

The Lord's Day – February 11, 2024
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 10:6-7

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #239 *"Amid the Thronging Worshipers"* (v. 1, 3)
#146 *"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!"*

Standard of Righteousness: Exodus 20:1-17

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"His Robes For Mine"*

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

Musical Offering: *"Come As You Are"* - First CRC Choir

Scripture: Acts 14:1-28 (p. 1716)

Sermon: *"The Gospel and Idolatry"*

*Song of Response: *"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"* (Trinity Hymnal 518)

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #249 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* (v. 4)

Next Sunday's Offering: Margaret Njuguna (En-Gedi Children's Home)

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Evening Worship - 6:30 P.M.
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Prelude

Introit: *"He Leadeth Me"* - Kinley Schmidt

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 56:3-4

Pastor: When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise,

People: In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

*Call to Worship: Revelation 7:9-10

*Opening Song of Honor: #557 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Bible Reading: Romans 8:18-27 (p. 1757)

Prayer of the Lord's People

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

Scripture: Psalm 13 (p. 852)

Sermon: *"How Long, O LORD?"*

*Song of Response: #500 *"How Firm a Foundation"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"Be Unto Your Name"* - Kambrie and Kelsey Schmidt

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

SERMON NOTES – February 11, 2024

**The Gospel and Idolatry
Acts 14:1-28**

**How Long, O LORD?
Psalm 13**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "God, and God alone, is man's highest good. In a general sense we can say that God is the highest good of all His creatures. For God is the Creator and sustainer of all things, the source of all being and of all life, and the abundant fountain of all goods. All creatures owe their existence from moment to moment solely to Him who is the one, eternal, and omnipresent Being." - Herman Bavinck, in *"The Wonderful Works of God"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
10:40 am - Kids Praise, Sunday School & Catechism
11:00 am - Choir
6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Mon. 7:00 pm - Men's Society
Wed. 9:30 am - Coffee Break
6:00 pm - Kids of Grace
6:30 pm - GEMS & Cadets
6:30 pm - Evening Coffee Break
7:45 pm - Chimes
Thur. 7:00 pm - Friendship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer our sympathy to and pray for Lori Van Essen and her family after the recent death of her father, Frank Jouwstra. May the Lord Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life, stand by and strengthen the Van Essen family at this time.

May the Lord Jesus, the hope of glory, richly comfort Wayne DeKam and his family after the recent death of his brother, Rod DeKam. Our congregation offers their prayers of support and sympathy to the DeKam family at this time.

Prayer Warriors: We will meet today after the morning service in the front pews after church. Please find your warrior and begin in prayer to connect before catechism. Thanks!

Notes from the Council: Council Meeting Feb 6, 2024:

1. Deacons reported the General Fund has been gradually decreasing over the last couple months from an average balance of \$80,000 to \$35,000. Thankfully, giving has remained generous to the Missions Fund.
2. Received thank you notes from two students that received scholarships from Classis Minnkota.
3. Classis is seeking a new board member for World Renew.
4. Please pray for council members who are considering being delegates to Synod. Classis Meeting is on March 7.
5. Council discussed a format to begin small group discussions, which will begin soon. This is in

response to the fourth commitment (Conversation) of Council in regards to Denominational Affiliation.

6. Security cameras will be installed soon, along with new locks on doors.
7. Representatives from New Life Treatment Center visited council and explained their program and the new leadership in place. They expressed the rewarding work of helping their clients who are battling addiction. They would appreciate support and donations.

From the Deacons: The balances for the end of the month in January are as follows: General: \$35234.49, Christian Ed: \$29017.40, Building Fund: \$40928.14, Mission Fund: \$5883.55

Are you missing out on church announcements/cancelations? Are you new to church or maybe need to update your information? Please contact Kim Van Hofwegen at firstcsrcsec@yahoo.com to get your information added or changed.

Dear friends at First CRC Edgerton - we just received the Christmas cards sent by the Missions Committee, and we wish to thank you very much for the thoughts and prayers expressed in them. We have talked and laughed many times with the group from our school that visited last year, and cherish the memories of our GREAT time in Edgerton! Thank you once again for your partnership in this ministry, and may God bless each one! Rev. Bill & Aletha Green

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Basketball and Burgers on Monday, February 12. SWC double header home game against MCC! SWC Circle #5 will be serving burgers from 5-7:30pm. Meal (\$8.00) includes a burger and the fixings, chips, homemade bar, and beverage. Come on out for a delicious meal and enjoy some exciting basketball as the girls and boys take on MCC!

The SWC Junior class will be hosting a walking taco supper on February 23 from 5:00-7:30 to raise funds for their senior class trip next year to Washington, DC. Come watch the boys basketball team take on MLA-C and have supper at school!

Parents of prospective Kindergarteners and their child are invited to **Southwest MN Christian School's Kindergarten Round Up on Monday, February 26, 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, 2024, 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! Please call the SWC elementary campus at 507.442.6181 or email the office at elementary@swcschools.org for more information!

March 17, 2:30 pm: Please join us for our Annual Music Festival at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest's Choirs, area churches, and choral groups will present individual numbers during this afternoon of

praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir for the [Hallelujah Chorus](#). An offering will be taken for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

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 3-6, 2024. 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 swmnrnk@gmail.com. Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area!

Volunteers in Mercy Thrift Store in Pipestone is seeking an additional employee to work at the store 1-2 days a week on a fairly flexible schedule, and with a competitive hourly wage. Duties include helping customers and managing the intake and pricing of donations and merchandise. Interested applicants should contact Ray Talsma at 507-227-1660.

Justice for All is hiring! Full time warehouse/transportation manager. Join the staff at JFA to further the ministry. Coordinate shipments, organize donated items, and build relationships with volunteers and ministry partners. CDL encouraged, but not required. Join a ministry that has been providing opportunities, building relationships, and redistributing resources through caring and sharing in Christ's name for over 40 years. Discover the way God uses JFA to meet the needs of those in our area, around the country, and around the world. Send cover letter and resume to Joel De Wit at joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org or contact for more information and full job description at 712.739.0055

Hope Haven presents Dylan Scott! Exciting news! Mark your calendars for this fun event for all ages on Thursday, March 14 at The District in Sioux Falls. Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. Curb Records recording country artist Dylan Scott is a triple threat- a powerful vocalist with a deep, unmistakable drawl; an old-soul songwriter with a young spirit; and a family man with a tender heart. The ACM-nominated, multi-Platinum singer has notched three No. 1 singles-My Girl, Nobody, and New Truck, and a Top 5 hit- Hooked. Scott is a 2023 ACM nominee in the category, New Male Artist of the Year. Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events.

Justice For All is planning a MISSISSIPPI BUS TOUR, highlighting our ministry partners: John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation and Voice of Calvary Ministries of Jackson, MS and Mississippi Christian Family Services of Rolling Fork, MS. The dates are April 3-10, 2024. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in communities of needs in MS. We'll also explore the rich history, culture and stories of slavery, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights. A day in Branson on the way home will round out a great trip! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org – 712-476-2804).

CRC Announcements are available on the tables in the back of church.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- FEBRUARY 11

Nursery: AM – Ruth C, Christa B, Alisha E, Parker B, Zackery B
PM – Tawni P, Andrea L, Jayden B, Kalli B.

Valet: Dan H.

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

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Kim V.

Children’s Worship: Kelsey S & Zackery B

NEXT WEEK- FEBRUARY 18

Nursery: AM – Lori VE, Dana H, Kim VH, Kevin VH, Josi VH
PM – Karen F, Carrie T, Judd P, Zachary M

Valet: Nathan B

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

Sound: AM – Cory S PM – Cory S

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Kirk/Jon

Medical Assistant: Gord P

Children’s Worship: Mindy B & 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