

THE LORD'S DAY – JANUARY 16, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: from Jeremiah 9:23-24

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Praise: #48 *"Great is the Lord our God"*

#68 *"Let God Arise and by His Might"* (vv. 1, 6)

God's Perfect Standard of Righteousness: Jeremiah 17:1-13

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper – p. 976

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #223 *"For the Glories of God's Grace"*

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Choir: *"Only God"*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: II Samuel 9

Sermon: "The Covenant Love of the Lord"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: #463 *"O Love of God, How Strong and True"* (vv. 1,5,6,7)

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offering

*Benediction

*Doxology: #638 *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Scott Muilenburg

Introit: *"God Is So Good"* - Mara Busker

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

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

People: Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

*Call to Worship: Daniel 2:20-22

*Opening Song of Adoration: #253 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Bible Reading: Isaiah 36:1-37:7

Prayer of God's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #557 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:7

Sermon: "The Contours of Love—Part Four"

*Song of Response: #262 *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

Prayer for the Offering: Christian Education

Offertory: *"Behold What Manner of Love"* - Ava Busker

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

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

SERMON NOTES – JANUARY 16, 2022

THE COVENANT LOVE OF THE LORD

Text: II Samuel 9

THE CONTOURS OF LOVE – PART FOUR

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:7

Reformation Matters:

"The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which he has been pleased to express by way of covenant."
- Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 7.1

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning worship
10:40 am - Kids' Praise, Sunday school & Catechism
11:00 am - Choir
- Conversation with Cornerstone Prison Church
6:30 pm - Evening worship
Mon. 2:00 pm - Mary Guild
7:00 pm - Mama Bear Apologetics book study
Wed. 9:30 am - Coffee Break & Story Hour
6:00 pm - Kids of Grace (Runals)
6:30 pm - Youth Group (small groups)
7:30 pm - Chimes

FUTURE DATES:

Jan 25 7:00 pm - Consistory meeting
Jan 26 12:00pm - Blood Drive (Presbyterian Church)
Jan. 30 11:45 am - Potluck
Feb. 27 11:00 am - Zoom with Bill & Aletha Green

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

At his request, the elders have approved David Sorenson's membership transfer to First Reformed Church in Sioux Falls. We wish David the Lord's blessings in his new church family.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have your kids ever asked you a Biblical question you didn't know how to answer? Do you want your kids to understand what they believe and be prepared to defend their faith? Do you interact with kids and teenagers? Then you can benefit from our new BOOK STUDY of Mama Bear Apologetics by Hillary Morgan Ferrer. You will learn how to challenge cultural lies and separate the good from the bad in the world around you. This book offers the tools to train yourself so you can turn around and train the kids and teens in your life. Read chapters on your own and come together weekly to discuss, guaranteed you will benefit from discussion with other "mamas." This book is by no means only for mothers though, anyone who has kids

Next Sundays Offering: Union Gospel Mission

Stewardship Verse:

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

or teens in their life can benefit (teachers, Grandparents etc.). **We are starting this Monday, January 17th at 7pm.** Contact Ann Marie Busker for a book (507-215-3472).

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday, January 23 during the morning service. Please take time this morning and this week to reflect upon the Gospel of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

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).

Our faithful mailbox stuffers are ready to hand the baton off to somebody else! If you are interested in serving our church in this way, please talk to Tawni Pater!

Join us for a 7 week Bible Study on 1 John. The study will start, Lord willing, on Wednesday, January 26 at First CRC in Edgerton. It starts at 9:30 and goes until 10:45. There is Story Hour for children 3-5, and nursery for infants - 2 year olds. If you are interested and would like a book, you can pick one up in First CRC kitchen or contact Coffee Break leaders -Thea Nykamp (507-227-9513) Ashley Stoel (507-227-6446) or Beth Fennema (507-215-7140)

Council Meeting Notes

- PrairieSons conducted a fire suppression inspection of the church which passed.
- The next Classis Minnkota meeting will be held at Luverne CRC on March 3 at 9AM.
- Last month, the Council gave a gift card and a letter to the college students of our church for Christmas.
- Council Meeting Minutes are available upon request to church members from the Council Clerk, Greg Talsma. Also, Council meetings are open events for church members. If you're interested in the process, you're welcome to drop in and observe.
- New assignments were handed out to the Council of 2022. (see below)
- The Council has voted to add an additional Care Group (#8) to the Care Group system. Also, the Care Groups will be reshuffled in order to promote new relationships. The new Care Groups and assignments will be in the mailboxes this coming Sunday.
- The Council will be reading the article *The Whole Counsel of God: Courageous Calvinism for the 21st Century* by Robert Godfrey, and having a discussion on this subject at the next Council meeting. If you are interested in reading this article, please contact Ryan Blom.

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners at First CRC, Thank you for your recent contribution towards our ministry of Christian education in West Africa! As we dive into the New Year we have multiple teacher trainings planned, including one on a new Bible teaching curriculum, a

teaching reading program, and ongoing Biblically-based trainings for preschool teachers. Thanks so much for being a part of it! We are anticipating going on ReConnect (Home assignment) later this year, and look forward to spending some time with you in person when we're there. - Blessings, Sos & Kara.

Dear friends at First CRC, we wish to express our gratitude to the congregation for so many cards and expressions of Christian love sent to us in a BIG packet! Please know that God is answering your prayers, His Church goes forward, and many aspects of the ministry here in Costa Rica are being blessed with growth. We pray that your church congregation will receive many blessings and much grace for this year 2022 also! A great big Latin American hug to all! God bless you. - Rev. Bill & Aletha Green

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Circle #11 will be selling Papa Murphy's Pizzas one more night! Come on down to SWC High School Campus Kitchen! Tuesday January 18, we will be selling them at the SWC girls basketball games, From 4pm-5pm then after each game that night too or till they are gone. We will have Chicken garlic (\$16) , 3 meat (\$16), Cowboy (\$16), Hawaiian (\$16), Cheese (\$13), and Pepperoni (\$16). They are all large pizzas, double wrapped so they can go right in your freezer, or right to your oven! Thanks for supporting SWC!

COMMUNITY & MISC

There will be Red Cross blood drive at the First Presbyterian Church in Edgerton on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 12:00pm – 6:00pm. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S. needs blood. Anyone 17 years or older and in good health is able to donate.

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.

Justice for All has some upcoming service and learning mission trips – please check the bulletin board in the back for further details.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Lori Schelhaas, Alisha Ekkel, Tyson Bleyenburger, JT Van Hulzen
 PM – Becky Schelhaas, Lois Schmidt, Ava Busker, Makenzie Pap
Valet: Ron Nykamp
Ushers: Ray Schelhaas, Jamie Pap, Justin Moss, Kurt Talsma
Medical Assistant: Barb Obbink
Children’s Worship: Andrea Larson, JT Van Hulzen

NEXT WEEK – JANUARY 23:

Nursery: AM – Victoria Prins, Kalli Blom, Nicole Sjaarda, Tabitha Sjaarda, Clara Talsma
 PM – Shannon Nykamp, Kelsey Schmidt, Jessica Sjaarda, Kaitlyn Schaap
Valet: Coleton Hilarides
Ushers: Arlan Schmidt, Micah Schaap, Ben Hanson, Ross Brands
Medical Assistant: Brenda Kooi
Children’s Worship: No Lesson - Communion

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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