

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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MINISTRY TEAMS

Worship

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Hospitality

Missions

PLEASE HAVE ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

in to the office by Wednesday afternoon.

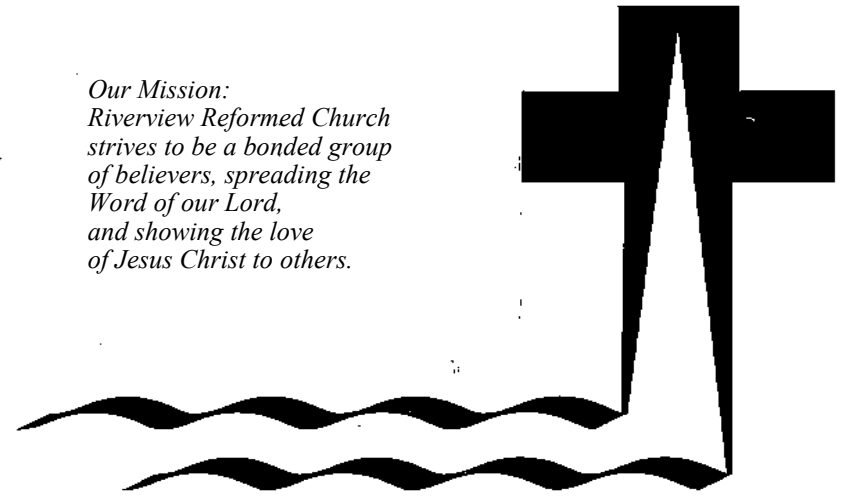
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You may e-mail messages to the church office at rprc@iw.net

Check out our website at Riverviewreformed.org—

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

*Our Mission:
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SUNDAY, December 3, 2023

COMMUNION SUNDAY
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOPE

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 #83 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Red Hymnal)
*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #84 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (Red Hymnal)
Scripture Lesson - Mark 1:1-8 Page 1551
Ministry in Music - Betty & Darin Larsen

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Pastoral Prayer /Lord's Prayer
Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 40:1-11 Page 1119

MESSAGE: "Prepare In Hope"
GIVE TO GOD

OFFERING, Our Response to God's Love
*Doxology
*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. If you have not made profession of faith, or are a child, please feel welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.)

Meaning of 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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GO WITH GOD AND SERVE

*Closing Hymn #144 (BLUE Hymnal) "How Great Our Joy!"
*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.

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Postlude

**PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE*

ORGANIST: Teresa Gall PIANIST: Dixie Church
LAY LEADER: Alan Egge GREETERS: Janet Ries & Egges
HYVEE CARDS: Patty Stuelpnagel 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.

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

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

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20 (KJV)

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.

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

Thank you to Betty & Darin Larsen, for their Ministry in Music this morning.

RIVERVIEW KIDS NEWS:

****The Children's Christmas Program** at RRC is scheduled for Sunday, **December 10**. It will be held during the regular Sunday morning service. Practices for this program will take place during the Sunday School hour November 19, November 26 and December 3.

We would also like to have at least 6 children to do a small "Happy Birthday, Jesus" program during the **Christmas Eve service at 5 PM on December 24. Please let us know by December 1 if your children will be able to attend so we can make further plans.

Calling all pregnant women! (If you or someone you know is newly expecting, check this out)

Would you like an extra look at your growing baby? ZoeCare is expanding and we need your help! We are looking for women in early pregnancy to help with ultrasound training. We are training a new nurse to perform ultrasound and need women to serve as models. Ultrasound models will receive a free ultrasound and the chance to take an extra peek at their little one. All ultrasounds are performed under the direct supervision of the ultrasound trainer. Appointments are available December 5, 6, & 7. We have morning and afternoon appointments available. It is preferred that models are between 6-16 weeks of pregnancy, but we will make exceptions for those later term. Please share this info with anyone you think may be interested. Call or text 605-655-4967 to schedule.

November 13 Consistory Report: Devotions came from Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 where we talked about how there is a time for everything with some of us talking about the struggle between holding on to things and letting other things go, others discussed the time to just be and be thankful for that, while also talking about the beauty and gift of time, lastly took time to recognize in God things can endure forever, God's timing vs. ours, and let us seek God's will in the time we have now. The Elders discussed what was going on in various members' lives that as spiritual leaders we needed to be aware of and we are sending a last letter to reach out to people who haven't responded about their membership and relationship to RRC going forward. The Deacons discussed how things are going with our new snow removers, television in the nursery is mounted waiting to be hooked up, Mission of the month going to Christmas boxes and sponsoring gift boxes for Contact Center, and current finances with checking \$32,661.27, HyVee \$16,029.70, and Youth \$993.46. For the rest of Consistory, we discussed a date change for Ministry team meeting from January 17 to January 10, starting a prayer group to pray for RRC's future and a possible Retreat as well. There will be a December 4 meeting with other pastors from the area about pursuing intentional change for a church which will be our December Consistory Meeting.

Angel Ornaments Our Christmas trees in the front of the sanctuary are decorated with Angel Ornaments, donated by various congregation members from the past years. If you are new to RRC or have never donated an angel ornament, feel free to bring one and place on the trees up front.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: As we, the Consistory, pray for the future of RRC, we want to invite you to pray with us. Every day we challenge people to set aside time at 3:05 PM to pray for our church. We chose that time as we reflected on John 15:05 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." Through prayer may we remain in Jesus together and bear fruit in his name.

Elected to Consistory for 2024 at last weeks Congregational Meeting

Elders—Jim DeBoer and Doyle Guthmiller; Deacon - Dan Cwach. Remaining on Consistory will be Elders Terry Poelstra, Dave Reck & Janet Ries and Deacons Rod Gall, Colleen Palmer & Gina Haak. Off going Consistory are Elders Alan Egge and BJ Weins and Deacons Lisa Pibal and Renae Bouza.

Available on the foyer table: Brochures from "Freedoms Gate Church" led by Pastor Jason Wiersma, and "Living Stone Prison Church" led by Pastor Dan Ebbens. Pick them up and check out what these local Ministers are leading

WANTED: Part Time Custodian. Beginning January 2024.

If this is something you would like more information on, or are interested in the position, please talk with a Deacon as soon as possible.

COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

Today, Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
- 9:30 AM Worship service in building and via: live stream
With Communion
- 10:45 AM Riverview Kids (Christmas Rehearsal)
- 10:50 AM Adult Sunday School Classes

Monday, December 4

- 9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

- 9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class
- 5:30 PM Ladies Night Out at Murdo's
- 7:00 PM Youth Group at RRC

Friday, December 8

- 9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class

Next Sunday, December 10 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
- 9:30 AM Worship in building and live-stream
Children's Christmas Presentation
Lay Leader - Rod Gall
Open/close Building - Colleen Palmer
HyVee Cards—Colleen Palmer
Greeters—Schnabels & Lynette Goehring
- 10:45 AM Riverview Kids
- 10:50 AM Two Adult Sunday School Classes

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sunday, December 10—Isaiah 42:1-17 (JOY) Psalm 96:1-13 (2nd Sun. of Advent)
- Sunday, December 17—Isaiah 52:1-12 (PEACE) (3rd Sun. of Advent)

LIFE AT RRC

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

- November 5: Regular Offering - \$2743.00; Building - \$50.00
- November 8: Tithely—\$150.00 and Thrivent Grant - \$33.00
- November 12: Regular Offering - \$2730.00
- November 15: Tithely—\$75.00, \$50.00
- November 19: Regular Offering - \$2881.00; Building - \$100.00
- November 21: Tithely - \$219.04
- November 26: Regular Offering - \$2272.00; Building - \$200.00
- November 28: Tithely - \$75.00

**To fully support the budget, offerings need to average \$3200 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

English Cleric William Farrar wrote: "I am only one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something; What I can do, I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do"

With that being said, please prayerfully consider where you can help out at RRC. It's a privilege to share your gifts with the family of God and RRC. There are so many opportunities to serve here at RRC—find a place where you are comfortable. From Lay leaders to organists, piano players, praise song leaders, greeters, Power point helpers, Sound System, teachers, Nursery sitters, opening/closing, Fellowship hosts, prayer warriors (including pre-service prayer time). Pray, and ask God where he would have you serve and be a blessing to others in the family of God at RRC. And if you aren't comfortable being on a rotation schedule, let us know if you are willing to be a substitute, to fill in here and there when needed. The more people involved, the lighter the load. When you choose where to share your gifts, the office or a Consistory member can connect you with a mentor.

December 2023 calendars and birthday/anniversary lists and monthly schedules are available on the foyer counter for those who wish to take them home.

Our Nursery is growing! We are looking for people who love kids to spend time with our littlest members age 5 and under in the nursery. We would love to have 2 people per week for the safety of our workers and kids. Anyone age 12 and up is welcome. We will pair younger helpers with adults as needed. Parents of little ones, we'd love for you to be a part of our team as well! Contact Laura Weins (605-680-4683) or Danielle Van Der Linden (402-276-5039) if interested in joining our nursery team

Next Ladies Night Out will be Wednesday, December 6, at 5:30 PM at Murdo's. A sign up sheet is on the foyer table.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING December "Family Night", Wednesday, December 13. Meet at church at 5:15 PM. We will be going to Majestic Bluffs and Walnut Village to do some **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**. Then meet back at the church for taverns, chips, & fellowship. All are welcome to join us for the meal. Please sign the sheet on the foyer table for planning purposes!!

Yankton Area Women's Connection Presents "Christmas Time's A Comin'!" Join them for a night of music, fun, and lots of Christmas joy! Speaker will be Jan Schiferl "A Change of Plans". Jan will give a humorous and inspiring look into those times when things just don't seem to go as we hoped. Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 PM at the Gathering Grounds (215 Walnut) \$10 includes meal and program. College-age and younger attend December's meeting free of charge. Reservations are required—cancellations are essential. RSVP by December 7 to 402-254-2102 or 605-660-0378. Free on site child care by reservation, also.

Hall of Trees 2023 November 24-December 31 at the Mead Museum (82 Mickelson Drive, Yankton) Over 50 decorated trees—FREE youth admission in December—Nutcracker themed foyer—Historic trains & doll exhibits. Monday—Sundays 12:00 PM—4:00 PM, Extended hours and crafts for kids on Wednesdays 4:00—8:00 PM. (see posters displayed in Fellowship Hall or Foyer Hallway for coupon code or QR code to join, renew, or gift a membership by December 31 to get an additional month of free unlimited admission.)
RIVERVIEW KIDS HAVE A TREE DECORATED THERE!!