

The Lord’s Day – November 10, 2024
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2

*Opening Songs of Adoration

#146 *“Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!”*
#238 *“We Come, O Christ, to You”* (v. 1, 4)

Standard of Righteousness: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #183 *“With Grateful Hearts My Thanks I Bring”*

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

Musical Offering: *“Hymn of Heaven”* - First CRC Choir

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 (p. 1834)

Sermon: “Let Us Exalt the LORD Together—He is Our Life”

*Song of Response: *“Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground”* - Trinity Hymnal #518

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Word and Deed Ministries

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #635 *“Gloria Patri”*

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

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Introit: *“People Need the Lord”* - Jaycee Kroeze

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift my eyes up 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 45:18

*Song of Adoration: *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”* - Trinity Hymnal #1

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-14 (p. 487) & Psalm 51:7-13 (p. 889)

Prayer of the Lord’s People

*Song of Gratitude: *“By Faith”*

Scripture Reading: James 5:19-20 (p. 1885)

Sermon: “Life-Giving Restoration”

*Song of Response: #535 *“Come to the Savior Now”* (1, 2, 4)

Prayer for the Offering (Word and Deed Ministries)

Offertory: *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* - Shelbi Kroeze

*Confession of the Faith: The Athanasian Creed (selected portion)

Although he is God and human, yet Christ is not two, but one. He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh, but by God’s taking humanity to himself. He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person. For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and human. He suffered for our salvation; he descended to hell; he arose from the dead; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father’s right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will rise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith: one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully.

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #638 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

SERMON NOTES – November 10, 2024

“Let Us Exalt the LORD Together–He is Our Life”
Colossians 3:1-4

“Life-Giving Restoration”
James 5:19-20

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The knowledge of God gave us life, but the life that was given leads us back to the knowledge of Him. In God we find all our well-being and all our glory. He becomes the object of our worship, the theme of our song, the strength of our life. From God, through God, and unto God are all things—that becomes the choice of our hearts and the watchword of our work. We ourselves and all creatures round about us become means unto His glory." - Herman Bavinck (1854-1921), in *"The Wonderful Works of God"*

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning Worship |
| | 10:45 am | - Kids Praise until 11:05 |
| | | - 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 and Story Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace meeting at Runals |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Coffee Break in Council Room |
| | 6:30 pm | - GEMS & Cadets |
| | 7:45 pm | - Bells |
| Thur | 9:30 am | - Christian Fellowship |
| | 7:00 pm | - Friendship |

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Nov 17 | 11:30 am | - Christmas program practice for grades 3-8 |
| Nov 19 | 7:00 pm | - Consistory |
| Nov 21 | 5-7 pm | - Youth Group Potato Supper |
| | 7:00 pm | - Congregational Meeting |

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark your calendars - our Congregational Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 21 at 7 PM.

It's time for Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes are here and ready to be filled. As you prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. **Please have your shoeboxes returned to church by Saturday, November 16.**

Prayer Warriors: Please find your prayer partner immediately after the morning service today. We will take time to connect and pray before catechism.

Come support our youth! Annual YPS Potato Supper is before the congregational meeting on Nov 21 from 5-7pm. Nursery workers will be provided during the meeting. Love dessert? Please sign up to bring some dessert to help with this youth fundraiser. Sign ups with details are at the back of church or contact Melissa Prouty or Shannon Nykamp.

It is that time of year again to start practicing for the Christmas program. Students in grades 3-8 will begin practicing on Sunday, November 17 (and 24th) at 11:30 following catechism in the sanctuary.

Next Sunday morning, November 17, all men who love to sing praise to our Lord will be invited to sing together during the service. We will be singing, “I Will Give The Lord Wholehearted Praise.”

Missionary Christmas Cards- Please remember our missionary families this Christmas season with a card or letter to let them know that you are praying for them. There are boxes in the foyer for you to place your Christmas cards in. Please have your cards in by Sunday, December 1 so we can get them sent off.

Congregation of First CRC, as the year comes to a close, the Elders wish to extend to the congregation the opportunity for Family Visits. As part of our efforts for congregational care, we are offering a voluntary sign for this year. Last year, the Elders visited with half of the congregation and the plan was to complete the other half this year. However, 2024 has been a busy year, and we plan to continue with our Family Visiting plan next year. If you would like to meet with the Elders yet this year, please sign up on the sheet which is placed in the back of church on the podium in the narthex. The Elders will contact you to set up a specific time and date.

The Classis Minnkota Scholarship Grant application is now available. If you are a member of a church in our classis and are a current student at one of the participating schools, please contact Pastor Scott for an application. The deadline to apply for these funds is December 24. The participating schools are Calvin University, Dordt University, Kuyper College, Trinity Christian College, Redeemer University College, The Institute for Christians Studies, and The King's University College.

Congregation of First CRC, the Council brings to you the slate of nominees for next year's office bearers. This year saw a higher number of individuals who removed their names from consideration. The Consistory discussed and voted on the nominees, after which the whole Council voted to approve the slate. Then letters were sent to prospective office bearers, and an additional number of men removed their names. Also, there were a number of individuals who were unavailable to serve because of other commitments or life circumstances.

The nominees for the office of Elder are Duane Baker, Dave Brons and Ross Brands.

The nominees for the office of Deacon are Derek Fey, Greg Masselink, Tadd Prins, Nate Stoel and Andrew Top.

The final step of the nominations process will conclude, as usual, with a congregational vote at the Congregational Meeting on November 21. All names which receive a simple majority will be placed in the bag for selection after the Sunday morning worship service on November 24.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us! The SWC Donation Sale will be held on **Saturday, November 16** at the Elementary Campus. Come hungry - supper will be served from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. with a menu of grilled burgers and fixings, cowboy beans, chips, and homemade bars! Freewill donation. The sale will start at 6:00 p.m. 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. The Donation Sale raises significant funds for the general operating needs of the school, and the goal set by the School Board for the 2024 Donation Sale is \$175,000. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to either school office. We look forward to early donations so we can catalog them for the Bill of Sale and online

preview! Monetary donations go directly towards the fundraising goal or are used to buy key items for the sale. Visit swcschools.org for more information and a link to view the items for sale! Be sure to join us for a fun evening in support and celebration of Christian education! If you have any questions or need more information, contact one of the schools at 507-442-4471 (High School), 507-442-6181 (Elementary) or Ashley Stoel at astoel@swcschools.org or call/text at 507-227-6446.

Do you have an hour available on Friday mornings? Come join Moms in Prayer. We meet each Friday morning throughout the school year, starting August 23. We meet at 8:15 at SWC High School. We pray over our school, students, teachers and staff. We'd love for you to join us. This is open to all moms, no matter the age of your kids. Join us each week, or whenever a Friday morning works for you. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kimber Van Essen at 507-220-3465

COMMUNITY & MISC

Cornerstone Prison Church: One November 8, 2024, Cornerstone will again be returning to evening worship services on Friday nights. The service will begin at 6:30pm.

Grief visits each one of us at some time in our lives. It is less painful and easier to heal when the grief process is shared. Hospice of Murray Count will hold a bereavement group for adults at the Hospice of Murray County office in Slayton. It is for 6 sessions, on Tuesday and the fall group will begin on Tuesday, November 12th and will continue through Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, from 4:00 to 5:30pm. There is no cost for the bereavement support group as it is sponsored by Hospice of Murray County. Pre-registrations are appreciated so materials can be put together. You can pre-register by calling the Hospice office at 507-836-8114 by **Friday, November 8th**. This bereavement group is not just for those family members served by hospice, but all adults who have lost a loved one.

Phil. 4:4- “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” The Edgerton Food Shelf is blessing 80-130 people every month on the 3rd Saturday morning at the First Reformed Church. On Saturday, November 16 and December 31, we will be giving out turkeys and hams, in addition to the canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, hamburger, cereal, milk, bread, margarine, mac & cheese, and toilet paper. If you know of anyone with a need, please contact Shar Miedema- 507-820-0225 or Brenda Kooi – 507-227-5174.

Edgebrook Care Center will be working to put together a cookbook in memory/honor of past and present residents of Edgebrook. If you are interested in submitting a recipe, they ask that you include the recipe name, the residents name of who the recipe is in honor/memory of and if you have a baking memory to go with it. You can drop the recipe off at the business office, mail it to Edgebrook Care Center, Attn: Cookbook Committee, 505 Trosky Road W, Edgerton MN 56128 or by emailing cassandra.schelhaas@good-sam.com. Please also include if you would be interested in purchasing a cookbook as this will give them a better idea of how many to make. The deadline to have your recipe included is January 15, 2025.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, November 18, 2024 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-4816 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds, someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs a unit of blood. Anyone 16 years (with parental consent) or older and in good health is able to donate.

RISE Ministries invites you to RISE with Rob & Friends – a night of hope through storytelling and music.

Coming to Southwest Minnesota Christian Elementary School in Edgerton, MN on Saturday, November 23. Experience this intimate evening as singer-songwriters Patrick Mayberry, Micah Tyler, and Emerson Day take the stage together and share their music, the stories behind their songs, and more. Rob Roozeboom’s message will encourage and challenge you. Please join us for this incredible event! Tickets start at \$22 for adults. Kids 10 and under are \$10. Save \$2 per ticket when you buy 4 or more! Tickets on sale at riseministries.com. Doors open 6:00 pm || Event starts at 7:00 pm

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (May 27 - June 8, 2025): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul’s First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

ATLAS Christmas Rummage and Boutique – Pipestone will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the ATLAS building (101 2nd St. NE) in Pipestone (snow date of Nov. 23). Fresh caramel rolls and coffee may be purchased as you shop for Christmas décor items and the ever-favorite potted Christmas arrangements. A hot sandwich meal will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. for \$6.00 and will be a great “to-go” option. Thank you for your financial and prayer support of this annual fundraiser for ATLAS.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the **2025 Service and Learning Opportunities** and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God’s Kingdom in new and important ways! **Dates and places:** Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25; JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – March 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God’s Word together. **Nick LeLoux, Service and Learning Coordinator will be holding an informational meeting Monday, September 16, 6:30PM at the JFA Ministry Center.** If you can’t make it to the meeting but would like more information or sign up for a project, please contact **Nick at JFA 712-476-2804 or email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.** You can also check out our website: jfa-niowa.org

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- November 10:
Nursery: AM – Lori VE, Jan F, AnnMarie B, Ryan P, Sawyer S
PM- Mara M, Brigitte P, Carson V, Kaden S
Valet: Coleton H
Ushers: Josh K, Eric S, Derek F, Micah F
Sound: AM – Ray S PM- Ray S
Video: Kade F
Projection: Kirk/Justin
Medical Assistant: Carmen F
Children’s Worship: Kelly K & Kinley S

NEXT WEEK- NOVEMBER 17:
Nursery: AM – Cindy S, Tanya T, Alisha E, Hannah M, Sydney VH
PM- Jody S, Jana T, Hartley B, Ava B
Valet: Dale M
Ushers: Josh K, Eric S, Derek F, Micah F
Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM- Corey S
Video: Nilson VH
Projection: Orey/Jody
Medical Assistant: Barb O
Children’s Worship: Shannon N & Carli S
Praise Team: Jayden, Ava, Hannah, Brooklyn, Lydia, Clara, Victoria
Keyboard: Sarah

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

Cornerstone Prison Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CHURCH INFORMATION