

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 15, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Bill Green

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #470 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 22:34-40

Prayer of Confession

Baptism of Cooper Michael Schoonhoven

Hymn: #508 *"Jesus, with Your Church Abide"*

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

Musical Offering: *"People Need the Lord"* - Choir

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 22

Sermon

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

Congregational Prayer & Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offering

*Benediction

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

Postlude

Next Sundays Offering: Luke Society

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 15, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Daniel Lobo

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.

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift 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: Revelation 5:12-13

*Opening Song of Adoration: #504 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 130

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #451 *"What God Ordains Is Always Right"*

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Sermon

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

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory

*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #620 *"By the Sea of Crystal"* (v. 3)

SERMON NOTES – OCTOBER 15, 2023

AM Worship

Text: 1 Chronicles 22

PM Worship

Text: Romans 5:1-5

REFORMATION MATTERS: "It is God's mercy to us, that when we have let go of our hold of God, we should find nothing but trouble and unquietness in anything else, so that we might remember from where we have fallen and return home. It is a good trouble that brings us back to the most comfortable rest...The soul that has had a saving work upon it, will always be impatient until it recovers its former sweetness in God." - Richard Sibbes (1577-1635), in *"Refreshment for the Soul"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning Worship |
| | 10:45 am | - Mission Emphasis Sunday Presentation (in fellowship hall) |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Worship |
| Mon. | 7:00 pm | - Men's Society |
| Tues. | 7:00 pm | - Consistory |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break |
| | 6:00 pm | - NO Kids of Grace |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Coffee Break |
| | | - Youth Group (large group) |
| | 7:45 pm | - Adult Bells |
| Thur. | 7:00 pm | - Friendship |

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

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| October 28 | - Youth Group Rake and Run |
| October 29 | - Potluck |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This morning, we will have the joy of witnessing the covenant baptism of Cooper Schoonhoven, son of Logan and Morgan. We rejoice with their family over this wonderful picture of the covenant promises and excellencies of Christ, our Redeemer and King.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rake and Run: It's that time of year again! Need your lawn raked? The youth group will be raking and running Saturday, Oct 28. To get your lawn on the list, please call or text Shannon Nykamp 262-366-2379. Have a few hours to spend with us in the glories of fall? We also need volunteers and extra trucks, trailers, and tarps.

Today is Mission Emphasis Sunday! Please join us in the fellowship hall directly following the service for a presentation from our missionaries, Bill & Aletha Green and their Costa Rican students.

To this point, the council has received no leads on finding a new church secretary. We would like to fill this position before the winter months. Please prayerfully consider serving the church in this way, while also earning a modest income. If you have any questions, or wish to see the position changed in a way that might work for you, please contact Ryan Blom or Ron Nykamp.

The elders wish to heartily commend to the congregation of First CRC our evening worship service. Though viewed as irrelevant by the world, the Word preached is the very means of grace and the primary origin of faith (Rom. 10:17, HC Q&A 65). The Fourth Commandment is still valid, and the entire day belongs to the Lord; the Sabbath's higher purpose is to take spiritual rest by communing with God and the saints.

We understand many things compete for our people's time. Yet, we continue to call you to worship, both morning and evening, not out of tradition or stubbornness, but because of our charge to "present everyone mature in Christ" (Col. 1:28), and because we are convinced that there is no better place to be or better activity to be engaged in than gathering with God's people to hear the Words of our Savior and the bread of life, the Holy Gospel proclaimed. To worship here on earth is a foretaste of heaven, and the Chief Shepherd himself calls you to assemble with His flock.

The elders also commend to you a report from a classical committee that was discussed lately at our fall classis meeting. It is provided in your mailbox for your edification and study.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Coffee Break Ministry is looking for volunteers to help out in the nursery. Would you be willing to help and give young mothers the opportunity to study God's word? Coffee Break meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at First CRC in Edgerton. We could use a volunteer on the first and 3rd Wednesday of the month and substitutes. Please contact Thea Nykamp (507-227-9513).

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual FALL SOUP and DESSERT SUPPER on Tuesday, Nov. 7th. Serving time is 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, and chicken rice soups, BBQ's and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

SAVE THE DATE! The SWC Donation Sale will be held on Saturday, November 11 and there are a few changes in store! First, we're bringing the supper back. You'll be able to enjoy a delicious meal from 4:00-6:00 and fellowship together prior to the Sale starting at 6:00. Second, this is the one and only Donation Sale for the school year, so we thank you in advance for taking this opportunity to bless SWC Schools with your donations, along with

your financial and prayerful support through this Sale. Donations are much appreciated and can always be brought to either school office. Watch for more details regarding the Donation Sale in the coming weeks! With your help and rooted in Christ, SWC strives to cultivate the faith and knowledge of students, so they will grow in wisdom through the Spirit and bear fruit in the world to the glory of God. We are thankful for that privilege!

COMMUNITY & MISC

Justice for All invites you to our annual auction and meeting event on Thursday October 26, 2023. It will be held at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley, IA. Dinner starts at 5p, short business meeting at 615p, live auction at 630p. Come out to support Justice for All ministry, hear about highlights from the past fiscal year and what God has been doing through JFA in 2023! There will be an online portion of the auction as well. We hope to see you there.

Come to the 13th annual Gospel Jubilee on Sunday, October 29, 3 PM at American Reformed Church Luverne, featuring The Baker Family. The Baker Family is a high energy bluegrass and gospel band from south central Missouri. Freewill offering.

ATLAS for Life – Pipestone, Advance Date: Christmas Rummage and Boutique – Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Join us for this annual fundraiser to purchase some delightful Christmas décor items and potted Christmas arrangements. If you have Christmas décor items to donate, please bring them to the ATLAS office (101 2nd St. NE - Pipestone) by Tuesday, November 7 during regular office hours. Your gently used or new Christmas items will be a great addition to the fundraiser to encourage, inspire, and bring God's love story to individuals in our southwest Minnesota communities.

Word & Deed Dinner: Come and hear how the Lord is working in Egypt and the Middle East through our partner El-Soora Ministries. A Word & Deed dinner will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, November 11, at The Lunch House (1129 Main St. Rock Valley). Doors will open at 5:30 PM with dinner starting at 6 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Sherif Fahim, Director of El-Soora and Chairman of the New Testament Department at the Alexandria School of Theology and Adjunct Faculty of Eschatology at PRTS. You can register for this evening at <https://wordanddeed.org/event/iowa-fundraising-dinner/> or contact Dave Vander Meer at dvandermeer@wordanddeed.org.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Jackie W, Alisha E, Lori VE, Brigitte P, Blaire T, Lilyana M

PM – Kim V, Lori S, Judd P, Lucas B

Valet: Dan H

Ushers: Tyson B, Logan B, Lester S, Steve E

Sound: Jesse VH

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Kirk VH/Blair W

Medical Assistant: Gord P

Children's Worship: Carmen F, Zackery B

NEXT WEEK – OCTOBER 22:

Nursery: AM – Ruth C, Kirk & Megan B, Kim VH, Sawyer VH, Max VH

PM – Carrie T, Rosann VB, Vera P, Nicole S

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Tyson B, Logan B, Lester S, Steve E

Sound: Dean E

Video: Kade F

Projection: Orey F/Jody DK

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Tawni P, Jorja H

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna

En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletoungou

Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green

Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed
Churches, Costa Rica

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Global Serve International
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota