

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –January 14, 2024

Rev. Michael Ribbens...Minister

Preparation for worship: “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 2:4-5

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Song: #438:1-3 *“When Morning Gilds the Sky”*

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

God’s Law: Q&A 4 (PH pg. 862), Q&A #96, 97, 98 (PH pg. 906)

Confession

Hymn of Assurance: SW#36:1,2 *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Christian Ed Fund

Offertory: Special Music *“In Christ Alone”* Leusink Family – Peg Visser, accompanist

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #563:1,2 *“Open My Eyes That I May See”* (Celebration Hymnal)

God’s Word Read: Mark 10:46-52

God’s Word Proclaimed: **“Hearts to See”**

Prayer of Application

GOD SENDS US OUT TO DO HIS WILL

*Song of Response: SW#52:1-3 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

*Parting Blessing

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

*Postlude

(Please allow teachers/ students to exit first)

*indicates congregation stand

organist: Lavonne Kats

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Jon & Nicole Van Berkum, Deacon Ross & Morgan Te Slaa

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Lee & Donna Van Grouw, Elder Dave & Kay Kroese

NURSERY TODAY: AM Alysia Haveman, Megan Kooima, Calen Bolkema, Haley Struik, Braden Baccam; PM Cory De Wit Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Bethany Bosma, Janice Driesen, Brynlee LeLoux, Kaden Struik, Brooklyn Poppema; PM Brad Kats Family

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

VALET PARKING FOR JAN: Jan. 14: Zach Mouw, Dan Bonestroo; Jan. 21: Jacob Westra, Zach Vant Hul; Jan. 28: Lee Rozeboom, Riley Grevengoed

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Jan. 14: John Emerick; Jan. 21: Kyle L.L.; Jan. 28: 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 Christian Ed Fund

NEXT SUNDAY: Food Pantry

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Leusink Family

NEXT SUNDAY: Larry & Faye Kroese

SERVE JUICE (Youth Bldg.): Jake Ney

NEXT SUNDAY: Eleanor Kiers

POWER POINT TODAY: Tonya

NEXT SUNDAY: AM Arlene; PM Kaden

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Rick

NEXT SUNDAY: Kyle LeLoux

CORRESPONDENCE: George Heynen to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Andrew Hoekstra to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Larry Hoekstra to Lauren & Connie Runia; Chris Hulstein to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Gerald Jansen to Sos & Kara Maletoungou (e-mail address 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 Adult Sunday School

10:45 AM Christian Ed Committee (meet in the nursery)

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC – Nehemiah Lesson 2

7:00 PM YPS – Lesson. Devotions: Savannah; Lunch: Keagen

Sunday morning, January 14
FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

January 14, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: We worship as we live – in the name, and under the guidance, of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 we welcome Rev. Michael Ribbens, a missionary our church supports, as he leads our morning worship service and Rev. Harlan De Jong as he leads our evening service.

THIS MORNING the Leusink families will be singing “In Christ Alone” in honor of their parents 50th wedding anniversary. They also will be serving cookies after the service.

SENIOR CATECHISM Class will **NOT** meet today. We will start our new curriculum next week.

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

THE ABIDE PROJECT is hosting a regional event at First CRC in Sheldon on Jan. 16, from 5:00-9:30p. The event includes a meal, worship, panel discussions, and a time of Q&A. We hope to help one another better understand where churches are as we dive into the decisions of Synods 2022&2023 regarding human sexuality. We also plan to share together what you see as next steps. Feel free to join for all or part of the evening. Cost is \$10/person (paid at check in). Registrations must be in by **Sunday, Jan. 14, at 8:00 pm.** Go to the website abideproject.org, click on the link for “Iowa Midwest Regional Gathering” and on the following page click the “Register” button.

PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH for Derek Meyerink will take place next Sunday, January 21st.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Ruxin McCoy, infant son of Derk & Mariah Meyerink, will receive the sacrament of baptism.

FROM THE COUNCIL: Motion made and supported for all new flooring in the sanctuary, including under the pews. Several rows of chairs will be put in the front of the sanctuary in place of the pews. Remove the back pew and move the chairs in the back forward to relieve the congestion in the back of church. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP RECEIVED: The communicant memberships of Pastor Aaron, Michelle and Caleb and the baptismal memberships of Eliot and Katelyn Greydanus were received from the Raymond CRC.

MEMBERSHIPS: Scott & Sara Grevengoed and daughters Mackelle and Ashlyn asked to resign their memberships at Hull First CRC. They are attending Central Church in Sioux Falls, SD and the church does not do memberships. We wish them God’s blessing in their new church home.

THANK YOU to my Care Group #9 for the flowers and plant. Also, to all those who have given cards and offered prayers for me and my family in the passing of both of my Tubergen grandparents. It has all been very appreciated as my family is mourning those we have lost! As a family we are so thankful for the assurance we have in the Lord! -Heidi Tubergen

THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, and food given when our loved one passed away. Special thanks to our Care Groups #5,8&9 for the beautiful items given in his memory. Thank you to Pastors Aaron and Tim and to all those who visited, helped in any way, and encouraged us during these last months You are all a blessing.

-The family of John G. Scholten

THANK YOU: We want to express our sincere gratitude for all the gifts we received over the Christmas season. We enjoyed seeing all the pictures of your families and reading about moments you experienced in the past year. Thanks also to the council for the gift. We delight in God’s provision of bringing us here and helping us belong to such an encouraging body of believers. Thank you! -Pastor Aaron, Michelle, and family

OFFERING AMOUNTS FOR DEC.:

General Fund:	\$46,651.69	Building Fund:	\$13,023.00	Benevolent
Fund:	\$2,715.00			
Missions Fund:	2,525.00	Hull Sack Pack:	499.00	World
Renew/Peter Fish	2,108.96			
Klompjen Vehicle:	1,317.59			

We have \$9,500 of the \$70,000 required for the AC replacement.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We express our Christian sympathy to Ken Draayer in the passing of his sister, Gladys De Weerd from Sioux Center, on Tuesday evening. Visitation is Saturday from 1:30 until the funeral starts at 2:30 at Bethel CRC.
- Pray for Ruth Kats as she received information back from the sample sent in that she is diagnosed with “diffuse large b-cell lymphoma”. This is an aggressive cancer but responds well to treatment. Pray that Tim and Ruth find a good cancer team and that the treatments will be effective and tolerable with minimal side effects. Pray for peace as God guides them through this.
- Continue to keep Joyce Kroese in prayer as she continues her recuperation at home.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Wilma Grevengoed, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, Goldie Veldman; Louisa De Boer: Pleasant Acres; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksum; 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 rejoice that Kayla Groeneweg, Megan Raman’s sister, is progressing nicely in her recovery. Continue to pray for her.
- Louisa De Boer, John Kooiker’s sister, has been transferred to Pleasant Acres in Hull after her fall. We pray for her ongoing care and continued recovery from her fall.
- Mark Steiger is scheduled for a procedure on the 16th to help with his ongoing struggles with migraines.
- 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** for the 2024-2025 school year. 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.

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

HCS Board is looking for nominations of individuals to serve. If you know someone who would make a great board member to help carry out the mission of Hull Christian School, please contact a current board member or Mr. Ten Pas.

HCS would like to thank everyone who donated to the NISTO (Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization) fund. We received over \$94,000 to help parents next year with their tuition payments. We look forward to your continued partnership.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, crimp 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.

THE ANNUAL Spaghetti Supper at First Ref. Church is Wed., Jan 24, from 5:00-7:00p. In addition to spaghetti, the meal includes garlic brad and a variety of salads. Freewill donations for the church mission & outreach projects.

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.

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

2ND ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE sponsored by Trinity Reformed Church in Sioux Falls will be held Sat., Feb. 17. The speakers will be addressing the topic of The Outreach Mission of the Church. To register, please visit: mission-of-the-church.eventbrite.com. See brochure on the bulletin board for more information.