

### The 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.

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in to the office by Wednesday afternoon.

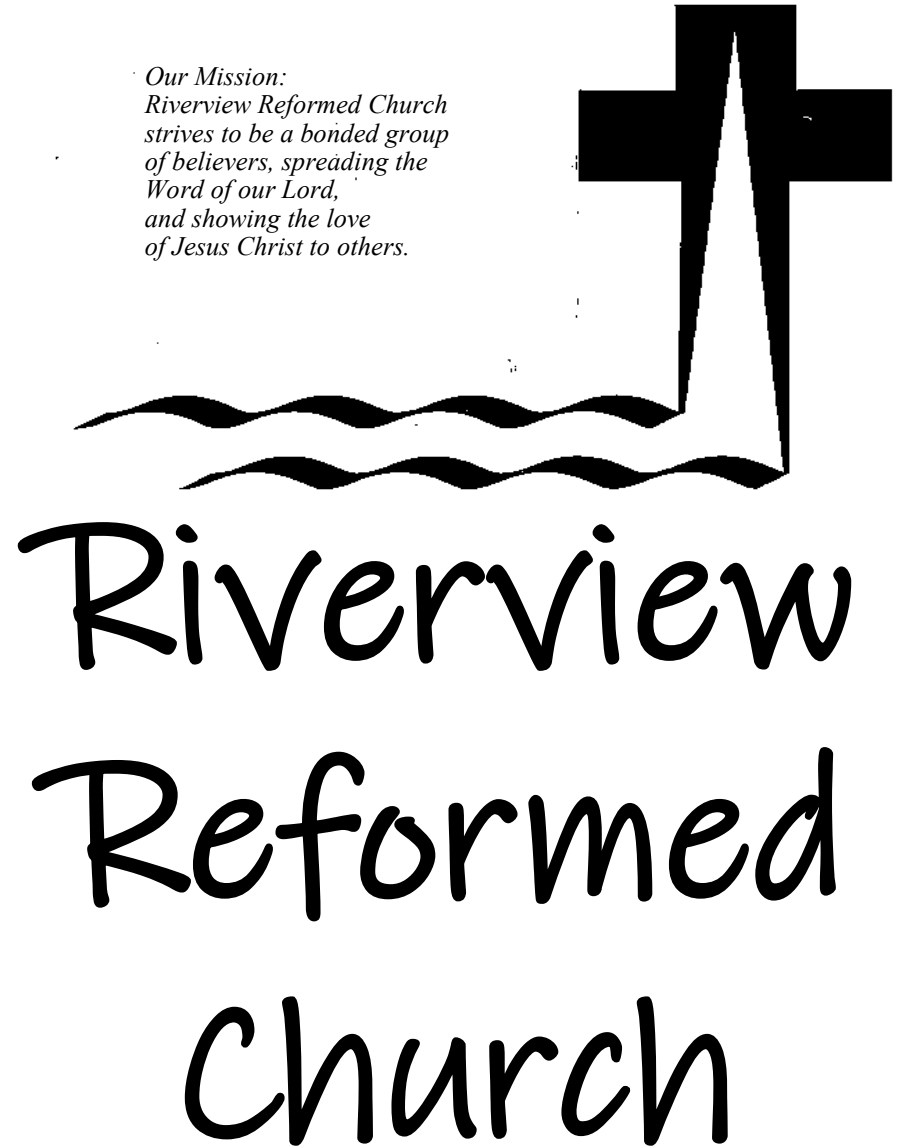
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You may e-mail messages to the church office at [rprc@iw.net](mailto:rprc@iw.net)

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You can view the weekly bulletin on our web page

*Our Mission:  
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.*



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SUNDAY, December 13, 2020  
3rd Sunday of Advent

9:10 AM Preservice Prayer time - 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/Announcements

\*Opening Hymn #94 "What Child Is This?"  
\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #92 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
Scripture Lesson - Mark 11:12-25

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HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
Scripture Lesson - Genesis 2:4-25

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**MESSAGE:** "Joy in Creation"

GIVE TO GOD

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

GO WITH GOD AND SERVE

\*Closing Hymn #95 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"  
\*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

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\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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ORGANIST: Teresa Gall  
PIANIST: Patty Stuelpnagel  
LAY LEADER: Dave Reck  
SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, LIVE STREAM: Dan Sanow, Todd Carr  
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WELCOME!!

THANK YOU for being here this morning!! It was a joy being with you!

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'll be there." Matthew 18:20 (the Message)

God will be speaking to you today...but not by cell phone.

Please turn your phones off or set to vibrate during the worship service

Due to the viruses it is strongly encouraged to just give a friendly wave, please avoid handshakes and spreading any unwanted germs. Wear masks if you want, use the available hand sanitizers, wash your hands, cough into your elbow, dispose of any used tissues. Please be considerate of those around you, to avoid any extra germ exposure.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF POINSETTIAS to help decorate the church Sanctuary for Christmas. You can bring them anytime during the Advent Season. You can contact the church office if you would like to donate in Memory/Honor of someone special. We will not be having a large order placed through the church as in past years.

Readers needed for Christmas Eve Service For our Christmas Eve Service, we are in need of FOUR readers. You may come and do the readings in person, OR you can record them (like the lay leaders did at the beginning of Covid shut down). We will be having a 5:30 PM service for Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, or would like to be a reader, please contact the church office or talk to Pastor Jake.

**Men's Bible Study Group is** December 13 at 6:00 PM, depending on the arrival of Baby Van Der Linden.

**On stand-by** Don Veldhouse is on stand-by for next Sunday, to be our guest speaker, in the event Baby Van Der Linden makes his appearance soon.

**Thank you note:** We can't express enough thanks for your church's willingness to have our wedding ceremony. In a time of uncertainty in our world, we were so fortunate to be able to take our vows in a place where our families can attend. Your church was perfect and beautiful. And the generosity of all your time to do this for "strangers" was so heartwarming and encouraging—you are all wonderful. We are forever grateful!

Kristin & Chris Cressy

(RRC, and Pastor Jake, hosted their wedding on Saturday, November 21, 2020. They also gave a generous donation to our church)

**Mead Cultural Education Center Fundraiser** Hall of Trees and Vintage Christmas, November 25 thru January 31, 10 AM—4 PM, Monday—Saturday. 30+ Decorated Christmas Trees—spark your holiday spirit with unique trees designed by local organizations and businesses. A Vintage and Antique Toys from 1900-2009 will also be on display. Fun and games for kids, a craft kit and sugar cookies provide while supplies last. Admission is Adults \$8; Senior 65+ \$5; Children 0-17 free (Dec. 1-30) Members of the Mead Center are free.

**Reverse Advent Calendar** Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve donate the contents to a food bank...(sorry, this is a few days late)

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - Peanut butter
- December 3 - Stuffing mix
- December 4 - Boxed potatoes
- December 5 - Macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - Canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - Canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - Jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - Package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package of pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can of corn
- December 22 - can of mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can of carrots
- December 24 - can of green beans

**2021 Calendars**, courtesy of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral home, are available on the foyer table, for anyone to take.

**Please** keep Cory Poelstra, in your prayers. **Cory's new address is:** Cory Poelstra #17345273, Federal Prison Camp, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048. You MUST WRITE your return address on the envelope, no labels or stickers or it will be thrown away. (An envelope with no return address will be thrown away) WHITE envelopes and WHITE paper only. If a card is sent, no glitter or textures. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36

**Please Remember** although we aren't passing the offering plates, you can still send your offerings to the church thru the mail, bring them at any time and slip them in the mail slot of the door on the south west corner of the sanctuary (behind the piano area), or you can ask one of the deacons about the new on-line giving site <https://tithe.ly/widget/v3/give.js?3> which is also available on the church website

**There is a local Yankton Area Right to Life Chapter** that meets Monthly, the first Tuesday of every month at St. Benedict Church, 7:15 PM, Yankton SD. EVERYONE is welcome!

**Our Sympathy to** Chuck & Jane Haffner, following the death of Chuck's brother, Lyle Haffner.

**Our Sympathy to** Vic & Patty Stuelpnagel, following the death of Vic's brother-in-law, Truman.

## COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

### Today, Sunday, December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Worship service in building and via: live stream  
6:00 PM Men's Group (Depending on baby arrival)

### Monday, December 14

7:00 PM Boy Scouts  
7:00 PM Consistory Meeting

### Wednesday, December 16

7:30 PM Youth Group

### Next Sunday, December 20 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Worship in building and live-stream  
Lay Leader—Doyle Guthmiller  
Open/close Building—Colleen Palmer

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, December 20 - Genesis 3:1-24 Colossians 1:15-23  
Sunday, December 27 - Guest Minister Dave Reck

**A MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR EACH MONTH** (which is normally printed and distributed in the Sunday bulletins) can also be found on the website page.

## LIFE AT RRC

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Nov. 15: Regular Offering - \$3142.00; Building - \$50.00  
Nov. 22: Regular Offering - \$3615.00  
Nov. 29: Regular Offering - \$4330.53  
Dec. 6: Regular Offering - \$5524.00; Building - \$240.00; Missions - \$30.00  
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. HyVee cards are available during the week when the office is open, and from Chuck's Quik Stop. IF YOU CALL AHEAD, YOU CAN STOP AT CHURCH DURING THE WEEK AND WE CAN HAVE CARDS READY FOR YOU TO PICK UP.

**HyVee Cards** are available on Sunday mornings before the worship service in the Fellowship Hall

### WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA: ON-LINE STREAMING.

If you are unable to do on-line streaming, you can access the service on your Cable TV Public Access channel on Saturdays at 7:00 PM. For on-line streaming, please tune in starting at 9:15 AM, service to begin at 9:30 AM. This is available thru the Facebook page and thru email links. If you are unable to do any of the suggestions, please watch a service on TV of your choice.

**Another option for non-in-person worship** is to come to the NORTH parking lot (by the kitchen) and remain in your vehicle and tune your radio to 89.1 FM and you should be able to hear the service

**Consistory Voting Results** for the 2021 election are:

**New Elders elected - Alan Egge and B.J. Weins**

**New Deacons elected — Renae Bouza and Lisa Pibal**

Elders who are going off are Loren Haak and Patty Stuelpnagel, Deacons going off are Jeff Hento and Lisa Kuipers (vacancy from her moving this summer). Remaining on Consistory are Elders Doyle Guthmiller, Todd Carr, Gary Batzler and Deacons Jean Prater, Shane Bertsch, and Brian Hamberger.

## CONSISTORY REPORT TO CONGREGATION

Meetings held November 9

Congregational members are strongly encouraged to pray about and respond to our financial need. There was \$46,119 in the treasury in September; now there is \$41,564. We were short \$2,600 to cover expenses in September; in October we were \$4500 short. At this time the funds received from the sale of the parsonage are being used to cover the shortfall. However, it was hoped we could have a cushion to get us through emergencies and these funds will not last long if further funds are not given. The possibility of having 2 or 3 Christmas Eve services was discussed. This would allow for better social distancing. A final decision will be made at the December Consistory meeting. The Consistory reflected on the questions "Who are we as a church family?" and "What do we want to be?". Pastor Jake reported on the Cluster Meeting held in late October. Our Classis feels that grace-filled separation from the RCA is the only response for the Dakota Classis. Small group meetings will be set up to explain what this means to our congregation.

**We are looking for** someone to take over organizing/contact person for when we serve the Banquet at the UCC Building. Our next scheduled serve date looks to be next April 2021, but will know more as the year/time comes. If this is something you are willing to do, please contact the church office, or Sharon Auch-Bylander.. Sharon will be able to inform you on what it all consists of. She is also willing to help whoever takes over, but does not want to be in charge of it at this time anymore.

**Help with live-stream/power point** We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help out on Sundays, with the live stream/power point. Todd Carr & Dan Sanow have both been doing it pretty much the whole time since March. We've had a couple of volunteers to help with power point the past 2 Sundays, but more would be appreciated. Let us know, and we can possibly get a schedule going again. THANK YOU!!

**THE CONSISTORY** asks that those who wish to visit following the service, please move to the foyer or into the Fellowship Hall area. This will prevent blocking the exit path in the Fellowship Hall and provide social distance for those who want it. Thank you.

**Thank you** to all of my RRC Church family for your prayers, cards and concerns following my covid sickness, along with my family members. Everyone is doing well again.  
~Yvonne Swensen

**The Women's Afternoon Bible Study** will not be meeting during the month of December. We will start up at a later date, after the New Year.