

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –September 17, 2023

Rev. Calvin Hoogendoorn...Guest Minister

Preparation for worship: “The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?” (Ps. 27:1)

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude
Call to Worship
*Opening Hymn: #461:1-4 “*Beautiful Savior*”
*Opening Prayer
*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

God’s Will for Our Lives
Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance
Hymn of Response: #262:1-4 “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”
Congregational Prayer
Offering: Building Fund/Parsonage updates
Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #485:1-4 “*O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire*”
Prayer for Illumination
God’s Word Read: Psalm 15
God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Jesus, Our Great Redeemer**”
Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Application: #473:1-3 “*To God Be the Glory*”
Education Commissioning (Leader: Elder of Education; see insert)
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: #638 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*” (unannounced)
*Postlude

Please allow teachers/students to exit first

*indicates congregation stand
organist: Lavonne Kats

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Ted & Lois Salazar, Deacon Ross & Morgan Te Slaa
GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Glen & Tami Scholten, Elder Dave & Kay Kroese

NURSERY TODAY: AM Rachel Schroeder, Ranae Sheffield, Emma Kroese, Madison Bosma, Kade LeLoux; PM Travis Veldman Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Becca Te Slaa, Morgan Te Slaa, Dylan Bonestroo, Sophia Kroese, Braden Baccam; PM Evan Wielenga Family

USHERS FOR SEPT: Brody Pollema, Darren Bonestroo, Zach Vant Hul, Randy Winterfeld

VALET PARKING FOR SEPT: **Sept. 17:** Dan Bonestroo, Mitchell Fedders; **Sept. 24:** Lynn Anderson, Chandler Pollema

SECURITY COMMITTEE: **Sept. 17:** Kyle LeLoux; **Sept. 24:** Dan Bonestroo

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Christian Ed Fund

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Mike & Connie **NEXT SUNDAY:** Scott & Sara

POWER POINT TODAY: Kirk **NEXT SUNDAY:** Kirk/Emericks

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle LeLoux **NEXT SUNDAY:** Kyle Te Slaa

CORRESPONDENCE: Lee Van Grouw to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Brett Van Middendorp to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Eldon Van Schepen to Lauren & Connie Runia; Val Van Schepen to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Justin Van Schepen Sos & Kara Maletougou (For those wishing to send an email, addresses are in the directory, first page, under “Missionaries Supported”. Envelopes are in the rack by the mailboxes.)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TODAY

9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Coffee fellowship in the basement
10:45 AM Christian Ed Committee (meet in the Council Room)
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break Kick-off at Hope CRC. All women are invited!
7:00 PM Mission Guild. Opening Prayer: Eleanor Feenstra; Closing Prayer: Peg Visser

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 17, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to worship, Christian education, and fellowship – a chance to be fed and nourished by God’s Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead. 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. Calvin Hoogendoorn as he leads our morning service and Pastor Barry Miedema as he leads our evening service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins this morning. Room assignments are included in the insert. The Sunday School offering will be for Hull Kids’ Club. **PLEASE NOTE: Juice will be served in the Youth Building so students do NOT need to go downstairs for juice!!** *Beginners, Pre-K and Kindergarten can still get juice in the basement.*

NEEDED!! We are still in need of a First Grade teacher for every other week and a substitute for Grade 7. Please call Dave Vant Hul (470-2652) or Galen Kroese (470-2632) if you can help.

NEXT SUNDAY Rev. David Smit will lead our morning service and Rev. Harlan De Jong will lead our evening service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin next week Sunday, Sept. 24. Adults of all ages are invited to attend after the morning worship service in the council room. Any questions, contact Evan Wielenga.

CLASSIS HEARTLAND is meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 8:30a at Immanuel CRC in Orange City. Delegates attending are: Elders: Rod Te Krony & Galen Kroese and Deacon Brett Van Middendorp. Alternates are: Elder Dave Kroese and Deacon: Ross Te Slaa.

MISSION GUILD: Woman of all ages are invited to join us as we study “Characters of the Old Testament”. Our group is led by Lee Feenstra and meets every other Wednesday at 7:00p in the Council Room. Our first meeting will be this Wednesday, the 20th. We would love to have you come and enjoy an hour with us as we study, discuss, and learn!

CHOIR is gearing up to start in September and we want YOU to join us. Please consider sharing your talents with us and the congregation. Talk to Shondra if you have any questions.

THE “SHARE” GROUP for widows and widowers will meet on Thurs., Sept. 21, at 6:00p at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The menu will be tacos hard/soft with chips, salsa, and cheese. Dessert will be a surprise. The program will be Aiko Kamies on the dulcimer. Bring \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna (439-2229) with questions.

OFFERING AMOUNTS FOR AUGUST:

General Fund: \$20,606.82

Building Fund: \$4,584.71

Mission Fund: \$6,263.00

Benevolence: 290.00

Cornerstone: 1,017.25

SF/SC Gospel Missions: 1,614.34

THANK YOU to everyone for all the birthday cards and gifts I received and to my Care Group for the beautiful fall bouquet. Thank you also to all who remembered me in my move to Aspen Heights. It was very much appreciated! I am adjusting well and I know this is where God wants me to be! -Nelvina Kroese

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported Kids’ Club by picking up donation slips and returning the needed items to the basket! We are excited to start a new year. Please keep Kids’ Club in your prayers as we seek to provide a fun, safe, nurturing environment for these young children. Your support is very much appreciated!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Darla Vant Hul had successful knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. Pray for healing.
- Matt De Wild is responsive and his vitals were stabilized before he left on the helicopter at 11:15a. This is encouraging but prayers remain essential as further treatment is received at Avera. Remember LuAnn, and Josh and extended family in their concern.
- Continue to remember LuAnn De Wild, Levi Thorson and Bob Soodsma as they recover from surgery.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengoed, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, and Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats, Belle Draayer; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksun; Crown Pointe Estates: Theresa De Wit, Darlene Kroese, Lou Krommendyk, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Gary Horstman, John Scholten; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma;

Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Jackie Covey continues with her care for cancer.
- The doctors continue to evaluate Mike Visser, Mandy Hoekstra's father, and his most recent test results. Pray for a clear plan and path for his care moving forward.
- Diana Dykstra had surgery on Monday. We are grateful that the doctors are encouraged by the results and we pray for her as she begins again the process of recovery and rehabilitation.
- We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Dwight Bakker as they celebrated his life this week. We pray for God's comfort, peace, and care for them.
- We pray for those whose prayer concerns are theirs privately; for those who struggle with ongoing health concerns.
- 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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE BREAK will begin its 39th season with a Kick-off on Wed., Sept. 20, at Hope CRC from 10:00-11:00a. Bring your little ones to nursery and your 3's-6-year-olds to Story Hour. Come and enjoy fellowship and if you haven't signed up to join us you can do that too. We are looking forward to seeing community ladies coming together!

DORDT UNIVERSITY HONORS RECITAL will take place on Friday, Sept. 22, at 3:00p in the Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.

TRI-STATE BIBLE CONFERENCE featuring Dr. Derek Thomas will be held at 7:00p on Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 25 & 26, at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. He will speak on "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Monday topics are "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit" and "Experiencing the Holy Spirit." Tuesday evening Dr. Thomas will address "The Holy Spirit and our Holiness" and then answer your questions. The conference includes hymn singing, book

tables, refreshments, fellowship, and networking with other believers. There will also be an "on your own" church leader's luncheon with Dr. Thomas at noon Tuesday at the Sioux Center Pizza Ranch. Registration is appreciated (www.tristatebibleconference.com) but not required. A freewill offering will be received.

DORDT UNIVERSITY: On Sept. 28-30, eighty-five high school choral singers will be on campus at Dordt University for the First Annual Dordt University Honor Choir Weekend! Attendees come from 7 states and from as far as Washington state and Indiana. Each of the students were recommended by their individual choir directors. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday morning in rehearsals and will give a final concert at 1:00p on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the Auditorium. The Honor Choir will be conducted by Ryan Smit, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt University.

TOMBSTONE TOUR OF FAMILY STORIES – HOPE CEMETERY will be September 30. Hull citizens will recount the lives of their ancestors, John Kiers, Dora Vander Schaaf, Teunis Brunsting, Henry Huibregtse, Minnie De Groot, and Andrew Caswell. Come relive history with us. You may walk the tour, but reservations are necessary to ride the trailer. Call 439-6993 or historicalsocietyhull@gmail.com for reservations. Your \$12 donation will be used to support museum expenses. A \$25 donation includes a 1-year membership to the Hull Historical Society.

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL (BLI) AMBASSADORS are sponsoring a music concert in the Dordt University Auditorium beginning at 7:00p on October 6. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. This year BLI is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome.

YOU ARE INVITED to Double HH 50th Anniversary Open House on October 11 from 4:00-7:00p. Come out to their community-wide open house to recognize their employees, community supporters and all the agricultural producers who rely on the quality of the Double HH hitch pins. There will be tours and refreshments available, including their 35,000 square foot expansion. Hope to see you on October 11 at the open house as a way of saying thank you for pulling together for the past 50 years.

JUSTICE FOR ALL announces dates for the upcoming 2024 Service and Learning Trips! The sites/dates are Harvest Ministries, Jackson, MS: Jan. 20-26; JVN Perkins Foundation, Jackson, MS: Feb. 3-9; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS: Feb. 10-16; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY: March 2-8; Grace Reigns, Hildale, UT: March 16-22. If you'd like to sign up or want more information, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (412-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.) Or join us on Oct. 23 at for an information meeting at 6:30p (refreshments provided).