

The Lord's Day – March 2, 2025

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude: *"The Church's One Foundation", "Shine, Jesus, Shine" & "We Will Extol You God and King"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 135:3

*Opening Songs of Adoration - *"Lord I Need You"*
"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us/Knowing You"

Standard of Righteousness: Ephesians 4:1-2

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #466 *"Sing Praise to the Lord"*

Musical Offering: *"Find Us Faithful"* - Arianna Van Otterloo

At this time, children ages 3-5 may make their way to a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42 (p. 1647)

Sermon: *"Now and Ever We Confess"*

*Song of Response: *"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Cornerstone Prison Church

Offering Song: *"There Is One Gospel"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Seek Ye First"*

*Postlude: *"Grace Alone"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Introit: *"Here I Am to Worship"* – Grace Muilenburg

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 54:4

Pastor: Surely God is my help –

Congregation: The Lord is the one who sustains me.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 98:4-6

*Opening Song of Honor: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 (p. 1785)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"*

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 (p. 1841)

Sermon: *"Life in the Church"*

*Song of Response: #288 *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

Prayer for the Offering (Cornerstone Prison Church)

Offertory: *"Great Is the Lord"* – Blaire Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

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

SERMON NOTES – MARCH 2, 2025

**“Now and Ever We Confess”
John 1:29-42**

**“Life in the Church”
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The general tenor of John the Baptist's message [is that] he diverted the attention of all from himself and toward Christ. For this reason he is fittingly called a teacher "rich in grace," a preacher of grace, who proclaims the gracious and merciful message that Christ is our Light...In a similar manner we still bear witness to Christ today when we declare that He is the only Savior of the world, the Lamb of God...That proclamation is the sum and substance of our testimony." - Martin Luther, in *"Day to Day with Luther"*

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
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:

Mar 10	7:00 pm	- Men's Society
Mar 13	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
Mar 23	11:45 am	- All Church Potluck

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those who signed up for the Profession of Faith class, we will meet this morning after worship. Feel free to grab some refreshments and then head to Pastor Scott's study for our 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.
- Prayer Warriors: We will meet after the morning service next week, March 9. Please let your prayer partner know ahead of time if you cannot make it so you can find another time to connect.
- 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 fellowshiping 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 swmnrfk@gmail.com. Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area!

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!
- **5th-8th Grade Winter Music Festival:** Join us on **Monday, March 10 at 7:00pm** at Southwest Christian Elementary School for the 5th-8th Grade Winter Music Festival as students from SWC, Hills, Worthington and Free Christian schools come together in a joyful celebration of music and unity! This special event will feature instrumental and vocal large group performances, showcasing a variety of music. Come and support our young musicians as they share their talents with you!
- The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Spring Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, March 18. Serving time is 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.
- April 13, 2:30 pm: Join us for the Annual Music Festival at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest Christian's choirs, along with individual and choral groups from area churches, will present selections 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 collected for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

COMMUNITY & MISC

- **Growing Hope Globally:** One of our overseas partners is visiting the United States. Kenneth Barigye, the Managing Director of Mountain Harvest - a coffee company from Uganda, will be giving a presentation in Bethel CRC on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. Come hear how Growing Hope Globally has partnered with his company to improve life for small farmers in Uganda.
- Dear Friends at First CRC, Thank you for joining God in all He's doing through Resonate! All around the globe, God is working through your church's support for your Christian Reformed missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders. Together, we are taking part in the way God's Spirit is moving! I hope you are continually encouraged by the good and fruitful work we are accomplishing together. Your church's gifts and prayers help make it possible to carry the hope and redemption of Jesus to the ears of unreached people in over 40 countries around the world! Your community's support is an important way

you help make this ministry possible. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for using your gifts to partner with Resonate. I hope that you find warmth in knowing that by sending others to share the Good News of Jesus, your church is helping change the lives of individuals and communities for generations to come! Thank you! In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

- **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
- **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

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- MARCH 2:

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

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

Valet:

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

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

NEXT WEEK- MARCH 9:

Nursery: AM – Kelsey & Jon S, Jan F, Levi VH, Caleb S

PM- Amber T, Kim VH, Ava B, Lydia T

Valet: Dale M

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

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S

Video: Kaden S

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Andrea L & Vera P

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

A&K L.

Global Serve International
South East Asia

CHURCH INFORMATION