

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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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—

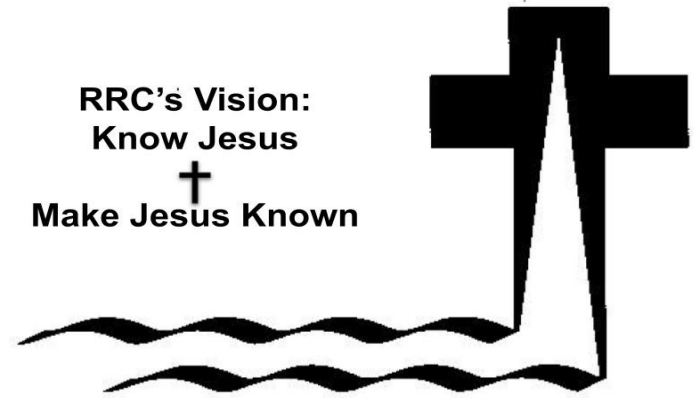
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RRC's Vision:

Know Jesus



Make Jesus Known



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SUNDAY, December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

PEACE

Communion

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)

*Greet One Another

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

*Opening Prayer

Hymn #140 "A Communion Hymn for Christmas" (BLUE Hymnal)

(Please be seated for the hymn)

Scripture Lesson - John 1:1-14

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Advent Wreath - the Davis and Sternhagen Families "HOPE" (1st Sunday)

Janet Ries & Co. "PEACE" (2nd Sunday)

Ministry in Music - Janet Ries

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Pastoral Prayer /Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson - Luke 1:26-38

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Matthew 1:22-23

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MESSAGE

"The Incarnation" by Pastor Dave Reck

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).

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 #100 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Red 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*

ORGANIST: Teresa Gall

PIANIST: Patty Stuelpnagel

LAY LEADER: Colleen Palmer

GREETERS: Gary & Doris Baltzer

HYVEE CARDS: Gina Haak

OPEN/CLOSE: Baltzers

NURSERY: Michelle Cwach

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 boxes 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 Dave Reck for being our guest minister this morning.

Thank you to the Davis & Sternhagen Families for doing the 1st Sunday Advent Wreath "HOPE"; and Janet Ries for doing the 2nd Sunday of Advent Wreath "PEACE" this morning.

Thank you to Janet Ries for her special music this morning.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24 at **5:00 PM**. We will be doing the Nativity, but we would like Congregation participation. As characters are being introduced into the story, we will be asking for 'volunteers' to come up and play the part (NO SPEAKING PARTS), just come and stand (maybe with a prop), to help us portray the Nativity scene, examples: Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wisemen). Don't be shy, come and help us have some fun while telling the Nativity story. We don't need to know ahead of time, we'll just be asking for volunteers that night.

Women's Afternoon Bible Study News: We will be doing the "Adopt a Family" again for Christmas. Jean Prater is coordinating it. Plans are to wrap the presents and get the items together on Thursday, December 11 at 2:00 at the normal Bible Study time. All women are welcome to join us.

Hall Of Trees November 28—Dec. 31 (closed December 25) at the Mead Museum. RRC DOES have a tree at the Museum. Come check it out!! Open daily 10 AM—5 PM Monday thru Friday; 1 PM—5 PM Saturday & Sundays; Friday Night Lights 5—8 PM. Kids and members are FREE - Adults \$10, Seniors 65+ \$8. For the Kids: Scavenger Hunt on all 3 floors (win a prize) For all ages: Free hot cocoa & coffee, vote for your Favorite Tree (RRC'S TREE!!), Vintage furs display. Santa Sundays: Kids Crafts, visit Santa 2-4 PM on Dec. 7, 14, & 21. Friday Night Lights: Open until 8 PM—Live music and fun features, use it as a date night or Girls Night Out.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Update from the meeting. Much discussion was held on the future of RRC. Also, no 'election' was held. The Consistory voted to go from 5 elders down to 4 elders, as no candidates were secured for Elder elections. We needed 2 new deacons and only 2 candidates agreed to be on the ballot. Elaine Poelstra and Lisa Pibal will be the new Deacons beginning in January 2026.

Just Cuz' & Dixie will have a fun afternoon of entertainment for you on Sunday, December 7, (today) at 2:00 PM at the AME Chapel.

Yankton Area Women's Connection "A Country Christmas" Join us as we combine the warmth of country charm with the celebration of Christmas. Let's gather for crafting, singing and Christmas fun. Speaker Cynthia Sheppard from Flandreau, will share her journey of "An Exchanged Life". Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 PM at the River Rock Event Center (2901 Broadway). \$15 meal and program. RSVP by December 7 to 402-254-2102 or 605-660-0378. Reservations required, cancellations essential.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR In the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen window is a new "community calendar". Please feel free to write on it any upcoming concerts, sporting events, performances, etc, that you, or a family member is involved in, so we can all know about and support. On the date, be sure to write the time, the event, where it is, and WHO is involved. (Example: upcoming Nutcracker performance, times, and who is performing). Let's support each other in our community.

DECEMBER CALENDARS are available on the foyer and Fellowship Hall tables to take home.

Thank you to everyone who filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child. RRC donated 20 boxes along with \$500.

At the Cross: A silent prayer walk is held at our church at 5:30 PM every Wednesday. Come as you are. We meet outside 'at the cross', weather permitting. We walk silently around our church for approximately 15 minutes. We walk to pray for our future here at RRC. We walk to pray for our future church and for our future church members. Every person of every denomination or no current denomination is welcome, also. We walk to pray for you for your unspoken prayers. IF YOU CANNOT BE HERE AT THE CROSS, please feel free to take 15 minutes of silent prayer in your home or wherever you are, with us, from 5:30-5:45 PM each Wednesday. When the weather is not cooperating, we will meet in the Sanctuary.

Counseling Center - "Anew Haven of Hope" Diana Smallwood is our new counselor with "Anew Haven of Hope". Diana's office hours will be Tuesday thru Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM with seeing clients. The far south room, across from the Library, will be her client room. We ask that you please respect her counseling space. At times, the library may be used as a waiting room, so you are aware if you wish to access the library during the week. Please be in prayer for the success of the counseling center.

A special THANK YOU to EVERYONE who came on Thursday morning to help decorate for Christmas. We had a wonderful turn out and so many hands made for light work. Thank you, again.

MISSION FOR DECEMBER We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Contact Center for December. You can bring your items to church at any time, and it will be donated to the Contact Center. Look for the collection totes in the Fellowship Hall

Teresa will be out of the church office tomorrow (Monday, Dec. 8) to attend a funeral out of town.

Our apologies to anyone we may have missed last Sunday with our church cancellation. If you are new or have not given us an easy way of communication, please include on the sign in sheet or call the church office, with your email, or cell phone for text, so we can always contact as many as we can.

COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

Today, Sunday, December 7 2nd 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

Monday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 9

- 7:00 PM Youth Group at CTKL

Wednesday, December 10

- 9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class
- 5:30 –5:45 PM Prayer Walk around the church (see announcement)

Thursday, December 11

- 2:00 PM Women's Afternoon Bible Study

Friday, December 12

- 9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class

Next Sunday, December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
- 9:30 AM Worship
 - Pulpit Supply—Dan Ebbens
 - Advent Wreath Readers - The Duke Family
 - Lay Leader - Dorothea Hoebelheinrich
 - Open/close Building—Jean Prater
 - HyVee Cards - Jean Prater
 - Greeters - Stuelpnagels & Dorothea Hoebelheinrich
 - Nursery—Alissa & Brianna Duke
 - Fellowship Treats - Volunteers welcome
- 10:45 AM Riverview Kids Sunday School
- 10:50 AM Adult Sunday School

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sunday, December 21 - Pulpit Supply, Dan Ebbens
- Sunday, December 28 - Pulpit Supply, Dave Reck

LIFE AT RRC

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

- November 9: General Offering - \$2869.01; Building - \$150.00
- November 12: Tithely - \$60.00
- November 16: General Offering - \$2307.00; Building - \$50.00
- November 18: Tithely - \$60.00
- November 23: General Offering - \$1915.0; Building - \$350.00
- November 25: Tithely - \$35.00
- November 30: NO CHURCH
- December 1: Tithely - \$175.00 December 2: Tithely - \$35.00

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"

A CHALLENGE: After an open and honest time of sharing at the annual meeting on Nov. 2, the Consistory would like to challenge each of you to commit yourself to help Riverview Reformed Church in at least one area of service that you are not currently doing. Some suggestions for areas of service are: Greeters, Praise Song Leaders, Lay leaders, Piano/Organ player, Video/Technical Person, Teach/Help with Riverview Kids, Bring and serve treats after services, Join a Ministry Team, Open/Close church on Sundays, sell HyVee Cards, Join Prayer time before worship at 9:15 AM, Provide Special Music, Help with Seasonal Decorations (Christmas decorating), Help in the Nursery, Cinderella's Closet (free prom dresses for high school girls), Youth Group, with landscaping along the church building...pulling weeds in the rocks thru the spring/summer, cutting back plants in the fall, or in the Memory Garden. (**Additional note:** You do NOT have to be a member to participate in any of the above areas. If you are not comfortable being on a scheduled rotation, but would be willing to be a substitute, please let us know that, also. The more people on the schedules, the fewer times your turn comes up. And if you know you will be gone on your 'scheduled' Sunday, we can switch/swap/substitute with someone else on the rotation. A 'schedule' comes out every 4 months so you can plan in advance.) CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF INTEREST.

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.

NEW SCHEDULES for Jan.—Apr. are in your church mailboxes for anyone who has already volunteered. Please be sure to pick them up.

Adult 'video' Sunday School class: Lesson 4 of "The Promise of Heaven" will be shown, "The Celestial City" In this lesson we learn of the glory of the New Jerusalem.

DECEMBER 17 HAPPENINGS!! MOVIE NIGHT: The next Movie Night will be Wednesday December 17th at 6:30 PM. "I'm Glad It's Christmas". Come enjoy some popcorn, hot cocoa, and some Christmas spirit.

BEFORE THE MOVIE on the 17th—Come at 5:00 PM and go Christmas caroling (we will only go to a couple of assisted living homes). We will meet back at church by 6:00 PM for a quick meal, then stay for the movie. There is a sign up sheet on the foyer table for those wanting to go caroling (so we know who to expect to carpool) and for who would like to come and eat at 6:00 PM (so we know how much food to prepare) Come and go caroling, eat, and enjoy the movie OR come and eat and enjoy the movie, OR come and go caroling, and eat, OR just come for the movie. So many ways to choose.

DONATIONS OF POINSETTIAS are welcome to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Please purchase on your own and bring to church at any time. If you would like to donate in Memory/Honor of someone, contact the office.

Also, donations of Angel Ornaments are also welcome. The trees in the front of the sanctuary are decorated from previous Christmases of Angels, donated by members. If you would like to bring an angel ornament to include on the trees, you are welcome to do so.

Riverview Kids Christmas Program will be during morning worship on Sunday, December 21 (9:30 AM)