

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church; the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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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PLEASE HAVE ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

in to the office by Wednesday afternoon.

Check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/riverviewreformedchurch

You may e-mail messages to the church office at rprc@iw.net

Check out our website at Riverviewreformed.org—

You can view the weekly bulletin and monthly calendar on our web page

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SUNDAY, December 25, 2022
CHRISTMAS DAY
CHRIST

9:15 AM Pre-Service 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
(Please sign the attendance pads in the pews)

*Opening Hymn #98 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" (Red Hymnal)
*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #151 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (BLUE Hymnal)

Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 52:7-10 Page 1144

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Pastoral Prayer /Lord's Prayer
Scripture Lesson - Luke 2:21-40 Page 1591

MESSAGE: "A Light of Revelation"

GIVE TO GOD

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

GO WITH GOD AND SERVE

*Closing Hymn #138 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (BLUE Hymnal)
*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

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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ORGANIST: Marcie Kruse
LAY LEADER: Colleen Palmer
HYVEE CARDS: Renae Bouza

PIANIST: Teresa Gall
GREETERS: Janet Ries & Egges
OPEN/CLOSE: Baltzers

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.

A nursery is available down the hallway past the water fountain for young children to use during the morning worship.

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 viruses if you feel uncomfortable with a handshake, please give a friendly wave to avoid spreading any unwanted germs, Please be considerate of those around you, to avoid any extra germ exposure.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER TIME We have our pre-service prayer time on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM before the Worship Service, meeting in the Adult Sunday School Room area. All are welcome to join in prayer for the service.

Please Remember although we aren't passing the offering plates, PLEASE deposit your offerings in the plates by the sanctuary doors on your way into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service, or 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 on-line giving site <https://tithe.ly/widget/v3/give.js?3> which is also available on the church website

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

Poinsettia Donations

In Memory of Sally Tjeerdsma
Given by her Children and Grandchildren

In Memory of our Parents Henry & Theresa Namminga, Don Poelstra,
and Joyce Bowen
Given by Terry & Elaine Poelstra

In Memory of our Parents and Grandparents Darrell & Yvonne Swensen,
and Aunt & Uncle Kenny & Donna Mellem
Given by Mark & Kerri Swensen & Family, Marty & Jodi Swensen & family,
and Glen & Kari Neuharth & family

In Memory of Harold Hoffman
Given by Arda Hoffman

In Memory of Dan, Ray & Mary Bouza
In Memory of Gladys & Alfred Souhrada
Given by Renae Bouza & family

In Memory of Richard & Steven Gall
In Honor of Arlene Gall and Lester & Shirley Muehlbeier
Given by Teresa & Rod Gall

In Honor Of Pastor Jake, Danielle, Gordon & Henry Van Der Linden
Given by Larry & Kathy Mettler

In Memory of Wayne Pibal, Jr., Shirley Herrboldt & Esther Bittner
Given by Lisa Pibal

Thank you for all Donations of Poinsettias

Please feel free to take them home with you today after the worship service to enjoy at home.

Joys & Concerns in Our Church Family

Megan (Haffner) Hansen —relative of Jane Haffner's, Kidney transplant surgery July 13 (Donor, Madison, also involved in the surgery)

Keith DeJager —follicular lymphoma

Garrett— friend of Gerald & Shirley Remp

Jean Brown—Rebecca Sanow & Matthew Tjeerdsma's Aunt, cancer

Mike Sanow—Mental Health Concerns

Members of Hamlin Reformed Church in Castlewood, SD—church burned down

Jim DeBoer's Son-in-law, Dave - Brain surgery

Keith Frey - Lois Streyle's Brother in Law, health issues

Tim Reck - hospitalized with broken back, hip, and rib

Tim Petersen - Wilbur & Lynette Goehring's son-in-law, stroke, in rehab

SHUT INS

Charlie Gauker - in Viborg Nursing Home

Betty Bender - at Freeman Nursing Home, Oakview Terrace

Jannette Grass - at Wakonda Heritage manor

Norma Palmer—Colleen's mother, at the Sisseton Nursing Home

Jessie Heusinkveld —Kayleen Ehresmann's mother, in Majestic Bluffs

Scripture for the week: *Luke 2:14* *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*

I Heard the Bells There is currently a movie, "I Heard the Bells" in theaters (for a short time) based on a beloved Christmas Carol. When I was still teaching, I did a beautiful version of this carol with my high school choir and church bell choir and learned the history behind the poem it is based on and would like to share it with you now. Outwardly, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow led a charmed and placid life. As America's foremost man of letters, he had traveled widely in Europe, attended the best German Universities, and studied the art of Italy. He was a professor of literature at Bowdoin and then at Harvard and the public eagerly awaited each of his new works. It was not unusual for one of his works to sell 50,000 copies on the day of its publication. But hidden beneath his grandfatherly smile were the scars of sorrow. His first wife died three years after their marriage. Much later, he married the vivacious Boston debutante Fanny Appleton, whose wealthy father presented him with the largest house in Cambridge, a house honored by its use as Washington's headquarters in the early months of the Revolution. Surrounded by affection and success, Longfellow's tranquil years were cut short. In 1861, Fanny died horribly when a candle set fire to her dress. Longfellow rushed from the next room and tried to save her, burning his hands severely. Immediately after Fanny's death, the Civil War erupted and Longfellow's creative powers were stilled as he contemplated the horrors of war. One more blow was yet to fall. His beloved son, a Union soldier, was killed in battle. Longfellow's only reply was to write the words of this poem. In one of its verses he reveals his agony: "And in despair I bowed my head; there is no peace on earth I said..." but then he summoned up his faith and the poem ends "Then pealed the bells, more loud and deep: God is not dead; nor doth He sleep! The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail, with peace on earth, goodwill to men!" In his last years, Longfellow received the highest honor that Oxford and Cambridge could bestow. After his death, a bust of him was placed in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey, the only American ever so honored.

-AUTHOR UNKNOWN

COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

Today, Sunday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
9:30 AM Worship service in building and via: live stream
NO Sunday Schools

Monday, December 26

9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class

Wednesday, December 28

9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class

Friday, December 30

9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class

Saturday, December 31

Fellowship Hall reserved for Pibal family

Next Sunday, JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
9:30 AM Worship in building and live-stream
Guest Minister - Dave Reck
Lay Leader - Alan Egge
Open/close Building - Egges
HyVee Cards—Sharon Egge
Greeters—Lois Streyle
NO SUNDAY SCHOOLS

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, January 1 - Pulpit Supply, Dave Reck
Sunday, January 8 - Acts 1:12-26 Colossians 1:3-14

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:

November 27: Regular Offering - \$2349.00
December 4: Regular Offering - \$3953.00; Building - \$15
December 11: Regular Offering - \$3365.02; Building - \$270.00; Missions - \$30.00
December 18: Regular Offering - \$2370.00; Building - \$190.00

***To fully support the budget, offerings need to average \$4100 weekly
(These amounts do NOT include offerings made thru on-line giving)***

Don't forget—HyVee Cards...a fundraiser for the Building fund. HyVee cards are available during the week when the office is open or on Sunday mornings before the worship service in the Foyer. HyVee Cards are NO longer available for RRC at Chuck's Quick Stop.

Mondays and Wednesdays, Teresa will only be in the office until 3:00 PM. (Maybe an occasional other day, also)

New Schedules for January—April 2023 for greeters, lay leaders, etc. are in your church mailboxes. Please pick them up at your convenience.

Please consider helping with the following:

****Help with live-stream/power point.** contact Dan Sanow, Todd Carr, Jay Ruppelt
****Opening/Closing Church building** please talk with an Elder, Pastor Jake, or Teresa.
****Help appreciated with selling HyVee Cards** We are looking for volunteers to help sell HyVee cards again before/after church services. Please contact Renae Bouza.
****Serving treats/goodies after church** - sign up sheet on the foyer table.
****Praise Song Leaders** There is a sign up on the foyer table for Praise song leaders.

Elected to the 2023 Consistory

For Elder: Janet Ries For Deacon: Rod Gall, Colleen Palmer
Installation and Ordination of Janet, Rod & Colleen will take place on Sunday, January 8. **Election for the remaining Deacon 2 year position** will be held on January 8 during the next Congregational Financial Meeting.
CANDIDATES FOR THAT POSITION are Gina Haak & Robert Palsma.

A Prayer to Emmanuel—God with Us! By Kim Butts

Father, the day of celebration is upon Your people! As we anticipate Your son's birth, we ask that you would stop our rushing around, and our frantic preparation to help us consider that Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior...is already here among us! He is God with Us—Jesus, our Emmanuel.

E—Expectation (Luke 2:22-38) Emmanuel, show me how each one of my days, not just Christmas, should and can be filled with the expectation of all You want to do in and through my life. May I be filled with the anticipation of Anna and Simeon when they first laid eyes on the infant, Jesus! Restore to my heart the constant wonder and anticipation of Your life living in me!

M—Mercy (Romans 8:1-4) Emmanuel, the Father's great gift of mercy, was given to me through Your birth, life, death and resurrection! I am no longer living as a condemned person, but as one who has been fully forgiven and redeemed! How thankful I am for the sacrifice You made so that I might live in freedom and victory every day of my life on this earth!

M—Mindfulness (Isaiah 30:21, Hebrews 12:2) Emmanuel, I want to be intensely aware of Your presence each and every moment! Help me to sense Your nearness at all times and in every circumstance whether good or bad! May my ears be attentive to hear Your voice alone so that I don't fall for the lies of the enemy who would like nothing better than to distract me or cause me to fall into sin. Draw me close, Emmanuel! I will fix my eyes upon You!

A—Adoration (1 Chronicles 29:11) Emmanuel, You are the One my heart longs for and I give You praise and honor and glory and offer up my whole self as a living sacrifice. My lips will sing Your praise every day...not just this day. "Yours is the mighty power and glory and victory and majesty. Everything in the heavens and earth is Yours, O Lord, and this is Your kingdom. I adore You as being in control of everything!

N—Nations (Psalm 22:28) Emmanuel, You are the King! You rule the nations of the earth! You came for every single person on this earth, and God promised You in Psalm 2 the ends of the earth as Your inheritance—every nation on this planet! You have commissioned me to be a conduit for Your gospel to go throughout the nations! Use me for Your purposes to seek and save those who are lost and without hope so that I might be part of the fulfilling of God's promise to You, Lord Jesus!

U—Understanding (2 Thessalonians 3:5) Emmanuel, I long for an even deeper understanding of all that You are! Show me how to dig more deeply into Your heart and to long to know You more intimately than ever before. Help me to more fully grasp the love of the Father! I want to have a great awareness of Your character, and to be more yielded to the working of Your Spirit within me as You mold and shape my heart for Your purposes.

E—Eternity (Ecclesiastes 3:11) Emmanuel, because You have set eternity in my heart, I am already living in eternity and will live with You forever and ever! What an amazing gift. Help me to live today in the light of eternity! May I continually be praying and acting so that "on earth as it is in heaven" becomes a reality in the midst of those who interact with me. May Your kingdom come and Your will be done here on earth, and in my life, as it is in heaven...and throughout eternity!

L—Love (John 17:20-26) Emmanuel, You are the gift of love sent from God, the Father to me and all of humanity. Your greatest commandments are to love God with all of my heart, soul, strength and mind...and to love others as myself. May this be a continual reality in my life as long as I draw breath here on earth. I ask that You would help me to comprehend the love that the Father has for You is also in Your people! (May the love and favor of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel, rest upon you! (1 Corinthians 16:23)