

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – March 19, 2023

Rev. Ben Wiersma Minister - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preparation for Worship: “God of healing and salvation, turn my eyes away from my troubles and set my focus on you-first, for this time of worship, and even in the days ahead.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

Prelude

Call to Worship: Read Responsively (based on Ps. 27, John 4:23, WSB pg. 50, #5)

Pastor: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Pastor: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

ALL: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

ALL: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

*Opening Hymn: #146:1.3.4 “Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah”

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

WE RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

Call to Confession: I John 1:5-7

Prayer of Confession: (*Praying in Public*, Pat Quinn, Crossway, 2021, p. 114)

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-2

Song of Thanksgiving: #182:1-3 “Give Thanks to God, for Good Is He”

God’s Will for Our Lives: Ephesians 4:32-5:2

Congregational Prayer (scripture guide Psalm 119:9-16)

Offering: World Renew (Turkey/Syria)

Offertory

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Preparation: 755:1-3 “Speak, O Lord” (LUYH)

Prayer of Illumination

God’s Word Read: Theme Text: Romans 8:29-30; Main Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**God Calls: How?**”

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Song of Response: #260:1-3 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #630:1-2 “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”

*Postlude (Please allow teachers/students to exit first)

*indicates congregation stand - pianist: Evan Schroeder

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Cliff & Marlys Koele, Deacon Travis & Brittany Veldman

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Travis & Megan Kooima, Elder Rod & Connie Te Krony

NURSERY TODAY: AM Sheila Van Schepen, Amy Emerick, Madison Bosma, Kaden Struik, Haley Wielenga; PM Evan Wielenga Family

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

USHERS FOR MAR.: Nathan Boer, Eric Haveman, Tom Sheffield, Justin Pollema

VALET PARKING FOR MAR.: Mar. 19: Jacob Westra, Dan Bonestroo; Mar. 26: Mitchell Fedders, Scott Kroese

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Mar. 19: Jeff V.; Mar. 26: Zach M.

OFFERINGS: Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for World Renew (Turkey/Syria)

NEXT SUNDAY: Christian Ed Fund

POWER POINT TODAY: Tonya

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle LeLoux

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Zach & Ashlee

NEXT SUNDAY: AM Arlene; PM Jason/Kaden

NEXT SUNDAY: Kyle TeSlaa

NEXT SUNDAY: Daryl & Marvella

CORRESPONDENCE: Roger Vis to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Ken Visser to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Daryl Wesselink to Lauren & Connie Runia; Lonnie Westphal to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Randy Westra 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 Choir Rehearsal
10:45 AM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
7:00 PM Christian Fellowship. Lunch: Susan Roetman & Shari De Wild

WEDNESDAY

6:45 PM Cadets

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
March 19, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to worship! May God's Word help us each see something or someone in a new way today. 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. Ben Wiersma today as he leads our worship services as part of a classical appointment. Next Sunday, Rev. Dave Smit will lead our morning service and Rev. Harlan De Jong will lead our evening service.

THE COUNCIL has decided to resume handshaking again.

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE: Our church profile and job description has been posted on the CRCNA website. We are busy evaluating the many great candidate suggestions. Please keep the committee in your daily prayers as they seek to follow His leading for our next pastor.

THE UPDATE TO OUR CHURCH WEBSITE IS COMPLETE! As part of the pastoral search process, we wanted to update our church website to have a new layout as well as more information for prospective pastors. Security features like member log in and passwords were put in place to protect the privacy and personal information of our members. In the future we may put more newsletter and announcements in this area as well. Thanks to Kirk Struik for all the work he has done to get this update completed. If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the deacons.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Anyone interested in making profession of faith should contact either Lee Van Grouw or Rob Westra.

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. If you are interested, there are registration forms on the table in the narthex. Registrations are due by April 1.

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.

ADDRESS: Gary & Florence Horstman reside at Crown Point Estates in Sioux Center. Gary is in Room 310 and Florence is in Room 720.

THANK YOU: I would like to thank my church family for the cards and expressions of sympathy, to Pastor Ouwinga and Deb for their visit, and to my care group for the flowers in the passing of my sister. You are truly a loving and caring church. – Betty Bolkema

THANK YOU: We would like to thank everyone for the gifts and cards/gift cards we received at Paisley and Taylyn's baby shower! Thank you also to those who took the time to organize the shower! We appreciate it very much! -Julia Vanden Bosch & Paisley, Janae Vander Schaaf and Taylym

A SINCERE THANK YOU to the congregation for your prayers, calls, cards, food, gift cards, and for the concern expressed to my parents while I was in the hospital and now recovering at home from my 3 surgeries. Thank you also to Pastor Tim, Elder Randy, and Deacon Brett for their calls throughout this time. We are so thankful for God's healing power displayed and comfort given during this process. We ask for your continued prayers as the doctors estimate recovery to take another couple months. We feel truly blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation! -Troy & Tina Bruxvoort and family

OFFERINGS FOR FEB.:

General Fund:	\$40,525.00	Building Fund:	\$1,812.00	Missions:	\$4,739.00
Benevolence:	1,115.00	Gideons:	767.00	JFA:	1,271.20
Katelyn's Fund:	670.00				

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Congratulations to Ross & Morgan Te Slaa on the birth of a daughter, Karsyn LaRae, on Sunday, March 5.
- Congratulations to Jonathon & Mikayla (nee Locke) Grevengeod who were married on March 11 in Omaha. May God grant them many happy healthy years together.
- Keep Glenda Oolman in prayer as she has moved to Crown Point Estates in Sioux Center. She is in Room 904.
- Please continue to keep Troy Bruxvoort in your prayers. His pain has been more manageable, but he was not able to go to work yet. He has been working a bit from home to start getting caught up from his extended

absence.

- 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.
- Pastor Tim's son-in-law, Eric Eekhoff, had successful open-heart surgery at the Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls to repair his mitral valve. He will remain there this week and then have a fairly extensive home recovery.
- 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 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 Surksum; Crown Point Estates: Gaylene Bouma, Darlene Kroese, Glenda Oolman, Gary & Florence Horstman; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma, Marilyn Grevengoed, River View Ridge: Howard Grevengoed; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Callum Anthony was born March 14 to Dash and Amber De Groot. We praise God for his arrival and that both he and mom are doing well. We praise God with dad and mom and his siblings Lily, Ella, and Dallas.
- Nancy Driesen had two ablation procedures performed. We praise God they were successful and pray that they are effective.
- Cody Bauer has met with the doctors and they plan for surgery on his back in May. We pray for relief for his current pain and that the surgery will be successful.
- Joan Horstman continues to recover at home. We praise God for her progress.
- Pray for Jackie Covey for her treatment of cancer. We continue to pray for her strength and continued care.
- Ruth Hoekema continues to recuperate at home. We pray for her continued care, rehabilitation, and we pray for Cal as he helps her.
- Pray for Sheila Olson, Deb and Jerry's niece, as she continues with treatment for cancer.
- 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 is actively seeking applications for the following vacancies: kindergarten teacher and 4th grade teacher. If interested, 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

DORDT UNIVERSITY: Dordt students Julia Holleman will present a senior flute recital at 7:30p on Friday, March 24, Brody Joens will present a junior saxophone recital at 7:30p on Sat., March 25, and Tommy Shin will present a senior recital at 7:30p on Sat. Apr. 1 in the auditorium. **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. The above programs are also available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>. The **Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series** presents British organist Wayne Marshall in a solo organ recital on Friday, March 31, at 7:30p.

CALVARY PRC in Hull is sponsoring a Marriage and Parenting Conference by Mr. Scott O'Mallery, executive director of Twelve Stones ministries on March 24 & 25 at our church located at 2011 2nd St. in Hull. There is no cost to attend the conference. See the schedule in the February News 'n Notes.

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.