

THE LORD'S DAY – FEBRUARY 12, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Royal Family Kids' Camp Presentation

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 95:6-7

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

"O God, Beyond All Praising"

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Standard of Righteousness: Ezekiel 36:25-27

*Song of Thanksgiving: #489 *"When Peace Like a River"*

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

Musical Offering: *"Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* - First CRC Choir

Scripture: Acts 1:4-5 (p. 1690)

Sermon: "Waiting for the Promised One"

*Song of Response: *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #627 *"Bless His Holy Name"*

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EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Introit: *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* – Kaden Schmidt

"Ode to Joy" – Kambrie Schmidt

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 37:4

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: #171 *"It is Good to Sing Your Praises"*

Bible Reading: Psalm 37:1-11

Congregational Prayer

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession, Art. 26, part B "The Intercession of Christ"

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

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: "The Resume of the Christian Disciple"

*Song of Response: #206 *"Blest Are the Contrite Hearts"* (vs. 1-5)

Offertory Prayer (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* – Kinley Schmidt

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: #504 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* (vs. 1,4)

SERMON NOTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2023

WAITING FOR THE PROMISED ONE

Text: Acts 1:4-5

THE RESUME OF THE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE

Text: Matthew 5:1-12

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The fear of God in which godliness consists is the fear which constrains adoration and love. It is the fear which consists in awe, reverence, honour, and worship, and all of these on the highest level of exercise. It is the reflex in our consciousness of the transcendent majesty and holiness of God. It belongs to all created rational beings and does not take its origin from sin. The essence of sin may be said to be negation of God's fear." - John Murray, in "Principles of Conduct: Aspects of Biblical Ethics"

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning worship |
| | 10:40 am | - Prayer Warriors, Kid's praise, Catechism and Sunday school |
| | 11:00 am | - Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening worship |
| Mon. | 6:00 pm | - Men's Society (Note the time change) |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break & Story Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Coffee Break |
| | | - Youth Group (small group) |
| | 7:45 pm | - Chimes |
| Thur. | 7:00 pm | - Friendship |

FUTURE DATES:

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| April 1 | - Sister's Tea |
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A heartfelt thank you to our congregation for the cards, calls, texts, food, encouraging words and prayers when our beloved mother went to her heavenly home. We appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you, Dean and Carla

We express our sympathy to Howard and Judy Van Essen and their family following the recent death of Howard's sister-in-law, Betty. May Christ, the hope of glory, be their sweet refuge during this time of grief.

We extend our condolences to Arlene Hulstein and her family after the recent death of her brother, Bernie. May the God of all peace and tender mercy grant Arlene and her family his comfort in the Lord Jesus, the One who is the resurrection and the life.

Lord willing, next Sunday morning we will witness the covenant baptism of Carson Bradley Blankers, son of Nathan and Mindy Blankers. This will be a time of great joy for the Blankers family as well as for our congregation!

Next Sundays Offering: Mid America Reformed Seminary

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Warriors: Please meet after the morning service today to connect with your prayer partner.

If you are interested in making a public profession of your faith, please speak to Pastor Scott. A new class will begin soon.

If anyone would like to update their church directory photo, please contact Jonathan Schmidt at 507.215.2551 or send a photo to: jandkschmidt@gmail.com

Please check you church mailboxes for information regarding family visiting for 2023/2024.

The meeting of Classis Minnkota will take place on March 2 at Peace CRC in Menno, SD at 9:00AM. The agenda for the meeting is available to anyone who desires a copy. In addition to the regular business of classis, Candidate Ryan Vander Wees will be examined for ordination in the CRC to fill the vacancy at Peace CRC. If you want a copy of the agenda, please contact Tawni or Ryan Blom for a copy.

A note from the deacons: The general fund of our church is currently healthy (thank you!!); however, the Christian Ed fund is dwindling. Please consider this as you designate your weekly giving!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basketball and Burgers! SWC boys basketball team will be playing MCC at home on Friday, February 24. SWC Circle #5 will be serving grilled burgers from 5-7:30 pm. Meal includes Grilled hamburger with all the fixings, chips, milk/water and a homemade bar. Come on out for a great meal and enjoy watching the boys basketball team play MCC all while supporting SWC!

COMMUNITY & MISC

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in SW MN in the foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. You'll find a flyer in mailboxes which will give information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 5-8, 2023. Please consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions you can email us at swmnrk@gmail.com . Join us in making moments that matter for foster kids in our area!

Word & Deed - Turkey Earthquake Relief - Word & Deed is in touch with multiple partners in

Turkey, some of which are working with churches that are located in the area of the earthquake. One pastor and his wife were killed when their home collapsed. Church members are providing food, blankets, and even some shelter to victims of the earthquake. Word & Deed is sending \$15,000 USD (\$20,000 CAD) in relief funds, with plans to send much more in the coming weeks as the opportunities for direct intervention continue to be available. May the Lord have mercy on the injured and their families and bless the efforts to bring them much-needed help. Please pray for the people of Turkey and consider supporting the efforts to bring them relief (donations can be made at wordanddeed.org or contact your deacons).

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

At-Home Family Faith Formation Tip - Rain For Roots is a collective of songwriters that includes Sandra McCracken, Katy Bowser, Ellie Holcomb, and Flo Paris. They came together around a single vision: to make new Scripture songs for children, centered around the poetry of Sally Lloyd-Jones (author of The Jesus Storybook Bible). Inspired by traditional folk melodies, Rain for Roots makes new, timeless songs about the old gospel Story. Check them out at RainforRoots.com. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

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.

God's Idea of Justice - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Imagine that you see someone being bullied. Do you just watch, or turn away, or do you try to help the person being bullied? How does God want you to respond? What is God's idea of justice? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids Corner Valentine Cards.

Groundwork: Seeing Jesus Christ in Heaven - The Bible's final book of Revelation has long been a source of mystery to Christians across the ages. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Revelation 1 to examine the opening images of John's heavenly vision and discuss the comfort it offers believers still today. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Offering for Pastor Church Resources - On Sunday, February 19, we'll be taking a collection for Pastor Church Resources (PCR). This ministry focuses on the health and wellbeing of pastors, ministry leaders, congregations, and classes. Your gift enables PCR to resource, encourage, and support CRC churches and leaders in significant ways.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Alisha Ekkel, Nick & Shawna Sjaarda, Shawnie Veldhuizen, Jorja Holm,
Vera Prouty

PM – Ashley Schelhaas, Thea Nykamp, Shelbi Kroeze, Ellia Van Dyke

Valet: Ryan Veldhuizen

Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Nate Stoel, Quintin Van Dam, Jacob Masselink

Medical Assistant: Kim Veldhuizen

Children's Worship: Kelly Kroeze, Shelbi Kroeze

NEXT WEEK – FEBRUARY 19:

Nursery: AM – Marshall & Tawni Pater, Levi & Mara Mouw, Myah Johnson, Kinley Schmidt

PM – Kaitlyn Schelhaas, Tanya Talsma, Isaac Schelhaas, Judd Prouty

Valet: Nathan Stoel

Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Nate Stoel, Quintin Van Dam, Jacob Masselink

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children's Worship: Rebecca Vis, Jorja Holm

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

Keyboard: Kaitlyn Schelhaas

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna
En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletougou
Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green
Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed
Churches, Costa Rica

K & K
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