

THE LORD'S DAY – JANUARY 2, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Announcements

Silent Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 9:23-24

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #460 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

"In Christ Alone"

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 7:24-27

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

Prayer of God's People

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 & Other Scriptures

Sermon: "Certainties in 2022"

*Song of Response: #556 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Installation of New Elders and Deacons

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #560 *"Like a River Glorious"*

THE LORD'S DAY – JANUARY 2, 2022
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: LeRoy Christoffels

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 119:89-91

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 170 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Congregational Prayer

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession, Art. 17 "The Recovery of Fallen Man"

*Song of Thanksgiving: 358 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Scripture: Psalm 91

Sermon: IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

*Song of Response: 91 "Whoever Shelters with the LORD" (use tune *Germany* from 602)

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: 443 "Hours and Days and Years and Ages"

SERMON NOTES – JANUARY 2, 2022

CERTAINTIES IN 2022

Text: Matthew 6:25-34 & Others

IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

Text: Psalm 91

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning worship
11:00 am - Choir
6:30 pm - Evening worship
Tues. 7:00 pm - Council, Elder, and Deacon meetings
Wed. 6:00 pm - Kids of Grace at Runals
6:30 pm - Youth Group

FUTURE DATES:

Jan. 9 10:40 am - Kid's Praise, Sunday School, & Catechism resume
Jan. 12 6:30 pm - Gems/Cadets
Jan. 14 6:30 pm - Church game night
Jan. 16 11:00 am - Zoom call with Cornerstone Prison Church
Jan. 30 11:45 am - Potluck

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sydney VanHulzen will be traveling to Tanzania (with a group from Dordt) from December 29th- January 10th. As Sydney prepares to leave, she has requested that we join her in prayer for the following: safety as she travels, health of all those going on the trip, for opportunities to share Christ, enough time to treat everyone at each village, and a good relationship to be formed between her group (STEMM) and the communities they go to.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The sound team is looking for a few more members to join them as they seek to serve the Lord and his church by helping with the sound during Sunday worship. If you are willing and able to serve in this important way, please contact Dean Elgersma (507-779-8886).

Today we will install our new elders and new deacons. Those being installed to the office of elder are Wes DeKam, Mike Hulstein, and Greg Talsma. Those being installed to the office of deacon are Kirk Bleyenburg, Levi Mouw, and Marshall Pater.

Due to ongoing health concerns, Dar Schelhaas has given a written request to resign from his role as an elder. With much prayer and lament, the Council has accepted and approved Dar's request. Dar served so well, so faithfully during his term and the Council will greatly miss his voice, leadership, and his love for the people here at First. In order to finish the final year of Dar's term as elder, the Council has decided to place the remaining, approved elder nominations from our Congregational Meeting into the bag and draw one name today. This new elder will serve a one year term and will also be installed with his fellow elders today.

Next Sundays Offering: Friendship Community Church Sgt. Bluff

Stewardship Verse:

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." Matthew 6:24

Would you like to know more about the mission of the Cornerstone Prison Church? On January 21, 2022 you have the opportunity to worship with the men behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. This opportunity is open to anyone 18 and older. All visitors must fill out clearance forms before attending the worship service. Please talk to Ron or Thea Nykamp to receive the forms that need to be filled out and get your name on the list. The group will be limited to 25 and all forms must be submitted no later than December 29.

The Special Music Coordinator for January - March is Karen Fey. Please contact Karen for any music requests at 507.227.6392

The Council has approved the recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary and south foyer. The installation is tentatively set for the week of March 7th.

Giving Envelopes for 2022 are in your church mailbox. Please use the giving envelopes for designations to specific funds (General Fund, Christian Education, etc). Unspecified contributions not received in a giving envelope are applied toward the special offering of the day. If you have questions, please ask a deacon. Thank you for your generosity!

First CRC – Thank you so much for all the money you have given to the Food Shelf. What a blessing! It will go to those who are in need of food. –Art and Sandy Menning

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walking Taco and Chili Dog Supper at SWC: With the turn of the calendar and the start again of school activities, please mark your calendars with the Walking Taco, Hot Dog, and Chili Dog supper hosted by SWC Circle/Parent Group #14 to be held on Friday, January 7 (boys basketball game home with HLO-F). Serving time will begin at 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Justice For All is planning a UTAH BUS TOUR, focusing on our ministry partners Great Commission Utah and Grace Reigns. The dates are April 5-11, 2022. Join us, learn, and see how God is using these amazing ministries to share His love and grace to those within the FDLS communities in Utah. We will be spending time in Salt Lake City and Hildale, UT/Colorado City, AZ. We will also enjoy some of the amazing beauty of God's creation in UT. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org – 712-476-2804).

Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls, Faith Fellowship Weekend. Friday, February 18 – 6:00-8:00pm-Kick Off Worship Service. February 19 and February 20 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day.

The theme for the weekend is RENEWAL. Scripture texts come from Zechariah 4:6-10 and John 15:7, 10-12 &15. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, January 27. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Day at a Time - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. A new year has begun. We should begin this year grateful to God for his blessings and look ahead trusting in God's faithfulness. But some days, it's hard not to worry or be afraid of what comes next. In this next year, how do we stop being anxious and put God first like he wants us to? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: God's Plan and Spiritual Blessings - The Apostle Paul reassures the early Christians in Ephesus, and us, that God most definitely has a salvation plan, and he put his in place before creation. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 1 and find assurance that we can confidently trust God is in control. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation Ministries

Faith Practices Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Psalm 1:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. The new year is an excellent time to form new habits of Scripture engagement. How might you organize your day to make room for spending more time with God's Word? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Calvin University

January Series 2022 - Coming this January for the 35th year, Calvin University presents the January Series 2022 – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 10 and continues weekdays through January 28 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Viewing options include attending the live presentations on Calvin's campus, attending simulcast presentations at over 50 remote sites across the continent, or watching digitally on demand each day until midnight on your own device. For all the details visit www.calvin.edu/january

Calvin Symposium on Worship - (January 31 – February 4, 2022) Join this livestream conference, with several in-person sessions, sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching, located at Calvin University and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Learn more at worship.calvin.edu/symposium

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Ruth Corbin, Lori VanEssen, Grant Busker, Kaden Schmidt
PM – Nick Sjaarda, Marshall Pater, Clint Schelhaas, Tyler Pap

Valet: Ryan Veldhuizen

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

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children's Worship: No lesson

NEXT WEEK – JANUARY 9:

Nursery: AM – Beth Sas, Jody Schaap, Kathryn Prins, Blaire Talsma
PM –Thea Nykamp, Tanya Talsma, Clayton Blankers, Judd Prouty

Valet: Loren DeKam

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

Medical Assistant: Carmen Fey

Children's Worship: Tawni Pater, Cami VanderHaar

Praise Team: Jen, Kylee, and Jayden Brands, Vonda Talsma, Lori Schelhaas

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
Churches, Costa Rica

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Kenya

Cornerstone Prison Church
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