

SUNDAY, December 4, 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:10 AM Preservice Prayertime - 9:30 AM Worship

RRC VISION STATEMENT: Riverview Reformed Church strives to be a bonded group of believers, spreading the Word of our Lord, and showing the Love of Jesus Christ to others by: offering dynamic Christian Education; reaching out to our community; providing facilities for ministry; building an involved closeknit congregation; and providing excellent congregational care.

PRAISE GOD

Prelude
Welcome
Life at RRC/Please sign the FRIENDSHIP PADS
*Greet One Another

*Opening Hymn #99 %Angels, from the Realms of Glory+
*Opening Prayer
*Hymn #100 %Come, All Ye Faithful+
Scripture Lesson - Psalm 85:1-13

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HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message
Pastoral Prayer /Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry in Music - Janet Zimmerman
Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 40:1-11

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MESSAGE: "What Are We Hoping For?"

GIVE TO GOD

OFFERTORY, Our Response to God's Love
*Doxology (front cover of hymnbook)
*Offertory Prayer

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

(All persons who have made profession of faith in Jesus Christ in any Christian Church, are invited to partake of the elements as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.)

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Thanksgiving %He Is Exalted+

He is exalted, The King is exalted on high; I will praise Him. He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name! He is the Lord, Forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, The King is exalted on high.

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*Closing Hymn #92 %Little Town of Bethlehem+

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction - %Go Now In Peace+

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Postlude

**PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE*

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ORGANIST: Teresa Gall PIANIST: Patty Stuelpnagel  
LAY WORSHIP LEADER: Doyle Guthmiller  
GREETERS: Lois Streyler; Tim & Valerie Bradwisch  
USHER: Alan Egge SOUND SYSTEM: Terry Poelstra  
POWER POINT: Matthew Tjeerdsma VIDEO: Alan Egge  
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WELCOME!!

THANK YOU for being here this morning!! It was a joy being with you!
Please be sure to sign the attendance pads at the end of each pew.
If you are a visitor, please include your address.

A Nursery for pre-schoolers and infants (ages 3 and under) is available during the Worship service down the south hallway.

A Children's Worship Bulletin is on the foyer table for any younger children to use during the Worship Service.

You can see RRC Church Services broadcast on your Public Access Channels in Yankton on Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM.

"When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I will be there. Matthew 18:20 (the Message)
Join us for prayer time at 9:10 AM on Sunday mornings in the Chapel Area and at 12:15 PM on Tuesdays in the Library

Request to those using the Nursery If you know your children have been playing in the nursery, please see that before leaving, toys are cleaned up and put away. Thanks for your help!!

PLEASE HELP RECYCLE BULLETINS If you do not wish to take your morning worship bulletins home with you, please place them in the white basket in the back of the church to be recycled. Please help us clean up the sanctuary following the service. Thank you.

Thank you to Janet Zimmerman for her Ministry in Music this morning

FAMILY BIBLE ADVENTURE SCHEDULE for the remainder of 2016:

December 4- Christmas Program Rehearsal from 10-11:30 AM

December 11 Children's Christmas Program 9:30-10:00 AM

(NO FBA stations- children will remain in church); No Adult Sunday School.

Also note: on December 11, following the Christmas program and regular worship service, at approximately **11:15 AM**, there will be a **Potluck lunch** with the Egge/Tjeerdsma service group in charge. Dec. 18- 10:00-11:00 AM FBA.

You can now make a contribution to Riverview Reformed Church with a quick text message! Simply send a text to 605-857-8115 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. (Example \$25) Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! (The Deacons will give an explanation of the online giving program)

The Christmas Store Thank you to everyone who donated gifts, cash, cookies, or their time, to make the Christmas Store another successful event.

Attention Adult Choir Members: There has been some interest shown in getting a music piece worked up by the choir for Easter. If anyone is interested in singing for Easter, please contact Pam Hamberger, as she will organize a choir, if there is enough interest.

KEEP THE DATE OPEN, Thursday, January 26, for the Annual Soup Kitchen here at RRC. Watch for upcoming sign ups and more information

Gifts That Give Twice Christmas shop and make a difference December 4, (today) by ordering delicious, organic Holiday Gifts and support small-scale farmers, their families, communities, and their land from Equal Exchange Fairly Traded. Catalog and order form are located in the Fellowship Hall. Questions?? Ask Deb Veldhuizen

New Schedules for greeters, lay leaders, HyVee card sales, etc, etc, are SOON to be in your church mailboxes, so please keep an eye out for them, as they will all begin on Sunday, January 1, 2017. New people who signed up are included on the schedules. Be sure to mark your calendars at home, so you know when you are scheduled to help. If you are scheduled for a Sunday that will not work for you, please contact the church office, or you can make a switch with someone else, and then let the office know.

Update Addresses, phones, emails With a new year soon to be upon us, an updated church directory will be printed. If you've made any changes to your current information in the directory, please notify the office so they can be made in the updated directory.

Caring Bridge Site for Sally Tjeerdsma is available at Caring Bridge.org.

"...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

ELECTED TO CONSISTORY FOR 2017: For Elder- Kevin DeJong; For Deacon- Jon Egge, Diane Pinkelman (3 year terms) and Brian Hamberger (1 year term to fill vacated spot, eligible for re-election next year) 2017 Budgets are available on the foyer table for anyone who was not able to attend the meeting last Sunday, but interested in the budget.

Our Sympathy to Gladys Souhrada, following the death of her sister, Mildred Valach from Mile City, Montana. Mildred was an aunt to Renae & Dan Bouza , also.

Congratulations to Colleen Palmer on the birth of granddaughter, Elsie Judith, on 11/18/16. Elsie joins Mom & Dad Braden & Brianne Vander Leest and big sister Norah, and big brother Asher.

God will be speaking to you today, but it won't be by cell phone.
Please turn yours off or set to vibrate, during the service

COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

Today, Sunday, December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:10 AM Pre-Service Prayer time in Prayer Chapel
9:30 AM Worship with Communion
10:00—11:30 AM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School
1:30 PM Girl Scout Event here at RRC in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 5

7:00 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM DWS Leaders Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

12:15 . 12:45 PM Time of Prayer

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group

Thursday, December 8

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Friday, December 9

7:00 PM AI Anon Meeting

Next Sunday, December 11 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:10 AM Pre-Service Prayer time in Prayer Chapel
9:30 AM Children's Christmas Program
10:00 AM Worship Service
Lay Worship Leader - Colleen Palmer or Janet Zimmerman
Ministry in Music- Betty Larsen
Greeters. Stuelpnagels & Larsens
Usher- Loren Haak
Sound System Manager - Todd Carr
Power Point- Matthew Tjeerdsma
Videographer- Dan Sanow
Opening Church- Sharon Auch-Bylander
Cookie Providers- None needed, church potluck
HyVee Card Sales- Sharon Auch-Bylander
11:15 AM Church Potluck
NO Adult Sunday School or Family Bible Adventure

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/riverviewreformedchurch

LIFE AT RRC

EACH TUESDAY from 12:15- 12:45 PM, a time of prayer is being held in the Church Library. Everyone is invited to come and spend a time of prayer with others. If this is during your lunch time, please feel free to bring your lunch along

Sign ups for **Ministry of Music and Cookie donations** for December, and for January- April 2017 are on the foyer table. PLEASE sign up for a date that is convenient for you!! We welcome all talent/musicians for music...new and old

You may e-mail messages to the church office at rprc@iw.net E-mails directly to Pastor Rod may be sent to revrod@iw.net Check out our website at Riverviewreformed.org. there you can submit Prayer Requests and Calendar Additions. You can also view the weekly bulletin on our web page (Minus the prayer concerns).

Offering for the month

Nov. 6: Regular Offering - \$3010.00; Building - \$50.00; Missions - \$30.00
Nov. 13: Regular Offering - \$3570.93; Building - \$190.00
Nov. 20: Regular Offering - \$5126.00; Building - \$125.00; Missions- \$500
Nov. 27: Regular Offering - \$1475.00; Building - \$150.00

Offering envelopes available in the foyer for general & building fund donations

To fully support the budget, offerings need to average \$4100 weekly

UPDATE FROM THE DEACONS: Current Church loan balance is \$134,673. Maturity Date on Loan w/ First Dakota- October 2026. We are paid ahead of the Oct. 2026 Maturity Date, however, it is not easy to specifically calculate how many months we are paid ahead, but are possibly looking at approximately September of 2024 as a pay off date. It is a 15 year loan that began in 2011 and carries a 4.25% interest rate. The monthly payment is \$1,688.

Don't forget- HyVee Cards...a fundraiser for the building fund. For each card sold, 5% comes back to RRC- an easy way to increase your giving to the building fund without increasing your cost. **Cards are available for \$50 and \$100.** Make checks payable to RRC-BF (or Riverview Reformed Church Building Fund). **THIS YEAR we have \$10 and \$25 cards also available. These make great stocking stuffers or gifts for hard to buy for people as well as helping to benefit our building fund.**

RRC has a texting system, which will send out mass texts, to include prayer chain items and scheduling notifications, such as if church is cancelled due to weather in the winter. If you would like to be a part of this texting system, please indicate so when you fill out the attendance pads with the cell number you wish the text to go to and please specify %ADD to texting list+, OR you may sign up yourselves by texting **Riverview Reformed** to **781-728-9542** and it will automatically add you to the system
There is also a special "texting group" for teens & young adults

Please utilize the following links: Please use these tools as we seek to continue the work of Christian discipleship, even when you are not physically able to attend worship, or be present for the Family Bible Adventure.

New City Catechism: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/home.php>

Keys for Kids: <http://www.keysforkids.org/For-Kids/Keys-for-Kids/Read-Listen>

Both of these programs come with applications that run on a Smart Phone. If you want a portable version please use that style of application. It is the desire of the elders and leaders of the church to move our Christian Discipleship from the classroom to everyday life. You may access the churches wifi (belkin.14b) with the login 4e69862e.

Next Ladies Night Out Monday, December 12, at 5:30 PM. Eating at Minerva's. There is a sign up sheet on the foyer table for those planning to Attend