

The Lord's Day – February 16, 2025

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude: *"Our God Will Go Before Us" – "Speak, O Lord"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 35:9d-10

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Christ is Mine Forevermore"*
"Wonderful Words of Life/Thy Word"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Standard of Righteousness: Philippians 2:3-4

*Song of Thanksgiving: #260 *"Not What My Hands Have Done"*

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

Scripture Reading: John 1:15-28 (p. 1646)

Sermon: *"The Voice in the Wilderness"*

*Song of Response: *"All Praise to Him"*

Prayer of the Lord's People (Offering: Christian Education)

Offertory: *"My Worth is Not In What I Own"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Glorify Thy Name"* (v. 1)

*Postlude: *"Glorify Thy Name"* (v. 2-3)

Next Sunday's Offering: Mid America Reformed Seminary

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude: *"Here I Am to Worship" & "Be Unto Your Name"* – Bells

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 42:11

Pastor: Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

Congregation: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:2-3

*Opening Song of Honor: #477 *"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 84 (p. 922)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #490 *"Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"*

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p. 1840)

Sermon: *"Living with Resurrection Hope"*

*Song of Response: #400 *"Praise the Savior Now and Ever"*

Prayer for the Offering

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory: *"Freely, Freely"* – Bells

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 4)

*Postlude: *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* - Kaden Schmidt

SERMON NOTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2025

**“The Voice in the Wilderness”
John 1:15-28**

**“Living with Resurrection Hope”
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? - The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves, til the resurrection."
- Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 37

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning Worship |
| | 10:45am | - Kid’s Praise, Sunday School and Catechism |
| | 11:00 am | - Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Worship |
| Tue | 7:00 pm | - Council meeting |
| Wed | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break and Story Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace at Runals |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Coffee Break |
| | 6:30 pm | - Youth Group |
| | 7:45 pm | - Bells |
| Thurs | 7:00 pm | - Friendship |

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Feb 24 | 7:00 pm | - Men’s Society |
| Feb 26 | 6:30 pm | - GEMS and Cadets |
| Feb 27 | 9:30 am | - Christian Fellowship |
| Mar 1 | | - Cadet Snow Derby |

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice with Phil and Katie Feikema as they celebrate the birth of their daughter, Greta Joy Feikema! May the name of the Lord be praised for his wonderful goodness and kindness!

Classis Minnkota will gather for their spring meet on Thursday, March 6 at Worthington CRC. Delegates form here at First are Pastor Scott, elder Randy Pater, and deacon Corey Vis. The elder alternate is Mark Sorenson and the deacon alternate is C.J. Velhuizen.

The Elders want to remind the congregation that the doors are automatically locked from 9:40-10:30 AM and 6:40-7:30 PM on Sunday except for the door on the southeast side of the sanctuary. Please communicate this to all members of your family should someone find themselves on the other side of a locked door during a worship service. If you want to have an entry card made or be assigned a code combination for accessing the building when the doors are locked during the week, please talk to Ron Nykamp.

In search of: Nursery Volunteers! If you are willing to help out (male or female, young or old) in the nursery, please let me know. With several new/expectant mothers, we are running a little short on help. If you are willing to help, please talk to me as soon as possible so that I can get you added to the

schedule. Thanks! Kim

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in the SW MN foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp week where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. You'll find a flyer in mailboxes that will give information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 2-5, 2025. 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 the foster kids in our area!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Edgebrook will be putting together a cookbook with recipes from past and present residents. If a family member or friend would like to submit a recipe, they can do so by bringing it to the business office, mailing it or emailing it to Cassandra.schelhaas@good-sam.com. We are extending our deadline to submit recipes until February 28, 2025.

Edgerton Food Shelf: The Edgerton Food Shelf is in urgent need of donations to help support individuals and families in our community. We are accepting non-perishable food and personal care items. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated, allowing us to purchase fresh food and other necessities. Donations can be dropped off at First Reformed Church. Items they are always in need of: peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, Mac n cheese, cereal, spaghetti, pancake mix, syrup, cans of vegetables or fruit, body wash, toilet paper, or detergent. Checks can be made out to: Edgerton Food Shelf. The food shelf meets on the third Saturday of each month to distribute items to those in need. Last month, we fed 185 people. Every donation, big or small, makes a meaningful impact in the fight against hunger. Thank you for your generosity and support! For more information, please contact Art & Sandy Menning, Char Miedema, Brenda Kooi or Mary Kreun.

Avera@Home Pipestone will be having a benefit with auction at the Pipestone Country Club on March 29, 2025. Dinner will be prepared by the Pork Producers, Staci's Bar and Grill, Goodies 4 U, and Lingen Dairy. Social hour to begin at 5:00 with Dinner starting at 6:00pm. See the flyer on the information table in the back of church for contact and ticket information.

UPCOMING ART OF MARRIAGE RETREAT: Event on March 21-23 at Inspiration Hills

This weekend retreat includes guided video lessons from Familylife's Art of Marriage curriculum as well as discussion time with other couples and activities that will strengthen marital bonds. Register online

to be a part of this powerful weekend.

The event will take place from 5:30 PM on Friday the 21st to 12 PM on Sunday the 23rd. The deadline for registration is March 7. The cost of registration is \$50 per couple and \$25 for couples who commute for the weekend. **To register for this event or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/marriage**

OUR CHILDREN: THE PREY OF THE PORNOGRAPHY INDUSTRY Join us as international speaker, columnist and activist Jonathon Van Maren addresses this difficult but important topic. The presentation will be hosted by Hills United Reformed Church on Monday, March 10 at 7:30 pm in our church building at 410 S. Central Ave., Hills, Minnesota. PLEASE NOTE: This presentation on an ugly subject will contain mature content. It is not recommended for children under 13 years. FYI, Jonathon will be giving a different presentation on Tuesday morning, March 11 at SWC high school for the students there.

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.

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- FEBRUARY 16:

Nursery: AM – Kim VH, Jody S, Lily M, Jessica S
PM- Jana T, Rebecca V, Judd P, Ryan P

Valet: Jonathan S

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Tyson B, Bob S

Sound: AM – Devin S PM- Devin S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: Kelly K & Lily M

Praise Team: Kurt & Vonda, Mark & Lori, Tadd & Erica, Seth & Brittany

Keyboard: Sarah

NEXT WEEK- FEBRUARY 23:

Nursery: AM – Karen F, Becky S, Lois S, Lucas B, Max VH
PM- Carrie T, Shannon N, Josi VH, Luke B

Valet: Ryan V

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Logan B, Bob S

Sound: AM – Jeff S PM – Jeff S

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Jonathan/Jan

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Shannon N & Kinley S

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

A&K L.

Global Serve International
South East Asia

CHURCH INFORMATION