

The Lord's Day – February 23, 2025

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Prelude

Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:9-12

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #136:1-4 "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind"
#253 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Standard of Righteousness: The Law of God

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 5:30-32

*Song of Thanksgiving: #461 "Beautiful Savior"

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

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 20:1-21, 32-38

Sermon: "A DIFFERENT DRUM BEAT"

Hymn of Response: #239 "Amid the Thronging Worshipers"

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Mid America Reformed Seminary

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #638 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Next Sunday's Offering: Cornerstone Prison Church

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 86:1-2

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.

Congregation: You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 9:23-24

*Opening Song of Honor: #460 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Bible Reading: 2 Peter 3:1-9 (p. 1896)

Prayer of the Lord's People

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p. 1840)

Sermon: "Waiting and Living for the King"

*Song of Response: #555 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Prayer for the Offering

Offering: Mid-America Reformed Seminary

Offertory: Nicole Sjaarda

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

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

SERMON NOTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2025

**“A Different Drum Beat”
Ezekiel 20:1-21, 32-38**

**“Waiting and Living for the King”
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The work which the Father has given Christ to do is one work; and that work extends into all the ages and comprises the whole history of mankind...the brief period in which Christ lived in the body on earth is but a tiny portion of the ages over which He has been appointed Lord and King. That which He achieved during that period by His passion and death He applies in the church through His Word and Spirit from the time of His ascension on, and He completes it at His second coming." - Herman Bavinck (1854-1921), in *"The Wonderful Works of God"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45am	- Kid's Praise, Sunday School and Catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon	7:00 pm	- Men's Society – Lesson 8
Wed	9:30 am	- NO Coffee Break and Story Hour
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace at Runals
	6:30 pm	- NO Evening Coffee Break
	6:30 pm	- GEMS & Cadets
	7:45 pm	- Bells
Thurs	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
	7:00 pm	- Friendship

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Mar 1	7:45 am	- Cadet Snow Derby at Lake Poinsett (Meet at Bethel)
Mar 23	11:45 am	- All Church Potluck

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a Profession of Faith class after morning worship on March 2. If you desire to attend, there is still space. Please talk to Pastor Scott soon if you'd like to join us for the class.

Classis Minnkota will gather for their spring meeting on Thursday, March 6 at Worthington CRC. Delegates from 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. Veldhuizen.

It is almost time for an all church pot luck again. Due to a conflict with the fellowship hall, the potluck will be moved to Sunday, March 23 instead of the 31st. Look for details in the coming weeks.

Congregation of First CRC, the Elders are looking forward to and beginning to plan Family Visits for the last half of the alphabet (N-Z) this year. The Elders are teaming up and will be contacting you directly throughout the year to schedule visits . If your name is not in the last half of the alphabet and you wish to meet with the Elders for a Family Visit, please contact your Care Group Elder. The theme for 2025 Family Visits centers on Colossians 1:28 - "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ." The Elders look forward to fellowshipping with you.

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!

Word & Deed Prayer Request – Haiti: Please continue to hold the safety and security of Adoration Christian Centre in Haiti in your prayers. While gang warfare and unrest continue and insecurity in the country remains high, more than 500 students continue to receive quality education and an essential meal every day. We can be thankful for God's providential care that the school continues to operate with minimal interruption. At this time of year in Haiti, Carnival festivities can often lead to intensified safety concerns so Adoration will close its doors temporarily during this time. Please pray that they will be able to soon open their doors again and continue to provide Christ-centered education to equip the coming generation.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL at Southwest MN Christian Schools is open for enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year and we couldn't be more excited! What a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore and discover God's world! Registration forms can be picked up at the elementary campus office at 210 Elizabeth St W, Edgerton, or downloaded at our school website, swcschools.org. For more information, call the office at 507-442-6181 or email us at elementary@swcschools.org. If you'd like to tour the school or would like to check out the Preschool area, we'd welcome you to do that as well!

COMMUNITY & MISC

MIK+ YOUNG ADULTS (19-29 year old singles) is a sister ministry to MIK Youth (6th-8th grades and 9th-12th grades). Both of these ministries are supported by three Christian Reformed Classis (Minnkota, Lakota and Heartland). MIK Youth has been around a long time, but MIK+ Young Adults is NEW! We are still trying to get the word out about this awesome ministry opportunity for our young adult singles in our regional CR Churches. MIK+YOUNG ADULTS....Here is the tentative schedule for the next 2 months. Be watching for more info and updates! If you'd like to be added to my text list, text Lee DeGroot at 712-470-4244 and give him your name. Saturday March 1 – ACTIVITY- Waiting to hear back from RJ Golf in Sioux Center. More information coming soon. Saturday, March 22- Bible Study (Leviticus) at Hull 1st CRC Youth Building. Saturday, April 5 – Activity – Planning on reserving Escape Rooms in Sioux Falls. Will need to RSVP in advance to pay for tickets in advance. More info coming soon. Saturday, April 19 – Bible Study (Numbers) in Sioux Center Bridge of Hope CRC Youth Building. Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual

Benefit Banquet, Monday, April 7, 2025 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Save your spot by Sunday, March 30 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. Join us for an evening of praise to celebrate 20 years of God's faithfulness inside the SDSP. A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you!

If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o Dave Vande Kamp PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109, Or Donate online at www.cornerstonepcsd.org

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.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- 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

NEXT WEEK- MARCH 2:

Nursery: AM – Macy H & Ben H, Alisha E, Kinley S, Izzy M.

PM- Megan F, Shawnie V, Tyler P, Carson V

Valet: Coleton H

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

Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Dean E

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Kirk/Justin

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Macy H & Carli S

Praise Team: Kirk, Brad, Mark, Kurt, Greg, Seth

Keyboard: Sarah

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