

THE LORD'S DAY – MARCH 6, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Welcome

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.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 135:1-3

*Opening Song of Praise: *"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"*

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 22:36-40

Prayer of Confession

Covenant Baptism of Emmalee Kay Ward

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"*

Musical Offering: *"His Mercy is More"* - Kids' Praise

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

Prayer of God's People

Scripture: Colossians 2:11-12

Sermon: "Death and Life in Christ"

*Song of Response: #502 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Prayer for the Offering (Bill and Aletha Green - CLIR Ministries)

*Benediction

*Closing Song: *"The Tree of the Field"*

THE LORD'S DAY – MARCH 6, 2022
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Lee 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 32:1, 11

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: #475 *"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Congregational Prayer

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession, Art. 19 "The Two Natures of Christ"

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

Scripture: II Samuel 12

Sermon: "Twas Grace That Taught My Heart to Fear"

*Song of Response: #462 *"Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound"*

Prayer for the Offering (Bill and Aletha Green - CLIR Ministries)

Offertory: *"Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* –Lydia Talsma

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: #32 *"How Blest Are They Whose Trespass"* (v. 3)

SERMON NOTES – MARCH 6, 2022

DEATH AND LIFE IN CHRIST

Text: Colossians 2:11-12

TWAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART

TO FEAR

Text: II Samuel 12

REFORMATION MATTERS:

"It is called "the peace of God" because he is its author. It is a sweet and gentle stream which flows from the fountain of life beneath his throne. Happy is he who has received this heavenly gift; it will, in the midst of external storms and troubles, preserve his mind in a tranquil state. It is independent of external circumstances. It is most exquisitely enjoyed in times of affliction and persecution." - Archibald Alexander (1772-1851), "The Peace of God"

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning worship |
| | 10:40 am | - Kids' Praise, Sunday school & Catechism |
| | | - Word & Deed Ministries update from Dave Vander Meer |
| | 11:00 am | - Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening worship |
| Mon. | 2:00 pm | - Mary Guild |
| | 7:00 pm | - Mama Bear Apologetics book study (Chapter 7) |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break & Story Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace (Runals) |
| | 6:30 pm | - Youth Group (lesson) |
| | | - Cadets (Bethel CRC) |
| | 7:30 pm | - Chimes |
| Thurs. | 7:00 pm | - Friendship |

FUTURE DATES:

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| March 12 | - Rescheduled Snow Derby |
| 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

Today we celebrate the covenant baptism of Emmalee Kay Ward, daughter of Joe and Jackie Ward. Our church family rejoices with the Ward family as Emmalee is welcomed into the visible church here at First CRC.

We express our sympathies to Karen Van Essen following the recent death of her brother, Bryan Fransen. Our prayer is to the God of all comfort, asking that he would point Karen and her family to the One who is the resurrection and the life, the Lord Jesus.

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

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*

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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the morning service today, 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.

The Building Addition Finance Committee gratefully acknowledges a Memorial Gift received in memory of Bernard Baker.

Nursery help needed! What a blessing to have so many new members being born into the First CRC family this year! With this blessing though, comes the need for more help. If you are able to serve the church in this way, please contact Tawni Pater.

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)

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.

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.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Snow Derby has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 12. Cadets meet at Bethel at 8 A.M.

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!

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to the 14th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 4, 2022 (doors open at 6:00pm). The Banquet will take place at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA. *Save your spot by Sunday, March 27* by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109. Or donate on line at www.cornerstonepcsd.org

Hiring Youth Coordinator: The Minn-I-Kota Youth Network is an organization with the goal to empower, encourage, & equip youth ministry programs at churches in the Minnkota, Lakota, and Heartland Classes. After 12 years of faithful service Lee De Groot plans to step down from her role as Youth Coordinator at the end of 2022. The MIK Youth Board intends to hire a new coordinator by September 2022 to train alongside Lee. Those seeking to apply must have a love for Christ, and be a member of good standing in a church that teaches Reformed doctrine. Applicants must have a heart for youth ministry, and should be gifted in administrative skills as well as event planning. For a job description and information on how to apply, please contact dan@bethelsc.org subject line "MIK Youth Coordinator Position" by April 10.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Ruth Corbin, Tanya Talsma, Levi Van Hofwegen, Logan Bleyenbergh

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

NEXT WEEK – MARCH 13:

Nursery: AM – Lori Van Essen, Becky Schelhaas, Kade Fey, Jonathan Sjaarda

PM – Thea Nykamp, Daci Moss, Tyler Pap, Kaden Schmidt

Valet: Mike Larson

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

Medical Assistant: Barb Obbink

Children's Worship: Julia Holm, Hannah/Izzy Masselink

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
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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