

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –January 7, 2024**

**Rev. Aaron Greydanus...Minister**

*Preparation for worship: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer” (Ps. 29:14ESV).*

**GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE INTO HIS PRESENCE**

Prelude: Variations on the Epiphany Chorale “*How Bright Appears the Morning Star*”

“...*Jesus, Jesus, holy, yet most lowly...great Immanuel, come and hear us*”

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Prayer

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song: #96:1-4 “*Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise*”

**GOD RENEWS US IN HIS GRACE**

God’s Law: Q&A 4 (PH pg. 862) Q&A 94 (PH pg. 905) Q&A 95 (PH pg. 905)

Confession

Hymn of Assurance: #437:1-3 “*Day by Day*” (LUYH)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: 1. Building Fund; 2. Tantsura Tuition Assistance

Offertory: “*Of the Father’s Love Begotten*” “*He is Alpha and Omega, the world’s Redeemer...Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring evermore and evermore! Amen!*”

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

\*Hymn of Preparation: #1:1,2,4,5 “*How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God*” (Tune Blue Psalter #1)

God’s Word Read: Psalm 1

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**The Way for 2024**”

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: #500:1,2,4,5 “*How Firm a Foundation*”

**GOD SENDS US OUT TO DO HIS WILL**

\*Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song: #342:1,2,5 “*Of the Father’s Love Begotten*”

\*Postlude: Toccata on “*How Bright Appears the Morning Star*” “*Rejoice, O heavens, and earth reply: with praise for his incarnation. Amen! Alleluia!*”

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

\*indicates congregation stand  
organist: MaryLou Wielenga

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:**

**GREETERS TODAY:** Kyle & Janae Vander Schaaf, Elder Dave & Sherry Vant Hul

**GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY:** Jon & Nicole Van Berkum, Deacon Ross & Morgan Te Slaa

**NURSERY TODAY:** AM Sandy Pollema, Jade Boer, Sawyer Bonestroo, Ava Ney, Haley

Wielenga; PM Dan Fedders Family

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:** AM Alysia Haveman, Megan Kooima, Calen Bolkema, Haley

Struik, Braden Baccam; PM Cory De Wit Family

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

**VALET PARKING FOR JAN:** **Jan. 7:** Mitchell Fedders, Ryan Bolkema; **Jan. 14:** Zach Mouw,

Dan Bonestroo; **Jan. 21:** Jacob Westra, Zach Vant Hul

**SECURITY COMMITTEE:** **Jan. 7:** Dan Poppema; **Jan. 14:** John Emerick; **Jan. 21:** Kyle L.L.

**OFFERINGS:** Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for 1. Building Fund; 2. Tantsura Tuition Assistance

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Christian Ed Fund

**COFFEE SERVERS TODAY:** Eric & Bobbie

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Galen & Connie

**SERVE JUICE (YOUTH BUILDING)** Kari N.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Jake N.

**POWER POINT TODAY:** Kirk

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Tonya

**SOUND SYSTEM TODAY:** Ben

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Rick

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Randy Feenstra to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Cliff Gort to Michael &

Megan Ribbens; Mike Grevengoed to Lauren & Connie Runia; Ed Haveman to Gary & Ellie

Sikma; Eric Haveman to Sos & Kara Maletoungou (e-mail addresses are in the directory).

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 Ladies Bible Study (nursery)

5:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting (Youth Building)

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

7:00 PM Christian Fellowship. Lesson 5. Lunch: Jay & Donna

**MONDAY**

6:30 PM Elder’s Meeting

7:00 PM Deacon’s Meeting

8:00 PM Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC – Nehemiah Lesson 1

6:45 PM Cadets – regular meeting. Do next lesson in Discovering God’s Word series.

6:45 PM GEMS meet at Hope CRC for a regular meeting.

7:00 PM Mission Guild. Lesson 6. Opening Prayer: Vell Keizer; Closing Prayer: Carol Vis

7:00 PM Music & Worship Committee Meeting (basement)

## FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**January 7, 2024**

**WELCOME TO FIRST HULL:** Welcome to worship dear family of God. As we celebrate the Epiphany may God enlighten us 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.

**THIS MORNING** Pastor Aaron's message is from Psalm 1 titled "The Way for 2024". His evening message is from I Thessalonians 4:13-18 titled "The Coming of Our Lord Jesus".

**PLEASE NOTE:** Kids should **NOT** take their juice to their classrooms. Drink it before you go into your room.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH INVITE:** All children **ages 3-6 years** are welcome to come downstairs during the evening service to worship together in children's church. (Please note the change in the age range.)

**LAST CHANCE** to sign up for the women's Bible study starting January 24. We will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings of each month. Please let myself, Christine Kroese (712-470-5415), or Michelle Greydanus (439-2345) know by **January 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**LADIES** who can help at JFA on Tues., Jan.9<sup>th</sup> should meet in the upper parking lot at 12:45p to car pool.

**THANK YOU** for the flowers from Care Group #7 and the sympathy cards we received in the loss of my sister Anna Vander Well. Even though it is difficult that now all my siblings are gone, we take comfort in God's promise that some day we will be reunited in heaven. - Orv and Arlene Vant Hul

**THANK YOU** to the congregation for your prayers and cards during my hospitalization. A special thank you to Pastor Tim and Pastor Aaron and to Elder Tim Kats for their visits. What a blessing to belong to such a loving, supportive congregation. -Lynn Anderson

### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN**

#### **FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- We extend our Christian sympathy to Heidi Tubergen in the passing of her grandfather, Roger Tubergen, of Sioux Falls. Visitation is Monday at 10:00a and the funeral is at 11:00a

both at the First CRC in Sioux Falls.

- Continue to keep Rod Te Krony in prayer as he recovers from his recent knee replacement surgery.
- Continue to keep Joyce Kroese in prayer as she is at home recuperating.
- Kay Kroese is recovering at home following rotator cuff surgery on December 29. 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:**

- Kayla Groeneweg, Megan Raman's sister, is progressing nicely in her recovery. Continue to pray for her.
- 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 **4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher** for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications can be found at [hullchristian.com](http://hullchristian.com) > About HCS>Employment>Teacher. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas at 712-439-2273 or e-mail [rtenpas@hullchristian.com](mailto:rtenpas@hullchristian.com) with any questions.

**HCS Program:** The Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be presenting a program entitled "God Made Blue" on January 16 at 7:00p in the HCS school gym.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE NAMI SUPPORT GROUP** will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7-9p on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Dr. Robert Hubbard will discuss and read from his new book, *Scenes with my son: Love and Grief in the Wake of Suicide*. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

**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](http://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. Onsby 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.

**THE "SHARE" GROUP** for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 12 NOON at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The menu will be soups, crump bread and cold cuts. The program will be given by Arvin and Lauri Boote who spent 2 weeks on safari in Africa. Please bring \$5 to cover expenses.

**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. 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 [ltompson@ugmsiouxfalls.com](mailto:ltompson@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. 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://inspirationhills.org/smretreat).

**INSPIRATION HILLS** is planning their Winter Retreat for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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. A day in Branson on the way home will round out our great trip! Call Pat Vander Pol at JFA ([patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org) or 712-476-2804) for more information.

**JFA** is looking for a full-time warehouse/transportation manager. Send cover letter and resume to Joel De Wit at [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org) or for more information and a job description call him at 712-739-0055.