

THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7

*Opening Song of Adoration: #469 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 7:26-27

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

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

Scripture: 1 John 5:13-15 (p. 1903)

Sermon: "The Content of Our Prayers"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Song of Response: #260 *"Not What My Hands Have Done"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 4)

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EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
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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 61:10-11

*Opening Song of Adoration: #465 *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

Bible Reading: Micah 5:1-5 (p. 1445)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #183 *"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"*

Confessing the Faith: The Belgic Confession, Article 18, selected portion

Scripture: Philippians 2:3-8 (p. 1827)

Sermon: "Born a Child and Yet a King"

*Song of Response: #340 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Prayer for the Offering (Edgerton Food Shelf)

Offertory: *"Trust and Obey"* - Clara Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #329 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* (v. 1, 3)

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The truth of God must be proclaimed to all men: to those who are nigh and to those who are afar off, to rulers and subjects, to rich and poor, to adults and children, to the learned and the ignorant, to the cultured and the uncultured, to the converted and the unconverted, to men of every race, nation, and language. That stupendous task the exalted Christ has committed to His church. And on its performance hangs the salvation of the world." - R.B. Kuiper, "The Glorious Body of Christ"

NEXT SUNDAYS OFFERING: Westminster Seminary

STEWARDSHIP VERSE:

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3:9–10

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning worship
	10:30 am	- Sunday school & Catechism & Kid's Praise
	11:00 am	- Choir practice
	6:30 pm	- Evening worship
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:00 pm	- Cadet season kickoff night at Rock River Park
	6:30 pm	- GEMS
		- Evening Coffee Break
	7:45 pm	- Chimes

FUTURE DATES:

October 4 - Elder, Deacon, & Council meetings

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Next Sunday morning, we will witness together the covenant baptism of Noah Top, son of Cody and Carrie Top. We rejoice in the Lord's marvelous gift of life and celebrate together as Noah becomes a member of the visible church of the risen Lord Jesus.

The elders have received and approved the membership transfer of the Van Dam family from Pipestone CRC. This morning, we welcome Ron, Stephany, Tristan, Quentin, and Jordan Van Dam into membership here at First CRC. Please take time to greet and welcome the Van Dam family!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our congregation will be celebrating the Lord's Supper this morning. This is such a joyful and nourishing time in the life of our church as we reflect on the glories of the death and

resurrection of the Lord Jesus. If you are visiting with us this morning and are a member in good standing at a Bible-believing and Bible-teaching Christian church, you are welcome to participate with us.

Congregation of First CRC: In recent months we have had ongoing issues with our sound system. The council and sound team have received many comments regarding sound quality and inconsistent volume within the sanctuary as well as on the livestream and radio. Two separate parties have assessed our sound system, and both concluded that while repairs may be possible, it may be time to look at replacing the system as it is over 30 years old and no longer compatible with new equipment. We have received a quote to replace the system which was approximately \$36,000. If anyone feels compelled to give towards this project please mark it on your giving envelopes or speak to a deacon.

Men's Society: Our meetings are scheduled to begin soon. Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Monday evenings each month (Oct.-Mar.) at 7:00 pm beginning October 10. Anyone wishing to meet with us for good Bible discussion should notify either Rolland Schelhaas (442-6893) or Bud Vis (442-4771) on or by October 2 so that study materials can be ordered in time for the first meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Cadet Season Kickoff Night will be this Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 6:00 P.M. at the Rock River Park. The night will consist of games for Cadets and Hot Dog Roast for Cadets, parents, and siblings. Bring hot dog roasting sticks, everything else is provided. Cadets do *not* wear your cadet shirt to this event.

Save the Date: Word & Deed Fall Dinner - You are warmly invited to attend a Word & Deed Fundraising Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 12 D.V. at the Lunch House in Rock Valley. We are pleased to have Juan Carlos Ramirez of Education Plus as our keynote speaker. Juan is the director of Education Plus and an elder in the church Rev. Bill Green pastors. More details to follow. Plan on joining us for good food, fellowship, and a presentation highlighting what the Lord is doing in Costa Rica!

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

At-home Faith Formation Tip - At-home Faith Formation Tip: What faith practices shape your life and the lives of the people who share your home? "It's easy for us to think that we create our habits, but our habits also create us. The faith-forming things that we do together deeply affect the way we think and act. Because of this, consistently committing to your faith practices as a family has a significant impact." —from Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation, by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at FaithAliveResources.org. (Tip from CRCNA Faith Formation; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Learn to Build Faith At Your Church Through Storytelling - In the Bible, God often uses stories to tell us who God is. We are part of his story and it's important for us to see our story in his story. Help your church build relationships between generations, see how God is working in the faith of God's people, and more. Join us for the Sharing Stories to Build Faith cohort this fall. crcna.org/FaithFormation/cohorts

Scriptoria Writers' Workshop - The Scriptoria Writers' Workshop welcomes all writers to its 2023 incarnation, to be held at Calvin University on June 19-23, 2023. Come spend a week of writing workshops, craft classes, meetings with editors and agents, and lectures and readings from our guest writers: Leslie Leyland Fields, Maurice Manning, Vinita Hampton Wright, Patrice Gopo, and others. Visit www.scriptoriaworkshop.org/home or contact Gary D. Schmidt at schg@calvin.edu for more information.

ReFrame Ministries

Family Fire - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Making Peace - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What if your mom or dad asked you to "Go make peace" instead of "Go say you're sorry"? Would that look different? Would you feel different? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Jesus Teaches about Entering God's Kingdom, False Prophets, and Strong Foundations - As we conclude our study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, let's examine his warnings and encouragement for our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 7:13-29 to hear what Jesus says we should be aware of to keep our eyes and hearts rooted in him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Kaitlyn Schaap, Jessica Sjaarda, Mikiah Van Dyke, Judd Prouty, Zachary Moss, Victoria Prins, Ava Busker

PM – Vonda Talsma, Ashley Schelhaas, Nicole Sjaarda, Vera Prouty

Valet: Ron Nykamp

Ushers: Ross Brands, Rod Corbin, CJ Veldhuizen, Nate Stoel

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children's Worship: No Lesson - Communion

NEXT WEEK – OCTOBER 2:

Nursery: AM – Karen Fey, Mindy Blankers, Carmen Fey, Shawnie Veldhuizen, Kevin Van Hulzen, JT Van Hulzen

PM – Nicole Vis, Thea Nykamp, Kaden Schmidt, Tyler Pap

Valet: Coleton Hilarides

Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Brian Schelhaas, Brett Kroeze, Duane Vandenberg

Medical Assistant: Carmen Fey

Children's Worship: Shannon Nykamp, Jorja Holm

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna
En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletoungou
Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green
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