

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

Discipleship

Hospitality

Missions

PLEASE HAVE ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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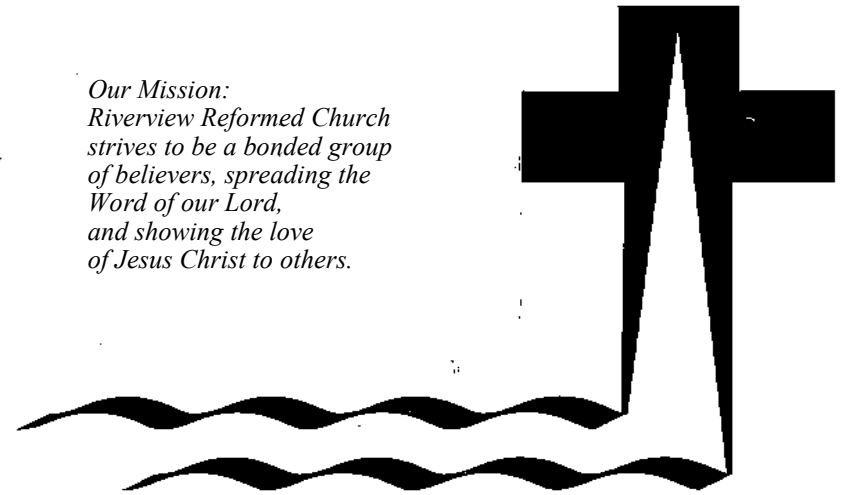
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You may e-mail messages to the church office at rprc@iw.net

Check out our website at Riverviewreformed.org—

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

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strives to be a bonded group
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SUNDAY, December 17, 2023

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOY

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 #87 "Joy to the World" (Red Hymnal)
*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #96 "As With Gladness Men of Old" (Red Hymnal)
Scripture Lesson - Romans 10:1-15 Page 1760
Special Music - Dixie Church & Aaron Rames

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Pastoral Prayer /Lord's Prayer
Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 52:1-12 Page 1144

MESSAGE: "Beautiful Feet"

GIVE TO GOD

OFFERING, Our Response to God's Love

*Doxology
*Offertory Prayer

GO WITH GOD AND SERVE

*Closing Hymn #119 (BLUE Hymnal) "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"
*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

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 Dixie Church & Aaron Rames for their Special Music this morning. This is the piece that Aaron composed for Dixie for her induction into the Mount Marty University Music Hall of Fame.

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.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS are welcome to help decorate the front of the sanctuary for this Advent Season. You can bring them to the church at any time. If you would like to have them donated in Memory of/in Honor of someone special, please let the office know, as the donations will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 24.

ORGANIST: Bobbi Jo Carr PIANIST: Patty Stuelpnagel
LAY LEADER: Dave Reck GREETERS: Stuelpnagels & Dorothea Hoebelheinrich
HYVEE CARDS: Renae Bouza OPEN/CLOSE: Weins

Updating Church Directory The Church Directory will be printed some time after the beginning of the New Year. PLEASE be sure all information in the past directory is updated with any new addresses, phone numbers, corrections, etc. If you currently are not a member, and not in our directory, but would like to be, please furnish the office with your address and phone contact (you may write it on the attendance pads in the pews) .

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

AS WE GET SET TO BEGIN A NEW YEAR, the consistory has been continuing to discern God's pathway forward for RRC. Currently we are wrestling with the question, **WHY DO WE DO CHURCH?** As we look to our congregational meeting, we are inviting Consistory and any congregation member to prayerfully consider this question and if God reveals a *scriptural* answer to please bring it to share. No matter what, please pray with us as we continue to discern God's plan for RRC going forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to a Consistory member.

CHRISTMAS HITS DIFFERENT

By TobyMac & Tasha Layton

It's the season that I forever love, so much meanin', it was always enough
More than the lights on our Christmas tree, more than the gifts; it's the birth of our King.
You never know what will come your way, You see the joy, but you feel the pain
This one goes out to the broken souls, I just want you to know.
If Christmas hits different this year, You don't have to smile; I know how you feel.
If Christmas hits different this year, I'll be right here, I'll be right here.
For some, this season is the hardest of all, Fightin' the tears as they're deckin' the halls,
The bitter sweet of every Christmas song, another year holdin' on.
Can we find joy in all of the pain? A little snow in a season of rain.
Let's take a second just to hear the sounds
And cherish everyone that's with us right now, And everyone we're missin' right now.
If Christmas hits different this year, You don't have to smile; I know how you feel.
If Christmas hits different this year, I'll be right here, I'll be right here.
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This one goes out to the broken souls, I just want you to know.
If Christmas hits different this year, You don't have to smile; I know how you feel.
If Christmas hits different this year, I'll be right here, I'll be right here.
If Christmas hits different this year (Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel)
I'll be right here, I'll be right here.
If Christmas hits different this year (Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel)
I'll be right here, I'll be right here (Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel)
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Thank you to everyone for your healing prayers for our Grandson, Christian Bruner. He is now using 1 crutch and going to Physical Therapy twice a week. He is doing well, but will still take time to completely heal.

~~ Gary & Doris Baltzer

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

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.

Installation & Ordination of New Consistory will be on January 7

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.

Church offices will be closed on Friday, December 22.

COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

Today, Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 20

9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class

Next Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
9:30 AM Worship in building and live-stream
Lay Leader - Colleen Palmer
Open/close Building - Jean Prater
HyVee Cards—Jean Prater
Greeters—Dixie Church & Larsens
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, December 24—Isaiah 55:1-13 (LOVE)
Sunday, December 31 - Pulpit Supply, Don Veldhouse

LIFE AT RRC

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

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
December 3: Regular Offering - \$3420.00
December 5: Tithely - \$190.00
December 10: Regular Offering - \$2287.00' Building - \$100.00
December 12: Tithely - \$99.04

**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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: **READERS WANTED**

Christmas Eve service is next Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. As part of the service, there will be 4 readings from scripture. Please contact Pastor Jake if you would be interested in doing one of the readings for our Christmas Eve Service.

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.

Volunteers for Ministry of Music & Fellowship Time Treats If you are interested in volunteering to do a Ministry of Music, or to provide treats for after church fellowship time, there are sign up sheets on the foyer table.

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

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!!

RIVERVIEW KIDS NEWS:

We would 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 talk with Renae Bouza if interested.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY:

Sunday, January 7 - Installation & Ordination of New Consistory
Sunday, January 7 - Congregational FINANCIAL meeting after worship
Wednesday, January 10 - 6:00 PM Ministry Team Meeting

Ladies Night Out The next Ladies Night Out will be Wednesday, January 17, at 5:30 PM at Bro Burgers (which is now located at the Yankton Mall.) A sign up sheet is available on the foyer table for those that would like to attend.