

SUNDAY, December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

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.

PRAISE GOD

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

\*Opening Hymn #91 "The First Noel"  
\*Opening Prayer  
Scripture Lesson - Psalm 146

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HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The Children's Christmas Presentation

Children's Processional: "O Come, Little Children" Solo: Janet Zimmerman  
Christmas Psalm Reading: An arrangement of Psalm 148

ALL: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above.  
Children: God's Christmas star is shining bright; Jesus comes to be our light!

ALL: Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.  
Children: God's Christmas star is shining bright; Jesus comes to be our light!

ALL: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars.  
Children: God's Christmas star is shining bright; Jesus comes to be our light!

ALL: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted.  
Children: God's Christmas star is shining bright; Jesus comes to be our light!

Christmas Prayer: Finger play  
Children's song: "Away in a Manger"  
A Closing Prayer: A Christmas Prayer  
Children's Message - Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Children's Recessional: Hymn #89 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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 "Breath of Heaven"

Scripture - Matthew 11:2-11

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MESSAGE: "More Than We Bargained For"

GIVE TO GOD

OFFERTORY, Our response to God's Love

\*Doxology (front cover of hymnbook)  
\*Offertory Prayer  
\*Closing Hymn #93 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
\*Benediction  
\*Choral Benediction "Go Now In Peace"  
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you, Each hour of ev'ry 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.

Postlude

ORGANIST: Teresa Gall PIANO: Dixie Church  
LAY LEADER: Alan Egge  
GREETERS: Gary & Geraldine Schnabel; Gerald & Shirley Remp  
USHER: Tim O'Hara SOUND SYSTEM: Loren Haak  
POWER POINT: Hambergers VIDEO: Richard Syring  
HYVEE CARDS: Sharon Auch-Bylander

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

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

**Thank you to** Janet Zimmerman for her Ministry in Music this morning.  
Also, Thank you to Deb Veldhuizen and Marcie Kruse, and everyone who was involved in helping with the Children's Christmas Presentation...  
and of course all the children!!!

**The Friday 6:15 AM Women's Bible Study** still has 9 women that we will be studying in 2018. It will begin again on FRIDAY, JANUARY 5. Upcoming women: Ruth, Esther, Priscilla, Mary & Martha, Anna, Elizabeth, and more. We spend 2 weeks on each chapter so the homework is not overwhelming. Please contact Lisa Kuipers if you would be interested in joining so more books can be ordered.

**The Christmas trees up front** are decorated with Angel ornaments, donated by members of the congregation. We would like to invite any new members, or old members who have never donated, or friends of RRC to donate an angel to our Christmas trees. You may bring them at any time and add them to the trees.

**Youth Group Wednesday night** will be held at 7 PM at the Haak home. A Christmas Party with pizza and games will be planned.

**The NEXT Ladies Night Out** will be Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:30 PM at El Tapatio. A sign up sheet is on the foyer table.

**Cake Pans & Dishes in Kitchen** If you have recently donated food items, please be sure to pick up your dishes/cake pans in the kitchen.

**Feeding America/Yankton** Distribution from RRC every Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday mornings from 8:30—9:30 AM by the Feeding America organization. Anyone can come and check out the food items.

**The Salvation Army** is looking for Bell ringers during the Holiday season. Youth Groups, Adults, Church groups, service clubs, etc, are encouraged to volunteer. It is a very rewarding experience. There are time slots the weekends of Thanksgiving through Christmas available. The contact person is Jennifer Adamson 260-4413, or you can ask questions to Misty Nockels at 660-4472.

**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 **662-200-4303** and it will automatically add you to the system

**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://newcitycatechism.com/> (NOTE NEW ADDRESS)

**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.

**Prayer Group** A group meets in the High School Tennis parking lot on Wednesday mornings at 6:15 AM to walk around the high school while praying for the Yankton School District for 30 minutes each week. We would love to have more join us. Talk to Lisa Kuipers if you have any questions.

**At the Cross:** A new silent prayer walk will be held at our church at 6:45 PM every Wednesday. Come as you are. We will meet outside "at the cross". We will walk silently around our church for under 15 minutes. We walk to pray for our Pastor's future and for our future Pastor. We walk to pray for discernment. We walk to pray for our future church and for our future church members. Every person of every denomination or no current denomination is welcome. We walk to pray with you for your unspoken prayers. We all know someone. We encourage each of you to prayerfully consider reaching out to invite someone through us to God. Please remember that you are the only testimony of God that some may ever read. You may contact Michelle Carlson with any questions.

**IF YOU CANNOT BE HERE AT THE CROSS**, please feel free to take 15 minutes of silent prayer in your home or wherever you are, with us, from 6:45-7:00 PM.

**Our Sympathy to Sherry Oare & family** following the loss of Dale. Dale's funeral was held here on Thursday afternoon.

**Elected to our 2018 Consistory** Elected were Elders: Loren Haak & Patty Stuelpnagel. Deacons: Jeff Hento and Lisa Kuipers.

**Installation & Ordination of New Consistory** will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

## COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

### **Today, Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:10 AM Pre-Service Prayer time in Prayer Chapel  
9:30 AM Worship service with Children's Christmas Program  
POTLUCK LUNCH TO FOLLOW—all are welcome to stay  
No Sunday School

### **Monday, December 18**

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

### **Tuesday, December 19**

8:30 AM Feeding America/Yankton Distribution  
12:15 PM Prayer Time

### **Wednesday, December 20**

6:45 PM Silent Prayer Walk around RRC  
7:00 PM Youth Group at the Haak home, with pizza and games

### **Thursday, December 21**

8:30 AM Feeding America/Yankton Distribution  
7:00 PM Mystery Book Club Meeting

### **Friday, December 22**

7:00 PM AI Anon Meeting

### **Saturday, December 23**

8:30 AM Feeding America/Yankton Distribution

### **Next Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve**

9:10 AM Pre-Service Prayer time in Prayer Chapel  
9:30 AM Worship  
Lay Worship Leader - Rod Gall  
Ministry in Music—Volunteers welcome  
Greeters—Lois Streyle & Yvonne Swensen  
Usher—Rod Gall  
Sound System Manager—Terry Poelstra  
Power Point—Tyler Carlson  
Videographer—Shirley Hoxeng  
Opening Church—Colleen Palmer  
HyVee Card Sales—Colleen Palmer  
Cookie Providers—Volunteers welcome  
No Sunday School  
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/riverviewreformedchurch](http://www.facebook.com/riverviewreformedchurch)

**New Schedules for** Lay Leaders, Greeters, Power Point, Sound System, etc, are in your church mailboxes that will begin in January. Please be sure to pick them up and get your scheduled dates written on your home calendars. If you cannot be here on the dates scheduled, we can always switch with someone else on the schedule.

## LIFE AT RRC

**Sign ups** for **Ministry of Music and Cookie donations** for December and January—April are on the foyer table. New sign ups will be out soon!! 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](mailto:rprc@iw.net) E-mails directly to Pastor Rod may be sent to [revrod@iw.net](mailto:revrod@iw.net) Check out our website at [Riverviewreformed.org](http://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. 19: Regular Offering - \$2139.00; Building - \$1617.68; Missions - \$130.00  
Nov. 26: Regular Offering - \$2610.00; Building - \$50.00  
Dec. 3: Regular Offering - \$3219.83; Building - \$350; Missions - \$30.00  
Dec. 10: Regular Offering - \$2993.00; Building - \$180.00; Missions - \$1235.00  
Offering envelopes available in the foyer for general & building fund donations

***To fully support the budget, offerings need to average \$4100 weekly***  
**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, and \$25.** Make checks payable to RRC-BF (or Riverview Reformed Church Building Fund). **The \$25 HyVee cards would make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers!!**

***Be Still*** Women's retreat scheduled for Friday, Feb 16 (6:30-9:00 PM) & Saturday, Feb. 17 (9:00 AM—3:00 PM). Registration forms may be found on the foyer table. Be sure to register! Cost is \$30 by Feb. 1 and \$40 after Feb. 1 or at the door. We will "Be Still" and gather together to hear God's amazing word for each of us, inspire us, stir us, move us through the words of our speaker, Tera Elness. Tera is a wife, mama, coffee addict, Bible Study Leader and speaker. Friday evening session will include a Dessert bar and Saturdays session will include a light breakfast, take-away project, and noon lunch. Registrations can be given to Diane Pinkelman.

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21, 2018, for our annual Soup Kitchen. Sign up sheets will be out soon!! Watch for details.

**The Yankton Area Literacy Council** is providing a program entitled "Math Is Fun" to elementary students in the Yankton School District. Volunteers work with children for 1 hour, from 3:30-4:30 each week to help them improve their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division skills. A lot of our work is done with flash cards We presently have tutors in each of the 4 elementary schools. Administrators have more children they would like to include, but we need volunteers before they can be added. If you think you could help a child improve his/her math skills, or if you have questions about the program, please call the Yankton Area Literacy council (605-760-4803) or Patty Stuelpnagel, (605-660-1088).

**CHECK OUT** the Christmas Thank You Postcard we received from Ruth Wilcox, our Missionary we are supporting. You may find it on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.