

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –October 8, 2023

Rev. Jack Gray...Guest Minister

Preparation for worship: “Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen” (WSB based on Ps. 19:14)

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

Call to Worship: James 5:16b

*Opening Hymn: #209:1-3 “*Seek Ye First the Kingdom*”

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting: Galatians 1:3-5

*Mutual Greeting

WE HEAR GOD’S WILL

God’s Will for Our Lives: Responsive reading of the Law on PPT

Prayer of Confession: A Public Confession of Sins, concluded with the Lord’s Prayer in unison

Words of Assurance: Isaiah 5:16,17

Hymn of Response: #268:1-3 “*Lord, I Pray*”

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Christian Ed Fund

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #262:1-4 “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Daniel 6 (Text: Daniel 6:10b)

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Prayer Under Pressure**”

I. The Lions’ Den

II. The Lessons

Prayer of Application

WE GO OUT TO SHINE GOD’S LIGHT

*Hymn of Application: #579:1-3 “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

*Parting Blessing: Numbers 6:24-26

*Doxology: #625 “*Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*” (unannounced)

*Postlude

Please allow teachers/students to exit first

*indicates congregation stand
organist: Connie Te Krony
clavinova: Dana Fedders

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Tom & Ranae Sheffield. Elder Doug & Sandy Pollema

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Jon & Bethany Scholten, Deacon Brett & Kaleigh Van Middendorp

NURSERY TODAY: AM Sherry Vant Hul, Bethany Scholten, Katelyn Greydanus, Kaden Struik, Isabela Zomermaand; PM Dan Poppema Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Stephanie Baccam, Rachel Bolkema, Dezi Oostenink, Haley Struik, Abigail Kats; PM Evan Schroeder Family

USHERS FOR OCT.: Lee Rozeboom, Ted Salazar, Brent De Jager, Justin Pollema

VALET PARKING FOR Oct.: Oct. 8: Ethan N., Riley G.; Oct. 15: Zach VH & Dan B.

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Oct. 8: Zach Mouw; Oct. 15: Ross Te Slaa; Oct. 22: Zach VH

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: Building Fund/AC Replacement

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Eric & Alysia

NEXT SUNDAY: George & Nancy

POWER POINT TODAY: Tonya

NEXT SUNDAY: AM Arlene; PM Kaden

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Rick

NEXT SUNDAY: Kyle LeLoux

CORRESPONDENCE: Rog Vis to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Ken Visser to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Daryl Wesselink to Lauren & Connie Runia; Loni Westphal to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Johanna Westra to Sos & Kara Maletoungou (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 Sunday School/Catechism Classes
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

MONDAY

6:30 PM Elder’s Meeting
7:00 PM Deacon’s Meeting
7:30 PM Brief meeting to answer any questions/concerns between chairs or pews.
8:00 PM Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC
6:45 PM Cadets meet at Youth Building for a regular meeting. Do Lesson 22 from Discovering God’s Word series.
6:45 PM GEMS meet at Hope CRC. Girls will dive into the year’s theme, “Rise Up, Lessons from Esther”.
7:00 PM YPS - Can Food Drive. Devotions: Ashley; Lunch: Abby F.

Morning Worship Service, October 8, 2023

Scripture: Daniel 6 (Text: 10b)

Message: "Prayer Under Pressure"

What do think and feel is the most vivid part in the account of Daniel in the Lion's Den?

How did fervent prayer get Daniel into the Lion's Den?

Which prayer you are praying now that could get you into a pickle if God answers it?

Why are Christians challenged to be like Daniel?

Explain how prayer develops piety.

Give an example from your own life in which the power of prayer prevailed.

Describe the pattern would you like to establish in your prayer life.

Do you dare have persistent prayer for your top prayer request in the pattern of Luke 18?

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 8, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to worship in the name of God, the maker of all; Jesus, the Savior; and the Holy Spirit, divine guide of our lives. Amen. 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.

THIS MORNING Rev. Jack Gray will lead our worship service and Rev. Cliff Hoekstra will lead our evening service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: If you haven't already done so, please sign the Child Protection Form and put it in Karen's mailbox. If you lost your sheet, please let Karen know and she will get you another one.

MEETING: Several questions about the upcoming decision between chairs or pews have been raised. To thoroughly inform the congregation, the Council would like to offer an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns. We invite all those interested to come on Monday night, October 9, at 7:30p to a brief meeting at church. The vote will take place the following Sunday, October 15, after the morning service.

FROM THE DEACONS: The air conditioner for our church is over 20 years old and is in need of major repairs. It's been suggested that we replace it because of its age and because it was not reliable this past summer. The lead time to get a new air conditioner is over 3 months. Council has approved the replacement so that we can get a new air conditioner ordered and installed before next summer. Over the next 6-8 months we will be taking offerings to pay for the estimated cost of \$70,000 for the replacement.

LADIES who would like to help at JFA on Tuesday, Oct. 10, meet in the upper parking lot at 12:45p to car pool.

YPS CAN FOOD DRIVE will be held on Wednesday, October 11. The YPS will be going door-to-door collecting pantry items for the Hull Food Pantry. Please place your items on the front porch. If you are not contacted and would like to donate, please place your items in the church kitchen. Please see the list that was in your church mailbox.

NOTICE: Christian Fellowship will meet next Sunday, October 15th after the evening service in the youth building. Please sign up on the sheet on the narthex table if you plan on attending this year.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: I am working on the new yearly directory. If you have a new address, phone number or email address please let me know. Also, if you would like to include your cell phone number in the directory, make sure I get that also. You can email me (hull1crc@mtcnet.net), call me at 439-1626 or put a note in my church mailbox with any updated information. Thank you! -Karen

PASTOR APPRECIATION: The month of October has been designated as pastor and spouse appreciation month. We encourage you to show your appreciation for what they are doing in our congregation by giving them a call, sending a note, or some other way. There will be a coffee for Pastor & Michelle on Sunday evening, October 22nd.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We extend our Christian sympathy to Mark & Teresa Fedders and family in the passing of Teresa's grandmother, Shirley Techen. Visitation is Monday (Oct. 9) from 6-8p at the Jurrens Funeral Home in George and the funeral is Tuesday (Oct. 10) at 11:00a at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hull. Give thanks for the comfort of God's promise of eternal life to those who profess his name.
- Please remember Lavonne den Hoed in your prayers as she continues her radiation treatments through Oct. 20th.
- Continue to remember Darla Vant Hul as she does therapy following her knee 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: Matt De Wild, Darlene Kroese, Lou Krommendyk, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Gary Horstman, John Scholten; Friendly Horizons: Theresa De Wit; 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.
- Mike Visser, Mandy Hoekstra's father, is preparing for surgery coming later this month.
- Diana Dykstra remains at the Sioux Center Hospital. Her recovery is going well and she will continue her rehabilitation there. We pray for continued healing.
- Bill Heynen was admitted to the Sioux Center Hospital after contracting COVID and having symptoms of pneumonia. We pray for healing and that he can return to Crown Pointe soon.

- 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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us as we “**Celebrate Western**”:

Meat and Freezer Meal orders are due **Friday, October 20**;

Our online auction begins **Tuesday, Oct. 24**. Go to www.zomerbid.com to access the auction.

Explore Western is **Tuesday, Nov. 14**.

The Celebrate Western Community Meal, Bake Sale, and Kid’s Carnival is **Friday, Nov. 17**. For more information and order forms, please visit our website – www.westernchristianhs.com.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student Alice Ymker will present a senior violin and organ recital at 7:30p on Friday, October 13, in the Auditorium. She will be accompanied by seniors Jenna De Jong and Karli Vreugdenhil.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student Kylie Sorensen will present a senior voice recital at 7:30p on Saturday, October 14, in the auditorium. All are welcome to a reception after the recital. It will be on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

THE “SHARE” GROUP for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:00p at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The menu will be chicken salad croissants and fruit salad. The program will be Take Away Bingo. Be sure to bring a small gift to take away and \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna Tiedeman (439-2229) with any questions.

DORDT UNIVERSITY Music Department presents guest artists Marianne Lemieux-Wottrich (Soprano) and Tyler Wottrich (piano) for a recital on Friday, October 20, at 7:30p in the auditorium.

DORDT UNIVERSITY presents Carrie Groenewold and Jared Ostermann in an all-Bach organ recital on Saturday, October 21, at 7:30p in the auditorium. Both Jared and Carrie are graduates of the University of Notre Dame (M.S.M.) and both hold a D.M.A. from the University of Kansas. They will be performing their all-Bach program at the upcoming “Bach at Bales” conference at KU, a conference celebrating 300 years of Bach in Leipzig and 125 years of Organ and Church Music program at the University of Kansas. The conference will feature Olivier Latry and George Stauffer.

JUSTICE FOR ALL invites you to our annual auction and meeting event on **Thursday, October 26**. It will be held at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Dinner starts at 5:00p, short business meeting at 6:15p, live auction at 6:30p. Come out to support Justice for All ministry, hear about highlights from the past fiscal year, and what God has been doing through JFA in 2023! There will be an online portion of the auction as well. We hope to see you there.

HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent, and affordable place to live? Siouland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2024 home build in Rock Valley. Application forms are available online at <https://www.sioulandhabitat.org/> or call 712-224-5117 to receive one. **Applications are due October 31.**

REVELATION: A COMFORT FOR BELIEVERS: Groundwork has a new Bible study e-book and podcast, called “Revelation: A Comfort for Believers.” It’s a six-episode series that answers some of our biggest questions about the book of Revelation. It’s great for personal or group study. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/revelation.