

THE LORD'S DAY – FEBRUARY 27, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Royal Family Kids Camp Video

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 32:3-4

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #244 *"God Himself Is With Us"*

"His Mercy Is More"

Standard of Righteousness: Ecclesiastes 2:22-23

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #168 *"Zion, Founded on the Mountain"*

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

Musical Offering: "Light of the World" - First CRC Choir

Prayer of God's People

Scripture: Psalm 87

Sermon: "Let the Nations Rejoice"

*Song of Response: *"By Faith"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #618 *"Jerusalem the Golden"* (v. 4)

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EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & 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: Isaiah 63:7

*Opening Song of Praise: #280 *"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 119:97-104 (p. 961)

Prayer of God's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #548 *"When We Walk with the Lord"*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:24-27; John 16:12-15; 2 Peter 3:1-2

Sermon: "Beams of Truth Unclouded"

*Song of Response: #528 *"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"Christ Be Present Now"* - Grant Busker

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #183 *"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"* (v. 1)

SERMON NOTES – FEBRUARY 27, 2022

LET THE NATIONS REJOICE

Text: Psalm 87

BEAMS OF TRUTH UNCLOSED

Text: Deuteronomy 31:24-27;
John 16:12-15; 2 Peter 3:1-2

REFORMATION MATTERS:

"Compassionate Lord, thy mercies have brought me to the dawn of another day; vain will be its gift unless I grow in grace, increase in knowledge, ripen for spiritual harvest. Let me this day know thee as thou art, love thee supremely, serve thee wholly, admire thee fully. Through grace let my will respond to thee, knowing that power to obey is not in me, but that thy free love alone enables me to serve thee." - Valley of Vision Puritan Prayers, "Morning"

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning worship |
| | 10:40 am | - Kids' Praise, Sunday school & Catechism
- Zoom with Bill & Aletha Green |
| | 11:00 am | - Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening worship |
| Mon. | 6:00 pm | - Men's Society (lesson 8) |
| | 7:00 pm | - Mama Bear Apologetics book study (Chapter 6) |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break & Story Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace (Runals) |
| | 7:30 pm | - NO Chimes |
| Thurs. | 7:00 pm | - Friendship |
| Sat. | 8:00 am | - Cadet Snow Derby at Big Sioux Rec Area (Meet at Bethel at 8 A.M.) |

FUTURE DATES:

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| March 6 | - Word and Deed Update in the fellowship hall. |
| March 26 | - "Enlivening the Dry and Weary Heart of Our Churches" –Prinsburg CRC |
| April 4 | - Cornerstone Prison Church Fundraiser Banquet |
| April 10 | - 25th Annual Easter Music Festival (First CRC) |
| June 6-10 | - Vacation Bible School |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Avery Pater is going on a service project to Puerto Rico from March 5-14 with a Northwestern College team. Avery and his team will help rebuild roofs destroyed in the 2017 Hurricane Maria storm. Please join Avery and his team in prayer for the following: For servant hearts and attitudes towards everybody they come in contact with, prayers for seeing God at work, prayers for safety and health while traveling and serving, and prayers for God's work to continue after their departure.

We express our sympathies to and lift our prayers for the family of Bernard Baker following his recent death. May the Lord, the God of all comfort, grant his peace to Gert Baker and the extended family at this time.

Spencer Mesman has requested to have his membership transferred to Bethel CRC in Edgerton. The elders have approved this request and pray the Lord would continue to bless Spencer in his new church family.

NEXT SUNDAYS OFFERING: Bill and Aletha Green – CLIR Ministries

STEWARDSHIP VERSE: *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Next Sunday morning, we will have the joy of baptizing Emma Ward, daughter of Joe and Jackie Ward. May the Lord Jesus use this means of grace to encourage the hearts of his covenant people as Emma is marked as one set apart to the Lord.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary carpet will be replaced this week. Please refrain from going into the sanctuary as a crew will be busy doing the replacement. We also request, after the evening service, the help of individuals in removing the furnishings from the stage and narthex areas. Items on the north end will be stored in the old library. The items on the south will be moved to the fellowship hallway. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The Consistory is interested in forming a small committee to help organize a community Sunrise Service for Easter Morning in addition to our normal service at our regular time. If interested in helping and serving in this way please contact Jon Schmidt (507-215-2551)

The Classis Minnkota meeting will be March 3, at 9AM in Luverne, MN. Our delegates are Brian Busker and Nick Sjaarda. Please pray for them and for our classis.

The Council approved funding for a new missionary couple (\$200/month). They will be going to a heavily Muslim area in Central Asia where they hope to learn the language and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Talk to Nick Sjaarda or John Top if you are interested in knowing more about them.

Elders Ryan Blom and Brian Busker and Deacon Marshall Pater were nominated by our Council to represent Classis Minnkota as delegates to attend the upcoming Synod which will meet on June 10-16 in Michigan. The Classis will elect representatives from among other names that have been submitted for consideration. Please be in prayer for the Classical delegates and for the CRC when it meets this summer.

If you are interested in making a profession of your faith, there will be a class offered in the coming months. Please email Pastor Scott (scott.muilenburg@gmail.com) if you'd like to sign up for the profession of faith class.

After the morning service on March 6, Dave Vander Meer from Word & Deed Ministries will give a short update on the work of the ministry in the fellowship hall. He will focus on some disaster relief projects and share a little on some work in India. Word & Deed is a Reformed Christian Ministry that works in the developing world with indigenous (local) churches, missionaries, and other local Christian partners to address the needs of both the body and soul. Word & Deed is currently working in 16 countries with over 55 projects.

Enlivening the Dry and Weary Heart of Our Churches: A one-day event for congregational members and leaders to learn about and discuss together the current reality of congregational ministry and how to move forward with a renewed heart. Speakers include:

Dr. Syd Hielema, Director of Connections Project with the CRCNA

Pastor Mark Brouwer of Bethel CRC, Director of Renew Resources, and author

Pastor Travis Deur, Pastor of Faith Formation and Youth leader at Faith CRC

This event is on March 26 and will run from 9 am to 3 pm (doors open at 8:30) at Unity CRC in Prinsburg. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. To register or for more information, email Trudy Ash at the following address: tash@crcna.org. (This event is sponsored by the Classical Home Missions Team of Classis Lake Superior.)

Men aspiring to ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church, and who are members of Classis Minnkota, are invited to apply for financial aid from the Classical Student Fund Committee before July 15, 2020. Please contact Rev. Harold Westra, 742-6th Ave SW Pipestone, MN 56164, 507 820 1604 or harold.westra@gmail.com.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindergarten Round Up - Parents of prospective Kindergarteners and their child are invited to Southwest MN Christian Schools Kindergarten Round Up on Monday, February 28, at 6:30pm for an evening of exploration into all the great aspects of Kindergarten at SWC! Sibling care will be made available upon request - please contact the school. A scavenger hunt will take place along with an opportunity to visit the Kindergarten room. An informational meeting will also be held for the parents, led by Mr. Top, Principal. Your prospective Kindergartener needs to be 5 years old by September 1, 2022, to attend Kindergarten. Join us for an opportunity to learn what SWC can offer you and your family as we explore and discover God's world! This event will take place at our elementary campus at 210 Elizabeth Street West in Edgerton. Please call the elementary campus at 507-442-6181 or email the office at elementary@swcschools.org for more information.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission field right in our back yard! We need volunteers with a heart for kids. Camp will be held locally from June 6-9 and we need loads of helpers to love on the kids and sow seeds of Jesus' love throughout the camp days. Volunteer applications are located in the back of church, or check our Facebook page: Royal Family Kids Camp SW MN for a printable form OR apply online directly from our Facebook page. All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and for legal purposes, we need an application on file and we'll facilitate a background check for volunteers 18 and older. Please consider joining our team. Talk to Erin Van Hulzen if you have questions. Change a life and BE CHANGED!

BIBLICAL AND REFORMED IN 2022 - The past two years have been a time of exceptional upheaval for Christian Reformed congregations. We are surrounded by worry, fear, anger, doubt and division. Even so, God is on the throne! The "tree" may be shaking in the storm, but we have strong biblical and reformed roots. Former Dordt professor Dr. Syd Hielema, who has served the denomination these last eight years, will reflect on the role of these roots as a source of strength and stability in challenging times. "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." (PS 1: 3) You are invited to an interactive presentation, discussion and time of prayer at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center, Iowa on Tuesday, March 1 from 7:00-8:30pm. We hope that you can join us!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Kim Van Hofwegen, Tawni Pater, Ryan Pap, Parker Bleyenber
PM – Jody Schaap, Megan Bleyenburg, MaKenna Moss, Blaire Talsma

Valet: Darrin DeKam

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

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children's Worship: Kelsey Schmidt, Brooklyn/Blaire Talsma

NEXT WEEK – MARCH 6:

Nursery: AM – Ruth Corbin, Thea Nykamp, Levi VanHofwegen, Logan Bleyenber
PM – Nick Sjaarda, Marshall Pater, Devin Schaap, Zachary Moss

Valet: Mark Sas

Ushers: Arlan Schmidt, Micah Schaap, Ben Hanson, Ross Brands

Medical Assistant: Carmen Fey

Children's Worship: Shannon Nykamp, Kalli Blom

Praise Team: Kirk Van Hulzen, Brad Prouty, Kurt Talsma, Mark Boeve, Greg Masselink

Keyboard: Brittany Forness

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

Margaret Njuguna
En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Cornerstone Prison Church
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