

## 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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Worship    Discipleship    Hospitality    Missions

PLEASE HAVE ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

in to the office by Wednesday afternoon.

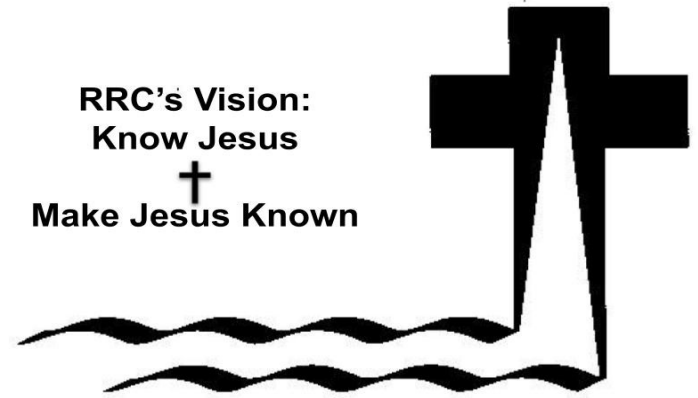
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RRC's Vision:  
Know Jesus  
+  
Make Jesus Known



# Riverview Reformed Church

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SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

HOPE

Communion Sunday

9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time - 9:30 AM Worship

**RRC MISSION STATEMENT:**

Share Jesus in an uncertain world led by the Spirit.  
Acts 1:7-8 NIV

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 - Genesis 1:1-2 Page 1  
Ministry of Music - Janet Ries "I Need a Silent Night"

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Pastoral Prayer /Lord's Prayer  
Scripture Lesson - John 1:1-18 Page 1645

**MESSAGE**

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 #143 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (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.

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Postlude

\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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ORGANIST: Teresa Gall  
LAY LEADER: Doyle Guthmiller  
HYVEE CARDS: Colleen Palmer  
NURSERY: The Duke's  
PIANIST: Patty Stuelpnagel  
GREETERS: Baltzers, Lynette Goehring  
OPEN/CLOSE: Colleen Palmer  
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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.

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 across from the Library. 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 Janet Ries, for her special music this morning.

## Dates and Events For December

**~ December 2 (TOMORROW)** 1:00 PM COME AND HELP DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS . Men are encouraged to come help (needed to help move Christmas Trees up front) ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME HELP. Many hands make light work.

**~December 11—Christmas Caroling** We will go Christmas caroling at Sunrise Apartments and Walnut Village. (*Notice change of one of the locations...will NOT be going to Majestic Bluffs*) Meet at church at 5:15 PM and we will carpool to the facilities. We will meet back at church at approximately 6:30 PM for a light meal. If you do not wish to go caroling, but would like to join us for the light meal, you are welcome. Everyone please sign the sheet on the foyer table so we know how many people to expect and plan for.

**~December 15—Riverview Kids Christmas Program** during the morning worship service. POTLUCK to follow!! (The kids will have a short Christmas party while we set up for the potluck but there will be no Adult SS that morning)

**~December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** 5:30 PM. We are in need of 4 readers to help with the service. Please contact Pastor Jake

**Worship Service at Majesty Bluffs** Pastor Jake will be leading a worship service in the Chapel at Majesty Bluffs on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 PM. Dixie Church will be accompanying the singing on the piano. ANY-ONE would be welcome to come and join us in this service. If you know of anyone who is in Majesty Bluffs, please invite them or bring them with you. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Jake.

**Next Ladies Night Out** will be Wednesday, JANUARY 15 at 5:30 PM at the Fryn' Pan. There will be NO Ladies Night Out in December.

**Next Ministry Team meeting** will be Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 PM

**RRC** is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tree at the Mead Museum this Advent. It consists of simple Nativity decorations, and special little books for visitors to take. **COME AND VOTE FOR OUR TREE!!** Hall of Trees, November 29—December 31 at the Mead Museum. Over 70 holiday trees. Open Daily Nov. 29—Dec. 31 from Noon to 4 PM and Fridays until 8 PM (Closed Dec. 25) Kids and Members are Free! Adults \$8/Seniors 65+ \$5.

**Yankton Area Women's Connection:** "Celebrate Christmas". Speaker Lois Thomas—Cherishing the Tranquility after the Storm. Special Feature Krysti Conway—Crafty Christmas. Food, fun, music & Christmas Joy. Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM at the River Rock Event Center (2901 Broadway). \$15 includes meal & program. Reservations required, cancellations essential. Please RSVP by December 8 to 402-254-2102 or 605-660-0378

**42ND Annual MMU Vespers Concert** Saturday, December 7, 4:00 and 7:00 PM at Bishop Marty Chapel.

**PRAYER OPPORTUNITY:** There has been a document created to help focus our prayers for the future of RRC. If you would like a copy of the document that helps focus our prayers as RRC considers the future, please ask Pastor Jake for a copy. Here are some options for ways to pray:  
\*Pray individually at home, at church, or walking around the church. This can be done with the prayer document mentioned above or however you feel led, but be encouraged to pray for our church.

\*A while back we invited people to pray at 3:05 based on a passage from John 15:5. The Consistory has decided to update the time we are praying and the verse we are praying over. This comes from the work that Consistory has been doing, we invite you to pray at 1:08 every day based on Acts 1:7-8 NIV, which says, "He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'"

**November 11 Consistory Report** We had a very lengthy conversation regarding the importance of prayer, especially as a church considers their future, God's will, and the importance of being persistent and consistent in prayer. As Elders we discussed prayer concerns for many individuals and families in our church, Thanksgiving Eve service, and people going through profess of faith. Deacons reported checking \$42,445, HyVee \$18,485, Youth \$1,173. Deacons also reported on projects in church like the organ repair, new direction signs, moving pews and Mission of the Month. There was some discussion around Pastor Jake having some opportunities for Cont. education, attending an Alliance meeting, and using accountability funds. The rest of Consistory was focused on things going on with Ministry Teams, Pastor Jake doing some volunteer opportunities, seeking partnerships with other churches, looking at the budget based on vision and mission and 2025, and thanking Robert & Lesa Palsma for their service as janitors.

**Our sympathy to** Shirley & Gerald Rempp, following the death of Shirley's sister, Gladys Simantel. Gladys' funeral was held this past Tuesday in Freeman, SD.

## COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

### Today, Sunday, December 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
- 9:30 AM Worship service with Communion
- 10:45 AM Riverview Kids
- 10:50 AM Adult Sunday School Class #1 across from the Library
- Adult SS Class #2 Video Series behind the double doors by staircase

### Monday, December 2

- 9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class
- 1:00 PM COME AND HELP DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!!
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, December 4

- 9:30 AM Women's Exercise
- 7:00 PM Youth Group @ CTKL

### Friday, December 6

- 9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class

### Next Sunday, December 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
- 9:30 AM Worship
  - Lay Leader - Alan Egge
  - Ministry in Music - Volunteers welcome
  - Open/close Building - Jean Prater
  - HyVee Cards - Jean Prater
  - Greeters—Egges & Janet Ries
  - Nursery—Sharon Egge
  - Fellowship Treats - Volunteers welcome
- 10:45 AM Riverview Kids
- 10:50 AM Adult Sunday School Class #1 across from the Library
- Class #2 video series behind the double doors by staircase

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Sunday, December 8 - Luke 1:67-80 Jeremiah 23:1-8 2nd Sunday of Advent PEACE  
Sunday, December 15 - Matthew 1:18-25 3rd Sunday of Advent JOY

### LIFE AT RRC

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

- November 3: Regular Offering - \$2317.79; Building - \$300.00
- November 5: Tithely - \$800.00
- November 10: Regular Offering - \$1908.00
- November 13: Tithely - \$75.00
- November 17: Regular Offering - \$2678.26; Building - \$250.00
- November 19: Tithely - \$100.00
- November 24: Regular Offering - \$2512.00; Building - \$50.00
- November 26: Tithely - \$328.37

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

**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

**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.

**Christmas Poinsettias** Each year we ask for donations to help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas, and you can make them in memory of or in honor of someone. We appreciate all help in decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. **Anyone who donates a poinsettia and would like it in memory of/in honor of** someone, please fill out a sheet on the foyer table and drop it in the box, to be printed on the Christmas Eve bulletin.

## November 3 Congregational Meeting Results:

Elders elected are Sharon Egge, Patty Stuelpnagel  
Deacon elected is Jeff Hento.

Consistory remaining on are Elders Janet Ries, Jim De Boer and Doyle Guthmiller, and Deacons Rodney Gall, Colleen Palmer and Dan Cwach. Outgoing consistory are Terry Poelstra, Dave Reck, and Gina Haak. Installation of newly elected will be in January 2025.

**DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH** is the Contact Center. We will be collecting non-perishable food to help them with their Christmas Baskets. Donations suggestions are: Canned green beans, gravy packets, boxed mashed potatoes, chicken or turkey stuffing, red and green jello, hot chocolate and marshmallows, canned cranberries, canned yams, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions. PLEASE BRING TO THE CHURCH BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, and place them in the boxes in the Fellowship Hall, as they will be putting their baskets together on Tuesday, the 17th and distributed to their clients December 19 & 20th. ANY food items, socks/mittens/gloves, or personal hygiene items are also appreciated, to help stock the Contact Center shelves for every day needs.

**NEEDED:** For Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—4 READERS. If you are interested in being a reader, please talk with Pastor Jake.

**Women's Afternoon Bible Study** December 12 (Thursday) the RRC Women's Bible Study invite ALL WOMEN for a Christmas Coffee at 2:00 PM. We will wrap gifts for our "Adopt a Family" Christmas and then have a fellowship time.