

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – March 26, 2023
Rev. David Smit Minister - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparation for Worship: “Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus.” (WSB J.1.1.2nd Ed.)

WE GATHER IN WORSHIP

Prelude
Call to Worship
*Opening Prayer
*Opening Hymn: SW#7 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

God’s Will for Our Lives
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Hymn of Gratitude: #566:1,2 “In You Is Gladness”
Congregational Prayer
Offering: Christian Ed Fund
Offertory

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Preparation: #280:1-3 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”
Prayer of Illumination
God’s Word Read: Luke 9:51-62
God’s Word Proclaimed: “**The Work Jesus Came to Do**”
Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Song of Response: #285:1,2,4 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: #632 “To God Be the Glory”
*Postlude
(Please allow teachers/students to exit first)

*indicates congregation stand

organist: Lavonne Kats

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Travis & Megan Kooima, Elder Rod & Connie Te Krony
GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Galen & Connie Kroese, Deacon Curtis & Emily Van Grouw

NURSERY TODAY: AM Becca Te Slaa, Sara Grevengoed, Caden Hulstein, Brooklyn Poppema, Aubri Fedders; PM Curtis Van Grouw Family

NEXT SUNDAY: AM Lynette Feenstra, Teresa Fedders, Breckin Van Schepen, Jessica Wielenga, Ethan Ney; PM Zach Vant Hul Family

USHERS FOR MAR.: Nathan Boer, Seth Oostenink, Tom Sheffield, Justin Pollema

USHERS FOR APR.: Kevin Driesen, Cory De Wit, Jon Van Berkum, Terry Jansma

VALET PARKING: Mar. 26: Mitchell Fedders, Scott Kroese; Apr. 2: Ryan Kroese, Zach Mouw

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Mar. 26: Zach M.; Apr. 2: Ross Te Slaa

OFFERINGS: Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for the Christian Ed Fund

NEXT SUNDAY: Mission Fund

POWER POINT TODAY: AM Arlene; PM Jason/Kaden

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle Te Slaa

NEXT SUNDAY: Ben

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Daryl & Marvella

NEXT SUNDAY: Daryl & Judi

CORRESPONDENCE: Rob Westra to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Evan Wielenga to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Larry Wielenga to Lauren & Connie Runia; Randy Winterfeld to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Eric Zomermaand to Raul & Adrianna Herrera (Envelopes available on the rack by the mailboxes. (email addresses are in the church directory, page 1, under “Missionaries Supported”).)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TODAY

9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship in the basement
10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism classes
10:45 AM Ladies Bible Study
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC. Lesson 8
7:00 PM Mission Guild. Lesson 10. Opening Prayer: Eleanor F; Closing Prayer: Arlene VH

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 26, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love” (Psalm 130:7, ESV). Welcome to worship, one and all. A nursery and quiet room are available in the basement. TVs are available so that the service can be viewed. We invite everyone to join us for fellowship & coffee after the morning service in the church basement.

WE WELCOME Rev. David Smit today as he leads our morning worship service and Rev. Harlan De Jong as he leads our evening worship service. Next Sunday, Rev. Steve Boersma will lead our morning service and Rev. Harlan De Jong will lead our evening service.

NOTICE: If you are scheduled to usher or park cars, you are expected to be there or arrange your own substitute.

PASTOR TIM & DEB will be on vacation from Monday, March 27-Thursday, April 13th. All prayer concerns should be directed to your Care Group Elder.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION at Sioux Falls on Wednesday, March 29, **has been cancelled** due to an error in the Mission’s scheduling. They apologize for their error. Our next scheduled date is May 31st.

THE CONGREGATION is invited to an Open House for Nelva Pollema’s 80th birthday on Saturday, April 1, from 12:00-3:00p in the Youth Building. Let your presence be your gift.

MINN-I-KOTA Youth and Dordt University Student Leaders will be having a retreat at Inspiration Hills April 21-23. It is for grades 6,7, and 8. Registration forms on the table in the narthex. ***Registrations are due by April 1.***

LADIES/MEN who are able to help out at JFA on Tuesday, March 28, may meet in the upper parking lot at 12:45p to car pool.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for VBS which runs from Sunday, June 5-Thursday, June 8. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex table if you are able to help out as a crew leader. Be sure to check the bulletin board for their “Wall of Needs”. Simply grab a slip of paper and return the listed donation to church. They can be placed in the basket at the back of church. Any questions, contact Rachel Bolkema, Ashley Hulstein, or Jessica Pollema.

25TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN ED AUCTION will be on April 5! Meat sales start at 4:00, meal starts at 5:00, and the sale starts at 6:30p. To make this a success, we encourage each family to donate an item. You may give the item info to either Karen (439-1626) or Cindy LeLoux (712-470-8749). Jay De Wit (470-3055) or Dennis Vande Griend (470-4203) will be available the day of the sale for pre-sale of meat.

GUIDING STAY SIOUXLAND is kicking off a 30-days of Prayer Challenge beginning April 1. To participate, please sign up at lifepayerpartner.com/GSS. We will send out a text notification each day to those signed up which will include that day’s prayer for families and the mission of Guiding Star. Thank you for praying for and with us.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Ron Techen was admitted to the Sioux Center Hospital on Sunday due to breathing difficulties. They are now in the process of changing his medications. Pray that this will help with his breathing. Keep Ron and Betty in your prayers.
- Lois Salazar was able to have her chemotherapy Wednesday. Results from the CT scan were very encouraging. Thank you so much for the prayers on our behalf and to our Heavenly Healer for answered prayers.
- Dave Vande Griend was recently diagnosed with a benign meningioma tumor on the lining of the brain behind the left eye. He will have a repeat MRI in 6-8 weeks to decide options of treatment.
- Orv Vant Hul will be having immunotherapy every 3 weeks indefinitely. Pray that these treatments are effective.
- Marilyn Grevengoed’s condition is deteriorating at the Rock Valley Hospital.
- Please continue to keep Troy Bruxvoort in your prayers as he continues his recovery at home.
- Sharon Soodsma continues to get daily infusions. Pray that her sciatic nerve pain can be reduced.
- Gaylene Bouma is no longer under quarantine and can have visitors at Crown Point Estates.
- Continue to keep Maddox and Carver in your prayers. Both boys will have eye appointments in March. Maddox will have an MRI on the dimple at the bottom of his spine on April 10 and a heart procedure on April 27. Pray that both boys stay healthy.
- Pray for Rog Vis in his struggle with Parkinson’s.
- Remember Pete Soodsma in his struggle with Parkinson’s and depression.
- Keep Rick Van Hill in your prayers as he continues his treatment for cancer. He continues to be weak.
- Hilary Van Hill continues to deal with dizzy spells Pray that answers can be found for this problem.

- Continue to remember Russ Vander Schaaf in your prayer as he continues to deal with cancer.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengoed, Theresa De Wit, Lou Krommendyk, Larry Oolman, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend and Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats, Belle Draayer; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksun; Crown Point Estates: Gaylene Bouma, Darlene Kroese, Glenda Oolman, Gary & Florence Horstman; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; Hegg Memorial Hospital: Marilyn Grevengoed; River View Ridge: Howard Grevengoed; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Pray for Macy Westra (Netherlands) during her foreign exchange experience.
- Praise for the experience of our members in Spain: Kyra Bakker, Ian de Boom, Karinda de Boom, and Olivia Hulstein.
- Praise for God's work through Maliyha de Boom, Trista Ten Pas, and Ari Van Grootheest while at the Texas/Mexico border.
- Joan Horstman had appointments this week with neurology. Prayers for continued recovery and care.
- Pray for Jackie Covey for her treatment of cancer. We continue to pray for her strength and continued care.
- Ruth Hoekema has been admitted into hospice care. We pray for her comfort, and for her time with her family. We also pray for Cal and the family for God's peace and comfort in this time.
- Pray for those who continue to recover at home.
- Pray for those who have upcoming surgery. Prayers for them, the doctors, nurses, and procedures.
- Pray for those who mourn, who have lost those whom they love and miss.
- Pray for all who are struggling with an addiction, emotional hurt, depression, and mental illness.
- Pray for our families, our marriages, that God would strengthen them, guide them, and be honored in them.
- Pray for those who cannot join us in worship, that they would be comforted and feel close to the congregation.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCS: If you are interested in making a positive impact on students and the many other benefits of working in a Christian environment, we might have the job for you. HCS is accepting applications for a **4th grade teacher**. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas at [712-439-2273](tel:712-439-2273) or e-mail rtenpas@hullchristian.com.

Are you ready for high school? On **Thursday, March 30**, we would like to welcome all **8th grade students and parents** to WCHS. We will serve a free supper to our guests between 5:15-6:15p, and the main program will start in the Event Center at 6:15p. We ask that parents and students attend 8th grade day together. If you have any questions, contact Brad Vis brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or call his cell 605-359-5704.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVE INC SIOUX COUNTY is seeking an individual to answer phones 1-2 mornings a week at our office located in Rock Valley (days are flexible). This person should have a friendly, outgoing demeanor and be willing to pray with people on the phone. If interested, please contact Debbie at 712-476-5990.

DORDT UNIVERSITY: **Dordt University Wind Symphony** invites you to a concert at 7:30p on Sat., March 28, in the auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour. **Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series** presents British organist Wayne Marshall in a solo organ recital on Friday, March 31, at 7:30p. **Dordt Student Tommy Shin** will present a senior voice recital at 7:30p on Sat. Apr. 1 in the auditorium. Selections range from Italian arias to selections from musicals. Shin will sing in Korean during his performance of "In Your Dream" from the Korean musical *Frankenstein*. Seven other Dordt students will join Shin for a performance of an octet by Ralph Vaughan Williams. All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

HOPE HAVEN will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, March 31, at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull. Help support individuals with disabilities through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The schedule: 4:30p doors open, 5:00p food booth opens, and 5:30p choose from over 450 items in the live auction. Visit hopehaven.org/events to see a preview catalog of selected items. The whole family is invited to this community fundraiser!

LOVE INC Sioux County invites the community to our **Spring Share Event on April 15th** at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors open at 5:00p, with a catered meal at 5:30 and an improvisational comedy show by Slap Happy Comedy at 7. This Christian two-man duo bring a clean, high energy, interactive comedy experience to guarantee fun for the entire family. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 a piece or you may reserve a complete table of 8 for \$360. Call the office at 476-5990 or go to www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Deadline: Apr. 7.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The annual Genesis House Benefit Brunch is scheduled for April 29th at 9:00a at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City. Help create a new start for women and children. The event will include a speaker, live and silent auction, food and more! Tickets can be purchased at their store: Restored 5:17, at 104 Central NW Ave. in Orange City. If you'd like to donate to the brunch or to Genesis House, contact Erin De Jong rhndrcks19@dordt.edu or Ruth Chalstrom at ruth.chalstrom@nwciowa.edu.