

The Lord's Day – November 24, 2024

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Bells Prelude: *"Come, Ye Thankful People Come" - "We Gather Together" - "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Exodus 15:11

*Opening Songs of Adoration - #244 *"God Himself Is with Us"* &
#451 *"What God Ordains Is Always Right"* (1, 2, 4)

Standard of Righteousness: 1 Peter 4:12

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 77 (p. 913)

Sermon: *"Too Troubled to Speak"*

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

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Benevolence

Offertory: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* - Bells

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #630 *"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"*

Thanksgiving Offering: Global Missions

Next Sunday's Offering: TBD

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Introit: *"It Is Well"* & *"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"* - Grace Muilenburg

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 86:1-2

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Congregation: Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

*Call to Worship: Revelation 7:10

*Opening Song of Honor: #297 *"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"* (v. 1-3)

Bible Reading: Isaiah 61:1-7 (p. 1157)

Prayer of the Lord's People

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 126 (p. 967)

Sermon: *"Great Reversals, Great Joy"*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer for the Offering (Benevolence)

Song of Response (during offering): #385 *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #297 *"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"* (v. 5)

SERMON NOTES – November 24, 2024

**Too Troubled to Speak
Psalm 77**

**Great Reversals, Great Joy
Psalm 126**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Every day we may see some new thing in Christ. His love hath neither brim nor bottom." - Samuel Rutherford (1600-1661), in *"The Loveliness of Christ"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
Today 10:45 am - Kids Praise until 11:05
- Sunday School & Catechism
11:00 am - Choir
11:30 am - Christmas program practice for grades 3-8
6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Mon 7:00 pm - Men's Society
Wed 6:00 pm - **NO** Kids of Grace

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Dec 3 7:00 pm - Council/Consistory Meeting
Dec 4 6:30 pm - Youth Group

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We look forward to worshipping together on Thanksgiving Day! Please make plans to join us on Thursday, November 28 at 9:30 A.M. for worship here at First. In the bulletin today, there is a form you may fill out with what you are grateful for. Please bring your completed forms with you to our Thanksgiving Day service. Some of these items will be included in a special prayer.

In the near future Pastor Scott hopes to begin an evening sermon series from 1&2 Thessalonians. ESV Scripture journals will be available at no cost. The journals have the ESV scripture written on the left page and a lined blank page on the right side for sermon notes, personal study or to write prayers. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to receive one.

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 send them off.

Just like last week 3rd-8th grade will practice after catechism Sunday around 11:30-11:45 in the sanctuary. Those playing bells will meet 11:45-12 in the balcony. December 1 we will start Christmas practice for 3 year olds-8th grade.

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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC K-12 GRANDPARENTS DAY NOVEMBER 27

We are very excited about this upcoming special event for Grandparents/Special Friends of our current K-12 students! **Grandparents, come and spend the morning with us as we celebrate YOU and the special ways you bless your grandchildren and SWC!** Most of our Grandparents have received an email from SWC regarding Grandparents Day and if you haven't, be sure to contact the elementary office at 507-442-6181 to be added to our Grandparents contact list so you can stay up to date on school news! All the details regarding Grandparents Day can be found on our school website at www.swcschools.org. The morning concludes with a Grandparents Day program which will also be live streamed at <https://christensenbroadcastnetwork.com/sports/> or you can use the live stream link on our school website.

SWC Adult Tour to D.C. - The Senior class at SWC has just completed another successful class trip to Washington D.C. to see the many wonders of our nation's capital and now it is your turn! Arlington, Holocaust Museum, Capitol Building, Mt. Vernon, National Cathedral, plus all of the monuments and memorials is just a glimpse of what you will see and experience. I have heard for years now from parents, alumni and community members about wanting to experience a trip like this and now you can! This spring, just after the famous cherry blossoms bloom, from April 22-April 26 you can join Mr. Busker as he leads an adult trip to D.C. It will be as close of an experience as the kids get but at a slightly more relaxed pace and with a few better meal options. A good amount of walking will still be required. Enjoy a guided experience from a seasoned veteran. Cost is expected to be around \$2,000 per person (or less) depending on your desire to room with others or not. There is only room for a maximum of 30 people. Don't hesitate to sign up in the high school office with Daci if you are interested and feel free to reach out to Mr. Busker with any questions you may have. Please sign up by December 11 so planning may begin. You've been wanting to see and experience D.C. for yourself for a while and now is your chance!

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

Edgerton Food Shelf Angel Tree: We invite you to participate in our 3rd Annual Angel Tree/Gift Drive at First Reformed Church. The tree, located in the entryway, is decorated with ornaments, each representing a gift request or need. Simply take an ornament, purchase the item listed, and place the unwrapped gift in the tote beside the tree. We will be collecting items from Nov. 25 - Dec. 18. By doing so, you'll help us bring a little extra holiday cheer to local Food Shelf members in need. Let's make this season brighter together!

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

As we approach the week of Thanksgiving, ATLAS for Life would like to express our thanks and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His continued provision. And with that, our thanks to church and community members who have supported ATLAS in 2024. Your prayers, presence in our building, support of the Always Growing Greenhouse, the Christmas rummage, memorial gifts, grants received, volunteer hours, and general gift giving have assisted in touching many lives for Christ. We covet your continued prayers and support as we close out this year and look forward to what the Lord has planned for us in 2025.

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.

Psalm 136:1 - "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures forever."

Please use this form to write down an item you are thankful for. Bring it to the Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday, November 28. These forms will be collected and Pastor Scott will include some of the items in a Thanksgiving prayer.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- November 17:

Nursery: AM – Lori S, Karen F, Carli S, Lydia T

PM- Raelyn S, Shelbi K, Kinley S, Vera P, Lilyana M

Valet: Darrin D

Ushers: Josh K, Eric S, Derek F, Micah F

Sound: AM – Devin S PM- Devin S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: NO LESSON- THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

Nursery: AM – Ruth C, Thea N, Macy H, Luke B, Caleb S

Valet: Dan H

Ushers: Josh K, Eric S, Derek F, Micah F

Sound: AM – Ray S

Video: Kaden S

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Kim V

NEXT WEEK- DECEMBER 1:

Nursery: AM – Kim VH, Kala T, Megan Bley, Max VH, Kevin VH

PM- Christa B, Andrea L, Devin S, Zachery B

Valet: Duane VB

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Tadd P, Bob S

Sound: AM – Jeff S PM- Jeff S

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Macy H & Vera P.

Praise Team: Mark, Lori, Kurt, Vonda, Tadd, Erica

Keyboard: Kaitlyn S

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

CHURCH INFORMATION