

THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 21, 2021
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Welcome

Adoption Video

Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Psalm 77:13-15

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"O God, Beyond All Praising"*
#244 *"God Himself Is with Us"*

Preparatory Reading for the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Before the Throne of God Above"*

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in the old nursery.

Musical Offering: *"We Believe"* - First CRC Choir

Prayer of God's People

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-3 (p. 1900)

Sermon: *"The Great Love of the Heavenly Father"*

*Song of Response: *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"*

Prayer for the Offering (Royal Family Kid's Camp)

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

Election of New Elders and New Deacons

THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 21, 2021
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Prelude

Introit: *"The Wonderful Cross"* – Jessica Sjaarda

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

People: *My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

Call to Worship – Psalm 106:1-5

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: #568 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Congregational Prayer

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession, Article 16 *"The Doctrine of Election"* (pp. 833)

*Song of Thanksgiving: #496 *"My Lord, I Did Not Choose You"*

Scripture: II Samuel 7:18-29

Sermon: *"Standing on the Promises"*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: #132 *"God of Jacob, Please Remember"* (vv. 1-3)

Offering: Royal Family Kid's Camp

Offertory: *"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"* – Tabitha Sjaarda

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: 171 *"It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"* (v. 1)

SERMON NOTES – NOVEMBER 21, 2021

THE GREAT LOVE OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

Text: 1 John 3:1-3

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

Text: II Samuel 7:18-29

Reformation Matters

"All those who are justified God graciously guarantees to make partakers of the grace of adoption in and for his only Son, Jesus Christ. By this act they are taken into the number of God's children and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship; they are given his name; they receive the Spirit of adoption; they have access to the throne of grace with boldness; and they are enabled to cry, 'Abba, Father.' Like a father, God has compassion on, protects, provides for, and chastens them; yet, they will never be cast off, but are sealed to the day of redemption, and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation." - Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 12.1

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
10:40 am - Kids' Praise
- Catechism and Sunday school
10:45 am - Zoom Margaret Njuguna
11:00 am - Choir
6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Mon. 7:00 pm - Men's Society (Lesson 3)
Tues. 7:00 pm - Consistory meeting
Wed. 8:00 pm - NO CHIMES (see announcement for future chimes dates)
Thur. 9:30 am - Thanksgiving service

FUTURE DATES:

Nov. 28 8:55 am - Chimes practice
Dec. 4 9:00am - Word & Deed deacon event
Dec. 18 7:00pm - Christmas Concert (pianist Thomas VanSoelen & cellist Meghan McGuire)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Next Sunday (11/28), during the evening service, we'll have the pleasure of witnessing the covenant baptism of Colin Ray Feikema, son of Phil and Katie. Our church family rejoices with the Feikema family and we look forward to seeing the Gospel promises in the waters of baptism!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas program practice: 3rd-8th grade will meet in the sanctuary after catechism to practice songs for the Christmas program until 11:45 today, and next Sunday. Students are asked to sit in the first 6 benches on the west side of the sanctuary.

Operation Christmas Child: Boxes need to be in by evening service tonight!
Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day worship service this Thursday morning at 9:30.

Thanksgiving Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

Next Sundays Offering: Benevolence

Stewardship Verse:

*"The gifts you sent ... are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God."
Philippians 4:18*

In today's bulletin, you will find a place to write something you are thankful for. Fill this out and bring it with you to the Thanksgiving service as those items will be included in the congregational prayer.

Together, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning (11/28). As we prepare your hearts to come to the table in faith and repentance, may we fix our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Head of the church, as he nourishes his people in their faith.

Missionary Christmas Cards – Please remember our missionary families this Christmas season with a card or letter to let them know that you are praying for them. There are boxes in the foyer for you to place your Christmas cards in. Please have your cards in by Sunday, December 5 so we can get them sent off. Pray that they may receive strength and wisdom for each day. Thank you, the Mission Committee.

There will be no Kids of Grace on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Kids of Grace will resume on Dec. 1.

Word & Deed & 1st CRC of Edgerton are sponsoring an event to impact, challenge, and encourage deacons in their important work and ministry. This event will be especially helpful for all current and prospective deacons but we encourage everyone to attend so we know how to support and pray for our deacons. Our speaker, Rip Pratt, has trained deacons in three reformed denominations. This event will take place at 1st CRC of Edgerton on Saturday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Chimes will not be meeting Wednesday, November 24 for practice. Instead we will meet Sunday November 28 at 8:55 a.m. to practice and play prelude. We will meet again December 1 for regular practice and then no practices till January 12, 2022!

Dear Friends and Partners at First CRC, Thank you for your gift towards our ministry of Christian education in West Africa! We praise God for his faithfulness in providing for the kingdom work that is happening here. Last month we were able to train a new group of teachers in the foundations of biblical worldview. One teacher shared that it opened her eyes to see young children in a new way and that even as a mother, she is learning to give her kids the love and attention they deserve as image bearers of God. On a separate note, we genuinely enjoyed connecting with you via Zoom! It was great to see your faces, even if it was through a screen. Hope to see you in person next year, when we're on ReConnect (home assignment). Together in Christ, Sosthene and Kara

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Circle #11 is unable to get our cut out cookies this year for our fundraiser, BUT instead we are selling Papa Murphy's pizzas!!! They will be available the week of December 6-10, at SWC kitchen. No preorders but you can stop in before and after each basketball game to stock up

your freezer! Monday December 6 someone will be available from 4-6 also for you to come and grab how many pizzas you would like! Otherwise after each basketball game someone will be available in the kitchen for sales. First come first serve! They will all be size large and will be double wrapped and ready to go in your freezer or set on the counter to eat that night! Any questions, please call Daci Moss 507-227-8540. We will have: Cheese - \$13, Pepperoni - \$13, Hawaiian - \$16, Supreme - \$16, Meat lovers - \$16, Chicken garlic - \$16

Burger Feed at SWC: Please join Parent/Circle Group #5 as they host a burger feed on Thursday, December 9 during the boy's home basketball game with Pipestone. Serving time will be 5:00-7:30 p.m.

2nd Annual Note Card Fundraiser: SWC Circle #5 is very excited to add a new set of Note Cards to their fundraiser this year! Along with a set of newly designed photos of their Beautiful and Inspirational Stationary Set of 12 Note Cards which you can customize for any occasion, this year they've also added a set of 12 THANK YOU Note Cards; each featuring favorite Bible verses enhanced with photographs taken within our own SWC Family. You have an opportunity to choose between the set of Stationary Cards with all NEW photo designs, or a set of Thank You cards... or for those who love to send cards, purchase BOTH sets! Both the Stationary Cards and the Thank You's can be personalized to use in any situation! The cards will be distributed to you before Christmas. Pricing is \$15 for one set of 12 note cards. Since there will not be any extra card sets ordered, please place your order on the designated form in church or by contacting Brigette Pap (jamiebpap@gmail.com or 507-935-8215) by Dec 5, who will confirm receipt of your order. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of SWC!

COMMUNITY & MISC

JUSTICE FOR ALL is excited to announce dates for upcoming 2022 Service and Learning Opportunities! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects and a camp. In addition, participants learn and experience a different culture than their own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 21-28; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 5-11; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 12-18; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annnville, KY – Mar 5-11; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 25-Apr 1; *ARISE!* Ukraine – June 13-27. The bulletin board in the back of church has more information on these opportunities!

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Copies are placed in the foyer near the bulletins

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Dana Huisken, Alisha Ekkel, Tyson Bleyenbergh, JT Van Hulzen

PM – Daci Moss, Brigitte Pap, Brooklyn Talsma, Megan Blom

Valet: Mike Hulstein

Ushers: Ray Schelhaas, Jamie Pap, Justin Moss, Kurt Talsma

Medical Assistant: Barb Obbink

Children's Worship: Kelsey Schmidt, Sawyer Stoel

THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

Nursery: Shannon Nykamp, Mara Mouw, Kevin Van Hulzen, Carter Bleyenbergh

Valet: Mike Hulstein

Ushers: Ray Schelhaas, Jamie Pap, Justin Moss, Kurt Talsma

Medical Assistant: Brenda Kooi

NEXT WEEK – NOVEMBER 28:

Nursery: AM – Makenzie Pap, Tabitha Sjaarda, Kaitlyn Schaap, Sydni Vander Haar

PM – Vonda Talsma, Ashley Schelhaas, Lucas Brands, Sawyer Stoel

Valet: Kirk Bleyenbergh

Ushers: Greg Talsma, Arlyn Schmidt, Micah Schaap, Ben Hanson

Medical Assistant: Kim Veldhuizen

MISSIONARIES

Friendship Community Church
Christian Reformed Home Missions
Sergeant Bluff, Iowa

Sos and Kara Maletougou
Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green
Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed
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Kenya

Cornerstone Prison Church
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