

## 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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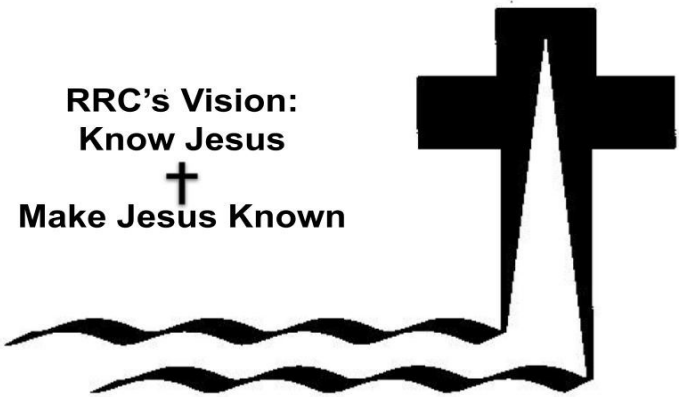
in to the office by Wednesday afternoon.

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You may e-mail messages to the church office at [rprc@iw.net](mailto:rprc@iw.net)

Check out our website at [Riverviewreformed.org](http://Riverviewreformed.org)—

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



# Riverview Reformed Church

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SUNDAY, December 14, 2025  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
JOY

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

\*Opening Prayer  
Hymn #144 "How Great Our Joy" (BLUE Hymnal)  
(Please be seated for the hymn)

Scripture Lesson - Luke 2:8-15 Page 1591  
Advent Wreath - "Joy"

**HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

Pastoral Prayer /Lord's Prayer  
Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 8:11—9:7 Page 1071

**MESSAGE** by Pastor Dan Ebbens

**GIVE TO GOD**

OFFERING, Our Response to God's Love

\*Doxology  
\*Offertory Prayer

**GO WITH GOD AND SERVE**

\*Closing Hymn #97 "There's a Song in the Air" (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**

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ORGANIST: Bobbi Jo Carr PIANIST: Teresa Gall  
LAY LEADER: Dorothea Hoebelheinrich  
GREETERS: Stuelpnagels & Dorothea Hoebelheinrich  
HYVEE CARDS: Jean Prater OPEN/CLOSE: Jean Prater  
NURSERY: Alissa & Brianna Duke  
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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 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** Dan Ebbens for being our guest minister 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.

**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.

**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.

## **A Note from Emery Davis and her cheese fundraiser:**

If you ordered cheese from Emery, it will be delivered to her on Thursday, December 18. You can pick up your order after church next Sunday, December 21. Or if you would like it delivered beforehand, please talk to Jill Sternhagen. Thank you.

**ZoeCare:** There is a Christmas Card from ZoeCare on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. They also include a suggestion card of 'what' your donations could help (eg: \$50 gift provides one pregnancy test, \$250 provides an ultrasound, etc) Take a look.

### **Poinsettia Donations**

- ~In Memory of Chuck Haffner - Given by Jane Haffner
- ~In Memory of Cheryl's parents, Walter & Geneva Close and Grandparents William & Jacoba Faas; In Memory of Tom's parent, Betty Slowey and Grandmother Dorothea Garvey - Given by Cheryl Slowey
- ~In Loving Memory of family and friends who have gone before us - Given by Daniel & Linda Ulmer

**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.

**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

**Our apologies** to anyone we may have missed on Sunday Nov. 30 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.

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

## COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

### Today, Sunday, December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time  
9:30 AM Worship service  
10:45 AM Riverview Kids  
10:50 AM Adult Sunday School

### Monday, December 15

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

### Tuesday, December 16

7:00 PM Youth Group at CTKL

### Wednesday, December 17

9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class  
5:30 –5:45 PM Prayer Walk around the church (see announcement)  
5:00 PM Caroling to shut ins  
6:00 PM Food back at church  
6:30 PM Movie Night "I'm Glad It's Christmas"

### Friday, December 19

9:30 AM Women's Exercise Class

### Next Sunday, December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time  
9:30 AM Worship  
Riverview Kids Christmas Presentation  
Pulpit Supply—Dan Ebbens  
Advent Wreath Readers - Riverview Kids  
Lay Leader - Doyle Guthmiller  
Open/close Building—Colleen Palmer  
HyVee Cards - Colleen Palmer  
Greeters - Rempps & Lynette Goehring  
Nursery—  
Fellowship Treats - Sternhagens  
10:45 AM Riverview Kids Sunday School  
10:50 AM Adult Sunday School

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Sunday, December 28 - Pulpit Supply, Dave Reck  
Sunday, January 4 - Pulpit Supply, Dave Reck

### LIFE AT RRC

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

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  
Dec. 1: Tithely - \$175.00; Dec. 2: Tithely - \$35.00; Dec. 4: Tithely-\$100.00  
December 7: General Offering - \$4909.00 Building - \$300.00  
December 9: Tithely - \$60.00

**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 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.