

The Lord’s Day – November 16, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude – “*Now Thank We All Our God*”, “*Count Your Blessings*” & “*We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise*”

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7

*Opening Songs of Adoration: “*Come People of the Risen King*”
“*Lord Be Glorified*”

Standard of Righteousness: John 14:15 (with selections from Preparatory Form)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #379 “*What Wondrous Love*”

Musical Offering: “*He Leadeth Me*” – Kids’ Praise
At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Scripture Reading: John 7:37-52 (p. 1660)

Sermon: “Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Us”

*Song of Response: “*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*”

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Christian Education

Offering Song: “*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*”

*Benediction

*Parting Song: “*Give Thanks*”

Next Sunday's Offering: Hope Haven- Edgerton
Thanksgiving: Global Missions

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

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Prelude

Introit: “*Fairest Lord Jesus*” – Carolyn Nykamp

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: 1 Timothy 1:17

*Opening Song of Honor: #244 “*God Himself Is with Us*”

Prayer of the Lord’s People

*Song of Gratitude: “*Before the Throne of God Above*”

Scripture Reading: Esther 8:3-17 (p. 784)

Sermon: “News of Life That Brings Joy”

*Song of Response: #95 “*Now with Joyful Exultation*”

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: Blaire Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #635 “*Gloria Patri*”

SERMON NOTES – November 16, 2025

“Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Us”
John 7:37-52

“News of Life That Brings Joy”
Esther 8:3-17

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The grace of encouragement is a precious and much to be prized grace. It is a grace that owes its origin, as all graces do, to the indwelling presence of the Divine Encourager, the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is called the 'Paraclete', the One who comes alongside to minister the grace of Christ to his needy, wounded, limping servants. To be an encourager is to be the Holy Spirit's chosen instrument to minister God's grace to his often beleaguered saints." - Ian Hamilton, in *"The Faith-Shaped Life"*

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Kid's Praise
		- Sunday School
		-Living for the King Discipleship Class in the sanctuary
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Consistory
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break & Story Hour
	5:45 pm	- Adult Bells
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
Thur	5-7 pm	- Youth Group Fundraiser Supper
	7:00 pm	- Congregational meeting
Sat	7-8 am	-Theology for Breakfast

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Nov 27	9:30 am	-Thanksgiving Service
Nov 30		No Catechism or Sunday School
Dec 3	6:30 pm	- Youth Group
Dec 4	7:00 pm	- Friendship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

With great joy, we look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday during our morning worship service. We pray this will be an encouraging time when we can "focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation" (HC Q. 67).

At the November 4 Council meeting, we discussed options for maintaining care group continuity, given that there are only 3 elder nominations for 4 open positions. After careful consideration, the Council decided that the best option is to add one additional deacon. This will ensure that care groups remain fully supported. This decision was not taken lightly, as it means we will now be selecting 3 deacons instead of the 2 originally communicated to the congregation. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your care group elder.

If you have not yet returned your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox, please do so today. Thank you!!

The next step in selecting officers for Elder and Deacon will take place with a congregational vote to approve the nominees listed below. All names which receive a simple majority will be place in the bag for selection after the Sunday morning worship service on November 23.

The nominees for the office of Elder are Brian Busker, Brad Prouty and Nick Sjaarda.

The nominees for the office of Deacon are Rod Bleyenbergh, Micah Fenema, Derek Fey, Justin Gunnink, Alex Nykamp, Logan Schoonhoven, and Collin Vis.

Please ask the King of the Church, Jesus Christ to guide and prosper His bride, the church, and to prepare these men “to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”. (Eph. 2:10)

Clayton Blankers will be taking over the position of "building use contact." His phone number is 507-215-2378. Any current dates for use will be given to him. He will also be the contact for all custodial needs starting on 11-27-25

Come support our youth! The annual YPS Fundraiser supper this year will be Nacho Night (and tacos!) and will be held before the congregational meeting on November 20 from 5-7pm. Our youth will help in the nursery during the meeting for ages 0-3 years old and will have activities in the basement for ages 4 years-2nd grade. Love dessert? Please sign up to bring some dessert to help with this youth fundraiser. Sign-ups are at the back of church or contact Melissa Prouty or Shannon Nykamp with questions.

The Congregational meeting will be Thursday November 20 @ 7:00pm. All active members are encouraged to attend.

Absentee ballots for those unable to attend will be available in the back of the sanctuary after the Sunday morning service.

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, November 30 so we can get them send off. - Thank you, the Missions Committee

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: Recovery operations still continue in the Rock Valley area after the devastating flooding of 2024. The recovery team is making a concentrated push to finish these projects by the end of this year. You have the opportunity to sign up and assist for 3-5 days if you have some basic construction skills. You do not need to be a professional. Tasks will involve remodeling and rebuilding; plans and material will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you have questions or would like more details, you can talk to Ron Nykamp (507-227-3039) as he has been in contact with one of the project coordinators. The working days for the group will most likely be the first or second week in December.

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, World Renew's Gift Catalog is a meaningful way to share Christ's love with those in need. From a goat to disaster recovery supplies, each gift brings hope and makes a lasting difference for families around the world. Explore the catalog at worldrenew.net/gift-catalog.

Please DO NOT place large objects on the mailboxes. If the mailbox won't shut, please place the item on

top of the mailboxes and place a note in the mailbox. Large items in the boxes make it hard for others to get mail in and out of the boxes.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & MISC

Edgerton Food Shelf: The Edgerton Food Shelf is seeking donations to support local families. Please bring food, personal care items, or monetary gifts to First Reformed Church (checks payable to *Edgerton Food Shelf*). Items always needed: peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, canned vegetables or fruit, body wash, toilet paper, and detergent. They are also collecting Thanksgiving items: boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, and frozen pies by November 12. If you have any questions, please contact Art & Sandy Menning, Shar Miedema, Brenda Kooi, Mary Kreun, or Lisa PfiEFFle.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, November 17 from 12:30 to 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. We would like to encourage our younger age people to donate as many of our donors are getting older and are no longer able to donate. Anyone 16 yrs.(with parental consent) or older and in good health is able to donate.

CALLED: Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But “how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10-3 for **‘CALLED’**. Stephen Terpstra, John Klompier, and John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to: <https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in the back of church. Questions? Email pastor@firstcrcoc.org.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- NOVEMBER 16:

Nursery: **AM** – Phil & Katie F, Christa B, Tate H, Max VH

PM- Sarah B, Thea N, Hannah M, Jorja H

Valet: Darrin DK

Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM – Jesse VH

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Kirk/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children’s Worship: Carmen F & Jorja H

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

Keyboard: Kaitlyn

NEXT WEEK- NOVEMBER 23:

Nursery: **AM** – Myah J, Sydney VH, Vera P, Carli S, Skylar S

PM- Andrea L, Kim VH, Henry L, Tyce H

Valet: Darrin DK

Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Devin S PM – Devin S

Video: Levi VH

Projection: Justin/Orey

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children’s Worship: NO LESSON- Communion

November 27- Thanksgiving

Nursery: **AM** – Jan F, Amber T, Dana H, Cora B, Clara T

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Jeff S

Video: Levi VH

Projection: Justin/Orey

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

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