

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –December 31, 2023

Rev. Tim Ouwinga...Minister Old Year's Service

*Preparation for worship: I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Psalm 57:9-10*

WE COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1-2

*God's Greeting: "The Eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms".

*Opening Payer

*Opening Song: #253:1-3 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

WE REMEMBER GOD'S PROVISION AND PROMISES

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

Remembering the Year 2023: Pastor Tim, Elder Darren Vant Hul

Song: #452:1-4 "He Leadeth Me"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: AC Replacement

Offertory

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

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

God's Word Read: Psalm 90

God's Word Proclaimed: "Year End Resolutions"

Prayer of Application

WE ENTER A NEW YEAR WITH FAITH

*Song of Response: 174:1-3 "O Teach Thou Us to Count Our Days" (Blue Psalter)

*Testimony of Thanks:

Pastor: People of God, give witness to the Lord's faithfulness this past year.

People: The Lord is my God and I will give him thanks; the Lord is my God and I will exalt Him. I will give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever.

*Parting Blessing

*Parting Song: #253:4 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Postlude

*indicates congregation stand

organist: Connie Te Krony

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Lawrence & Marge Vander Esch, Elder Darren & Darla Vant Hul

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Kyle & Janae Vander Schaaf, Elder Dave & Sherry Vant Hul

NURSERY TODAY: AM Jessica Pollema, Lisa Poppema, Emma Kroese, Charlie Oostenink, Kade LeLoux; PM Eric Kroese Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Sandy Pollema, Jade Boer, Sawyer Bonestroo, Ava Ney, Haley Wielenga; PM Dan Fedders Family

USHERS FOR DEC.: Glen Scholten, Cory De Wit, Nathan Boer, Jake Ney

USHERS FOR JAN.: Dan Poppema, Eric Haveman, Jacob Emerick, Curt Van Grouw

VALET PARKING FOR DEC: Dec. 31: Lane Driesen, Chandler Pollema; Jan. 7: Mitchell Fedders, Ryan Bolkema; Jan. 14: Zach Mouw, Dan Bonestroo

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Dec. 31: Waylon Pollema; Jan. 7: Dan Poppema; Jan. 14: John E.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Building Fund; 2. Tantsura Tuition Assistance

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Ryan & Christine **NEXT SUNDAY:** Eric & Bobbie

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Everyone is encouraged to write New Year's greetings to our missionaries. (Email addresses are in the directory, first page, under "Missionaries Supported").

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TODAY

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Coffee fellowship in the basement

3:00 PM Afternoon Worship Service

MONDAY

9:00 AM YPS Belgium Waffle Breakfast

Sunday morning, December 31, 2023

Scripture: Psalm 90

Message: Year End Resolutions

Introduction:

I. To Count our Days

II. To Live under God's Favor

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 31, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to worship as we continue to revel in the Christmas season. Friends, we are glad you are here! 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.

TODAY we welcome Rev. Tim Ouwinga as he leads our worship services. His morning message is from Psalm 90 titled “Year End Resolutions” and his afternoon message is from James 4:13-17 & I John 5:13-15 titled “Deo Volente”.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH will **NOT** meet this afternoon.

DAD’S BELGIUM WAFFLE BREAKFAST: Please come out on January 1st for the annual YPS Dad’s Belgium Waffle breakfast. We will be serving from 9:00a-12:00 noon. Come out and enjoy the delicious waffles with your favorite syrup flavors as well the tasty sausages. Free will offering.

A WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will be kicking off in 2024! We will be studying Respectable Sins. This is a 9-week study on confronting the sins we as Christians tend to tolerate. We hope to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for the duration of the study, starting January 24th. If you are interested, please send me a message so I can order you a book! If you have any questions, please reach out to myself or Michelle Greydanus.

-Christine

Kroese (712-470-5415).

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Keep Rod Te Krony in prayer as he recovers from his recent knee replacement surgery.
- Joyce Kroese is at home recuperating.
- Kay Kroese had rotator cuff surgery on Friday, December 29, in Sioux Falls. Pray that the surgery was successful, for relief from pain, and patience in the healing process.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Wilma Grevengoed, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, Goldie Veldman, and Louisa De Boer; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksun; Crown Pointe Estates: Joyce De Vries, Matt De Wild, Darlene Kroese, Lou Krommendyk, Larry &

Glenda Oolman, Gary Horstman; Friendly Horizons: Theresa De Wit; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra; Homebound: Jean De Jong.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We pray for the Emergency Responders in our community; for God’s presence and encouragement.
- We rejoice with those who are recovering from surgery.
- We pray for all of those who are continuing with treatment for cancer.
- We pray for those whose prayer concerns are theirs privately.
- We pray for those who have ongoing health concerns for which they are seeking healing and relief.
- 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 have the job for you. HCS is accepting applications for an additional **4th grade teacher**. Applications can be found at hullchristian.com >About HCS>Employment>Teacher. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas at 712-439-2273 or e-mail rtenpas@hullchristian.com with any questions.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU ARE INVITED to a Community Meal at First Reformed Church on January 10, serving from 5:30-6:45p. The meal is free and everyone is invited – families, students, and all ages. This month’s meal includes a nacho-bar and ice cream. The purpose of this event is to encourage fellowship and create new relationships in our community.

HOPE HAVEN’S DUELING DUO’S: Come enjoy a Dueling Piano Show on Thursday, January 11, at The District in Sioux Falls featuring Andy and Ryno! This is the perfect event to enjoy some great music requested by the audience, spend a night with your friends, and support Hope Haven! Doors open at 7:00p and the show begins at 8:00p. Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events.

DORDT UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA invites you to a concert at 7:30p on Friday, January 12, in the Auditorium. This free concert is part of a winter tour with performances scheduled in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa. Under the baton of Associate Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Activities Dr. Onsbey C. Rose, the Chamber Orchestra will perform a wide variety of repertoire ranging from the Romantic era with Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*, to music by living composers, such as *Only Light* by Minnesota native Aaron Perrine. Join us for an evening of music for the Glory of God! The concert will also be available on livestream.

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS at the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls. With the many donations we have received over Christmas, we need many hands to get clothes out. Your efforts will directly impact those struggling to stay warm and comfortable. Time to come out to help: Monday-Thursday, anytime between 7:00a-4:00p. Ages 16+. Contact the Mission at 605-334-6732 and ask for Laura or email her at lthompson@ugmsiouxfalls.com,

LOVE INC SIOUX COUNTY has opportunities for you to serve your community with your time and talents! We have several open volunteer positions for our upcoming Love & Learn class session that begins January 23, 2024.

- We need mentors in our Faith & Finances class. If you have a passion for helping people overcome financial challenges and understand basic budgeting, you'd be a great Faith & Finance mentor. Love INC provides mentor training, and you will work closely with Love INC staff and the class facilitator.
- We provide no cost childcare for our class participants, and we are looking for people (18 and older) to supervise children while their parents attend classes from 6:45-8:15p on Tuesday evenings. Volunteers can sign up for as many nights over the 12-week period as they want to – you pick your dates. Or you can be put on a substitute list.
- Our Boundaries class is based on the best-selling book by Cloud and Townsend – we are looking for someone to facilitate this class for our January session. If you have a passion for how to set and maintain healthy boundaries in your relationships, please consider guiding others through this process. Love INC staff will train you to use the leader guide and videos.

INSPIRATION HILLS is gearing up for their "Single Mom's Retreat" on Feb. 2nd-4th. For years this retreat has been blessing single mothers all over the area with the opportunity to be enfolded in a great community, equipped to walk each day with the Lord and encouraged that God walks with them. To learn more or to register, visit inspirationhills.org/smretreat.

INSPIRATION HILLS is planning their Winter Retreat for 4th-6th graders on February 16-18. It will be a weekend of fun games, new friends and worshipping our Heavenly Father! We are eager to have campers back on campus. For more information, call 712-986-5193 or email ihills@inspirationhills.org.

SING THE MOZART REQUIEM IN 2024: The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will kick off its 2024 season in January, and you are invited to sing with us! This season, we will be returning to perennial favorite, Mozart's Requiem, performing with orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Northwestern College's Christ Chapel. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30p in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus, beginning **January 9**. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome! Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

HOPE HAVEN PRESENTS DYLAN SCOTT: Exciting news! Mark your calendars for this fun event for all ages on Thursday, March 14, at The District in Sioux Falls. Doors open at 7:00p and the show begins at 8:00p. Curb Records recording country artist Dylan Scott is a triple threat – a powerful vocalist with a deep, unmistakable drawl; an old-soul songwriter with a young spirit, and a family man with a tender heart. The ACM nominated, multi-platinum singer has notched three No 1 singles: My girl, Nobody, and New Truck, and Top 5 hit – Hooked. Scott is a 2023 ACM nominee in the category, New Male Artist of the Year. Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events.

JFA is planning a MISSISSIPPI BUS TOUR, highlighting our ministry partners: John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation and Voice of Calvary Ministries of Jackson, MS, and Mississippi Christian Family Services of Rolling Fork, MS. The dates are April 3-10, 2024. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in communities of need in MS. A day in Branson on the way home will round out our great trip! Call Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@ifa-nwiowa.org or 712-476-2804) for more information.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (May 31-June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.