SOUND:** Blake Z **PPT:** Carla J

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Taryn VH *Helper:* Addi VH

September 28, 2025 - Baptism Sunday

SONG LEADER:

Andy VR

USHERS:

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

NURSERY:

AM: April DK, Jenessa VR, Ava VO
PM: Cherie G, Addison VH

GREETERS:

AM: Darin & Lisa P
Mike & Niki P
Brad & Brenda P
PM: Rich & Lynnette R
Damon & Jackie R
Alex & Alexis R

NARTHEX: Rog & Hilaine

OFFERING:

AM: One Body One Hope
PM: Building Fund

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Clarence DR
Maletoungou: Doug DR
Klomprens: Carol DR

PIANIST: AM: Jackie R
PM: Carisa M

VIDEO: Alex K **SOUND:** James VB **PPT:** Cowan VK

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: *Leader:* Taryn VH *Helper:* Addi VH



-- Meeting - Wednesday, October 5 - Community Dash - 7:00pm at First CRC

-- Reminder: Students please continue thinking of an item/service that you will be contributing to the CEC Auction being held October 15! Notify one of your leaders.



-- Meeting - Wednesday, September 24 - 7:00pm at First CRC



-- Meeting - Wednesday, September 24 - 6:45pm at Calvin CRC

SERMON NOTES:

September 21, 2025

TODAY: 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service
10:45 AM: Sunday School/Catechism
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

TUES: 9:45 AM: Coffee Break - Lesson 2
2:00 PM: Whispering Heights Chapel Service

WED: 6:00 PM: Profession of Faith Class
6:45 PM: GEMS
7:00 PM: Cadets
CCC Bible Study

THURS: 1:30 PM: LIFT Bible Study

PRAYER REMINDERS

Sympathy

- ♦ The entire family & loved ones of Warren Van Otterloo

Health, Healing, & Peace

- ♦ Nate Van Kley (CG#1); Carol De Roon (CG#4); Paula Kats (CG#1); Darwin Hoogendoorn (CG#2)
Family/Friends of Our Church Family: Judy Wesselink, Hazel Van Der Brink, Jason Davelaar, and Rev. Dan De Groot



Pray for town, our local communities, our state, and our nation

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

Classical Missions

- ♦ Siouxland Unity CRC

Classis Iakota - www.classisiakota.org/classis-documents - follow this link for all the information to keep you updated about meetings held and the discussions that take place. Browse the site for additional information to stay informed.

Denominational Requests

- ♦ (Resonate) *Mission Emphasis Week* - This week many churches are celebrating mission. Give thanks for our denominations' commitment to and passion for mission, both globally and locally. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide our footsteps as we continue to step into this important calling of being Christ's witnesses among all people and nations.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Steve De Kam, Charlie Johnson, Nate Van Kley

Tuesday - Jim Driesen (88), *the LeRoy Koedam's (66)*

Thursday - Patty Haak, Rhonda LeLoux, *the Joshua Byl's, the Mitchel Van't Hul's*

Friday - *the Tim Van Tilburg, Jr.'s*

Saturday - Dan Bloemendaal, Tate Kooima

FUTURE DATES

September 29 - Council Meeting

October 1 - 3D Leadership Bible Study begins

October 15 - CEC Bake Sale/Auction

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

◇ SCRIIP Orders Due - Monday, September 22 - 9:00am

◇ 2:30pm dismissal - Wednesday, September 24

Western Christian High School:

◇ 9:25am Start - Wednesday, September 24

Rock Valley Community School:

◇ 1:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, September 24

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrcrv.org/resources

How are YOU Feeding Your Fire of Faith?



6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

Hymn Sing

"As the Deer"

PH:1-2

"Grace Alone"

PH:1-2

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

PsH 408:1-3

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

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

CH:1

The Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 32 Q/A 86-87 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Seek Ye First"

PH 74:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 11 (page 775/1297)

Sermon: **"THE PROMISED RETURN"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"Standing on the Promises"

CH:1,4

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Missionaries: Mark K Family

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Standing on the Promises"

CH:5

*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)

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
Youth Group Sponsors	Delanie VB, Brad & Brenda P, Mark & Deb VH, Loy & Taryn VH, Kristi H, Mike K, Dave & Amy VB, Nate VK (Liaison)
Welcome Committ.	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
Video Recording Team	Brian F (Chr.), Alex K, Ron L, Rich R, Carter VB, Matthew VO
PowerPoint System Team	Rachelle VB (Chr.), Tammy B, Benjamin H, Carla J, Jaydn L, 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 mribbens@crcna.org or Megan at mribbens@gmail.com)

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

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

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