

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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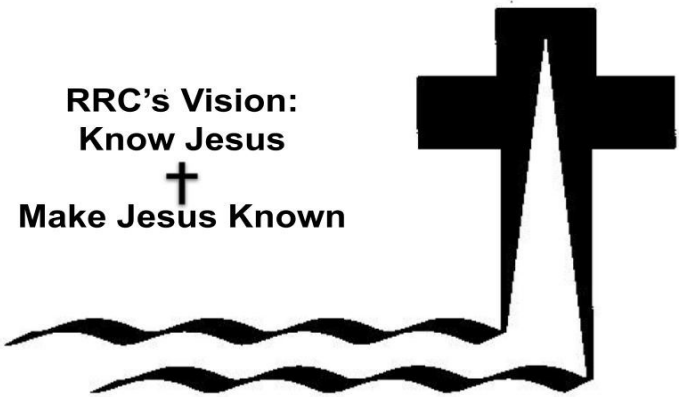
in to the office by Wednesday afternoon.

Check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/riverviewreformedchurch

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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SUNDAY, December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

LOVE

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 Prayer

*Opening Hymn #94 "What Child Is This?" (Red Hymnal)

(While the Children enter Sanctuary)

Riverview Kids Christmas Presentation

Advent Wreath - Riverview Kids "LOVE"

Hymn #150 "O Hearken Ye" (BLUE Hymnal)

(While the Children return to their parents))

Scripture Lesson - 1 John 4:7-10

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HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Pastoral Prayer /Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson - John 3:16-17

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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 #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.

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

ORGANIST: Teresa Gall
LAY LEADER: Doyle Guthmiller
GREETERS: Rempps & Lynette Goehring
HYVEE CARDS: Colleen Palmer
NURSERY:

PIANIST: Dixie Church

OPEN/CLOSE: Colleen Palmer

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.

Thank you to the Riverview Kids and their teachers for their Christmas presentation this morning.

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.

A Note from Emery Davis and her cheese fundraiser:

If you ordered cheese from Emery, it was delivered to her on Thursday, December 18. You can pick up your order after church today.

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
- ~In Memory of our Parents - Given by Lynette & Wilbur Goehring
- ~In Memory of Dan Bouza, Ray & Mary Bouza, and Alfred & Gladys Souhrada - Given by Renae Bouza
- ~ In Memory of Darlene Cameron - Given by Mary & Jon Cameron
- ~In Honor of Teresa's parents (Lester & Shirley Muehlbeier) on their 72nd wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, and in Honor of new great granddaughter, Londyn Jade in September - Given by Teresa & Rod Gall

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. We will be collecting thru December 28. The items will be taken to the Contact Center the following week.

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.

Congratulations to David & Glenda Reck, on the birth of Dave's twin great-grandson's, Waylon George on Dec. 15 and Wyatt James on Dec. 16 to Dave's grandson Levi & Ashtyn DeJong.

COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

Today, Sunday, December 21 4th Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
9:30 AM Worship service
10:45 AM Riverview Kids
NO Adult Sunday School

Monday, December 22

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

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day - Church Offices Closed

Next Sunday, December 28

9:15 AM Pre-Service Prayer time
9:30 AM Worship
Pulpit Supply—Dave Reck
Lay Leader - Alan Egge
Open/close Building—Egges
HyVee Cards - Sharon Egge
Greeters - Haaks & Janet Ries
Nursery—Sharon Egge
Fellowship Treats - Arlis Tjeerdsma & Dot Schaefer
NO Riverview Kids or Adult SS Class

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, January 4 - Pulpit Supply, Dave Reck
Sunday, January 11 - Pulpit Supply, Dan Ebbens

LIFE AT RRC

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

November 23: General Offering - \$1915.00; 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
December 14: General Offering - \$2687.00; Building - \$50.00
December 16: 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

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

Adult 'video' Sunday School class: We will **NOT** have Sunday School TODAY or Next Sunday for Christmas break. When we resume on January 4, Lesson 5 of "The Promise of Heaven" will be shown, "Heavenly Worship". In this lesson we learn about the importance of worship in heaven.

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 INTERESTED.

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.

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.

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.

Consistory Notes: Consistory met on 12/8/25. We opened with prayer. A Zoom meeting was held with Jeff Allen from Thrive Coaching network. The month of January will focus on prayer, asking for God's will to be done at RRC and that we all hear his voice. A prayer team is going to meet collectively each week and have individual prayer at home as well. Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer Team. Round Table discussions for the entire congregation will be held in February and March. All members and friends are asked to attend these meetings which will be held directly after the Sunday morning services with a light lunch following the meeting. Dates for the Round table Discussions are Feb. 8, March 8, and March 22. Devotions were from Matthew 2:19-23. The prayer walk will be indoors for the winter. We meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays. The Deacons reported current finances: General \$43,593; Building \$15,387; Youth \$1143.