

SUNDAY, December 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS DAY

Pre-Worship Prayer Time 9:10 AM; Worship 9:30 AM

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 close-knit congregation; and providing excellent congregational care.

Prelude

I WAS THERE!

Three "witnesses" describe the birth of Jesus
Prepared by Harry Boonstra

Welcome & Greeting

*Opening Carol #98 %Heard the Bells on Christmas Day+

Lighting The Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 42:5-9 Pages 1072 & 1124
"Yes, I Was There": The Innkeeper's Wife
Carol #84 %Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus+

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-8; 15-20 Page 1590
"Yes, I Was There": A Shepherd Boy
Carol #95 %While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks+

Scriptures Reading: Luke 2:9-14 Page 1591
Carol #90 %He Came Upon the Midnight Clear+
"Yes, I Was There": An Angel

Offertory

Doxology (inside cover of Hymnal)

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14 Page 1645
"Yes, We Are There": A Word to the Congregation
Carol #87 %Joy to the World+

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

ORGANIST: Teresa Gall PIANO: Patty Stuelpnagel
LAY LEADER: Alan Egge
GREETERS: Dorothea Hoebelheinrich; Gerald & Shirley Remp
USHER: Colleen Palmer SOUND SYSTEM: Vic Stuelpnagel
POWER POINT: Matthew Tjeerdsma VIDEO: Richard Syring

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 be sure to include your mailing address.

A Nursery Room 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.

Hearing Assistance Aids are available for those who are hard of hearing. They are located in the cabinet on the back wall of the sanctuary.

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

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.

Thank you to Sam, Joe & Merlye Mason, for helping out with our service this morning.

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). **Installation and Ordination will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2017.**

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

"...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

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:9-10

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

New Schedules for greeters, lay leaders, HyVee card sales, etc, etc, are in your church mailboxes, so please pick them up 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.

Adult Sunday School Adults will not meet this morning on January 1. Sunday School will resume on January 8, 2017.

Next Ladies Night Out Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 5:30 PM at Camino.

COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

Today, Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:10 AM Pre-Service Prayer time in Prayer Chapel
9:30 AM Worship service
NO Sunday School

Monday, December 26

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27

12:15 . 12:45 PM Time of Prayer

Friday, December 30

7:00 PM AI Anon Meeting

Next Sunday, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:10 AM Pre-Service Prayer time in Prayer Chapel
9:30 AM Worship

Lay Worship Leader . Dave Reck
Ministry in Music. Volunteers welcome
Greeters. Arda Hoffman & Yvonne Swenson
Usher- Dianne Selchert
Sound System Manager- Loren Haak
Power Point- Matthew Tjeerdsma
Videographer- Alan Egge
Opening Church- Egges
Cookie Providers- Volunteers welcome
HyVee Card Sales- Patty Stuelpnagel
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 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).

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.

Offering for the month

Nov. 27: Regular Offering - \$1475.00; Building - \$150.00
Dec. 4: Regular Offering - \$4033.00; Building - \$290.00; Missions- \$500
Dec. 11: Regular Offering - \$2171.00; Building - \$90.00
Dec. 18: NO CHURCH SERVICES DUE TO WEATHER

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: 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.

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'll 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!

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