

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –February 18, 2024

Rev. Aaron Greydanus...Minister First Sunday in Lent

Preparation for Worship: “Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31, NRSV). When I am weak, God, thanks for your promises that give me hope.

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

*Responsive Call to Worship: (WSB pg. 559)

Pastor: Let us worship God who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Pastor: Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.

People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Song: 543:1-3 *“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”*

*God’s Greeting

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

God’s Will for Our Lives: Q&A 4 (PH pg. 862) and Q&A 105-107 (PH pg. 911)

Call to Confession

Song of Assurance: #32:1,2,5 *“How Blest Are They Whose Trespass”*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Fund/AC Replacement

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #285:1-4 *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

God’s Word Read: Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 12:14-29

God’s Word Proclaimed: **“Blood Testifies”**

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

*Song of Response: SW#61:1-4 *“Nothing but the Blood”*

*Parting Blessing

*Parting Song: SW#69 *“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”*

*Postlude

(Please allow teachers/ students to exit first)

*indicates congregation stand

organist: Peg Visser

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Lonny & Emily Van Schepen, Elder Eric & Jana Rens

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Zach & Ashlee Vant Hul, Deacon Andrew & Kenzie Hoekstra

NURSERY TODAY: AM Nicole Van Berkum, Tara Thorson, Andy Bruxvoort, Ainsley Haveman, Keagen Winterfeld; **PM** Jon Scholten Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Steph Struik, Liz Bonestroo, Dezi Oostenink, Benjamin Kats, Traylie Vander Schaaf; **PM** Eric Rens Family

USHERS FOR FEB.: Seth Oostenink, Travis Veldman, Jay De Wit, Randy Winterfeld

VALET PARKING FOR FEB: **Feb. 18:** Dalton Westra, Jacob Emerick; **Feb. 25:** Blaike Bonestroo, Scott Kroese

SECURITY COMMITTEE: **Feb. 18:** Ross Te Slaa **Feb. 25:** Zach Vant Hul

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/AC Replacement

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Christian Ed Fund; 2. Sioux Falls & Sioux City Gospel Missions

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Jake & Kari

SERVE JUICE (Youth Bldg.): Lonny VS

POWER POINT TODAY: Tonya

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle LeLoux

NEXT SUNDAY: Jim & Lee Oostenink

NEXT SUNDAY: Eleanor

NEXT SUNDAY: Kirk

NEXT SUNDAY: Kyle Te Slaa

CORRESPONDENCE: Jim Oostenink to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Seth Oostenink to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Brody Pollema to Lauren & Connie Runia; Doug Pollema to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Kyle Pollema 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 Choir

10:45 AM Christian Ed Committee

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

7:00 PM Christian Fellowship. Lesson 8. Lunch: Orv & Arlene

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC – Nehemiah Lesson 7

7:00 PM YPS Senior Citizens night of games, fellowship, and food

7:00 PM Mission Guild. Lesson 9. Opening Prayer: Marge Vander Esch; Closing Prayer: Arlene Vant Hul

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

February 18, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: During this season of Lent, may we look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2), and grow in love toward God and one another. Welcome to worship. 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.

PASTOR AARON’S MESSAGE this morning is from Genesis 4:1-16 & Hebrews 12:14-29 titled “Blood Testifies”. His evening message is from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 titled “Comfort Amid Confusion”.

THIS MORNING we will be welcoming the James De Jong family, Eli and Morgan Van Ginkel and the Greydanus family to our congregation.

YOU ARE INVITED to Guiding Star Siouxland’s annual fundraising gala on March 1 beginning at 6:30p. Come and be inspired by Keynote Speaker, Pam Tebow, while supporting life-affirming healthcare in Siouxland! Register for this incredible evening at guidingstarsiouxland.org. Please email kaleigh@guidingstarsiouxland.org or call 712-266-3282 with any questions.

THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH Ken and Mary Leusink along with grandchildren Mark and Tena will be going to work with JFA to Annville, Kentucky. Last year we took totes of new socks and underwear along to bring to the Trade Store and Resource room at the school. This year again, new socks and underwear are badly needed for school age children. There will be totes in the back of church for anyone willing to donate. This will again be very much appreciated by those living in such poverty! Items should be brought to church by Feb. 28th.

REMINDER: Anyone wishing to give a gift of a grocery item to Emily Fedders may place it in the basket in the narthex prior to February 26th.

MEMBERSHIP RECEIVED: The communicant membership of Eli Van Ginkel from Trinity CRC in Rock Valley and Morgan Van Ginkel from First CRC in Sheldon were received. Welcome to our church family! They are in Care Group #7.

MEMBERSHIPS: Waylon & Melissa Pollema and Chandler asked to resign their

memberships at Hull First CRC to become members at Sunnybrook Community Church in Sioux City. Mike & Connie Grevengoed & Riley asked to resign their memberships at Hull First CRC to become members at Sunnybrook Community Church in Sioux City. Jonathon Grevengoed asked to resign his membership to attend the King of Kings Church in Omaha and Justin Grevengoed asked to resign his membership to become a member at the Bible Church in Le Mars. These churches do not do formal membership papers. We wish them God’s blessing in their new church homes.

CARD SHOWER: The family of Theresa De Wit is requesting a card shower for Theresa’s 95th birthday, which is February 25. Cards may be placed in her church mailbox or mailed to 3310 U.S. 75 Ave., Hull, IA 51239. Thank you for making her day special!

THE ANNUAL CHRISTIAN ED AUCTION will be held on March 27th! Make plans now to enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship, and lively bidding! More details to come.

THANK YOU for the love and care shown to me following my shoulder surgery. The visits, calls, cards, food, and prayers were a blessing in my recovery. I’m so grateful for my church family and God’s healing and provision.

-Kay Kroese

MANY THANKS to the pastors and elder Vant Hul for their visits. We also give thanks for the phone calls, visits, and food. Many blessings for such a caring church. -Lee & Eleanor

THANK YOU: The Bruxvoort family would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, calls, and words of encouragement the past few weeks. Troy’s test results came back negative for any abnormal cells. The doctor believes his recent discomfort was possibly caused by a flu bug aggravating his colon where his wound is still healing. What a blessing as no further procedures are needed at this time!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We extend our Christian sympathy to Betty Techen, Jim & Vell Keizer, and Walt & Lavonne den Hoed in the passing of their brother, Earl Cuperus. Visitation will be held at Memorial Funeral Home from 4-6 on Friday, Feb. 16th, and funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17th at Memorial Funeral Home at 10:00a. We pray that God will comfort them and give them peace.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Hilary Van Hill, Amanda, Rachel, Stephen, and all other loved ones in the passing of Rick Van Hill on Tuesday evening. May God comfort

them in their sorrow.

- MaryLou Wielenga returned home last week Friday after having knee replacement surgery. Pray for continued healing.
- Please keep Donna Rens in your prayers as she is hospitalized in Arizona with pneumonia. She hopes to be released sometime this weekend.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Wilma Grevengoed, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, Goldie Veldman; 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.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We pray for those who are continuing to recover: Kayla Groeneweg, Megan Raman's sister, Virg Horstman, Susie Van Tol, Carla Hulstein's uncle Rusty.
- Mark Steiger continues to struggle with his migraines. We pray that doctors can find a more effective treatment for his symptoms.
- John Kooiker's sister-in-law, Gert Kooiker, is in hospice care. We pray for Gert and for the family.
- We pray for our community as there is a great deal of general illness going around.
- 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 serving our communities in law enforcement, emergency services, fire department, and those who serve our country in the armed forces.
- 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, anxiety, 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 has an opening to teach 6th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in being part of our team, as together we seek to follow God's plan for HCS please apply. Applications can be found on our webpage (www.hullchristian.com) or by contacting school. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas 712-439-2273 or email rtenpas@hullchristian.com

with any questions.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS' CLUB is in search of a Program Coordinator and two Directors with a passion for leading Christ-centered after school activities with children in grades K-3. These are part-time salaried positions. Kids' Club is a free, Christ centered, after school program for students held two days a week. If you would like to be considered for these positions, or would like more information, please contact Julie Kreun (712) 470-3837 or Ruth Moss (712) 441-4170.

DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present a 4th Avenue jazz concert on Monday, Feb. 26, at 8:00p in the Auditorium. (This date and time are different from what has been previously publicized.) Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, pop tune covers, and newer works. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present a concert by the Campus-Community Band and the Wind Symphony on Wed., Feb. 28, at 7:30p in the Auditorium. The concert will be available on livestream.

DORTS CHORAL ENSEMBLES will present a concert at 7:30p on Thursday, Feb. 29, in the Auditorium. The concert will feature Bella Voce, Canons of Dordt and Chorale. Available livestream.

A COMMUNITY evening of Worship will be held on Thursday, April 11, at 7:00p in the Dordt Auditorium. Anyone who enjoys singing (high school age and up) are invited. Practices are: March 13, 7:00-8:30p at Covenant CRC, Sioux Center; March 20, 7:00-8:30p at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center, April 3, 7:00-8:30p at 1st CRC, and April 10 at the Dordt Auditorium with Dan Forest. Please use the Google form to register or text Ryan.Smit@dordt.edu or call 722-6203. Deadline is Feb. 23. The cost of the music will be \$12 per person. The 4 choral pieces are "Holy, Holy, Holy; Nearer Still Nearer; Come Find His Rest and Forevermore. Bring a check payable to Dordt University at the first rehearsal.

MANY CHRISTIANS feel that they should share their faith with others, but fear often stops them from doing it. Dunamis Project #6: Listening Evangelism will help you find a natural and fearless way to have more faith-sharing conversations in the ordinary course of life. It emphasizes learning God's vision for evangelism, and developing a passion for personal evangelism. We will learn and practice practical evangelism skill in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. This conference will be Mar. 21-24 in Milford, IA. To learn more and register, visit www.primi.org/dpmilford.

