

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – October 12	Next Sunday – October 19
Coffee/Juice Servers	Alex & Kailee Davelaar Andy & Kim Davelaar Matt & Kelli Van Roekel	Joel & Jen Van Otterloo Nick & Shannon Vander Kooi Duane & Rose Koele
Greeters AM	David & Christina Brommer Andrew & Jessica Hummel Carl & Ellen Klompier Brian & Sheila Davelaar Kirsten Buiter	Ron & Kathy De Groot Brad & Laura De Kruijff Marlene Broek Todd & Leah Zuidema Sam & Megan Fopma
PM		
Upstairs		
Sound	Dale Vander Berg	Matt Van Roekel
Video	Levi Groenewold	Tim Klein
Power Point	Jim Bos	Darlene Reichert
Ushers	Keith Bonnema, David Brommer, Millie Brommer, Jerry De Groot	Keith Bonnema, David Brommer, Millie Brommer, Jerry De Groot
Rover	Drew De Vries	Wes Kroeze
Children & Worship	No Children & Worship	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Avery F, Brenna VR
Nursery	A.M.	P.M.
	Carla P Tanya A Malia K Sydney F	Brittney K Tami K Colin R
	A.M.	P.M.
	Katherine F Rhonda P Anastasia F Ellie M	Tracy E Sally VT Avery F
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Wes Kroeze Will Maas	Phil De Stigter Keith Bonnema
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Wayne Kobes	Jim Bos
Wednesday Night Meals	Oct 15 - Servers: Rose K, Rachel R, Heidi O, Rich H <i>Clean-up:</i> Duane K, Jeff H, Jason K, Mark Sj	Oct 22 - Servers: Tracy E, Carla N, Sally VT, Rachel H <i>Clean-up:</i> Aaron F, Denny N, Mike O, Ted H



Hearing Assistance: Please ask a sound booth operator for a receiver device.

Reminder! You can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving anytime at <https://www.firstcrc.com/give-online/>.



SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD
Sunday Worship: 9:30am and 6:00pm

Rev. Kurt Monroe, Pastor
Rev. Carl Klompier, Service Pastor

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Welcome to First CRC as we celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ!

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us regularly. Please join us for coffee, juice, and fellowship after our morning service in the fellowship hall. Two tables are set up near the fireplace in the fellowship hall for senior members who would like to sit during their fellowship time.

Worship Notes ~ Sunday, October 12, 2025

Our worship services today will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe.

This morning we will also celebrate the Lord's Supper. We invite all who have been ingrafted into Christ's church by baptism and who seek the nourishment and sustenance of our Lord's Supper to join us in our celebration of the sacrament. A gluten free option near the mailboxes is available to pick up before you enter the sanctuary.

Our members residing at Crown Pointe Estates will be served communion there this morning as they livestream our service.

There will be no Children and Worship this morning.

From the Worship Committee: This morning we are going to practice the "passing of the peace" during our morning service. This is an ancient practice which originated in the early church and which naturally arises out of our gratitude for Christ's work on the cross for us. Because we have been reconciled to him, we have the opportunity to offer an embodied gesture of reconciliation to each other. This is one moment in our service when we can acknowledge and give thanks for the "horizontal" aspect of worship (the people of God in communion with each other) in addition to the "vertical" aspect (the people of God in communion with God himself). Pastor Kurt will give a brief introduction and some words of instruction before this moment in the service and the words you are to use will be projected on the screen.

Our offerings for October 12 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, Benevolent Fund, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The banners in our church represent the liturgical season known as "Trinity Season" or "Ordinary Time." The focus of this season is the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the Church. Our banners feature green for growth and red and gold for vibrancy and hope.

Announcements

Don't miss our Wednesday night meal this week! Our menu includes: Chicken Tortilla, Chili, Pea, and Vegetable Soup; sweet rolls, sandwiches, fruit, and ice sundaes. Serving is from 5-6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated.

An Adult Sunday School class will be meeting on Sunday mornings, beginning this morning, from 11:00 to 11:30am in the council room to study the book, *Christian Faith in Focus*, by Gordon Spykman and led by John Wesselius.

Calling all Singers! You are invited to join in a community choir that will perform the Christmas cantata *The Winter Rose* by Joseph Martin on Sunday, December 14th in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. The choir and a full orchestra will both be under direction of Dr. Ryan Smit, and the cantata will be performed in the context of a service of worship that will take the place of First CRC's evening worship service. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 at Covenant CRC, beginning on October 29th. Singers high school age and older are encouraged to get in touch with Jennifer Monroe so that she can give you more information and send you a link to an online signup form. **Singers need to sign up by October 13th.**

Winter Warm Up Outreach will be having the winter gear distribution on Sat., October 18 at Kinsey Elementary School. If you have any warm winter new or gently used coats, snowpants, snow boots, hats, mittens, gloves to donate, we would love to gift them to those who don't have winter apparel. We also collect warm blankets from infant size to king size. We have a big need for children's coats, adult smalls & mediums, waterproof kid's mittens and gloves, and new socks (all sizes), especially children's. Thank you for helping to be the hands & feet of Jesus. Items may be placed in a bin in the Fellowship Hall or can be dropped off at Wes & Denise Kroeze' home.

OASIS Women's Gathering: Women of all ages who attend or visit First CRC are invited to GATHER and CONNECT on **Thursday, October 23 from 7-8:30pm** in the upper level of the ministry building. We'll enjoy hot chocolate and snacks as we connect, color encouragement cards, and spend some quiet time in prayer. Look for more information in your mailbox or at the Information Center. Sign up online at firstcrc.com or call/text Amy Vander Berg at 712-441-4530.

Care Groups 4A (van Vliet/Vander Berg/Koele) & 4B (Timmer/Vander Berg/Timmer) will have a shared lunch on **Sunday, October 26 at 11:45am in the upper level of our ministry building.** RSVP to Karen Timmer (712-441-7601). Guests and college students are welcome!

Care Groups 3A (Davelaar/Eekhoff/De Stigter) & 3B (DeGroot/Floen/Vander Tuin/De Groot) will have a lunch together on **Sunday, October 26 at 11:45am in our fellowship hall.** Hot sandwiches, drink, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. RSVP to Bonnie De Stigter (712-441-0245). Guests and college students are welcome!

Church Family

Pray for a speedy recovery for Emily Sybesma who had shoulder surgery on October 10.

Remember Scott Visser who had a recent cardiac event and will have an appointment with a cardiologist to discuss test results in November.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Alyce De Groot, Helen De Stigter, Sally Koldenhoven, and Jo Vander Werf.

Members to pray for the week of October 12: Marlene Broek; David, Christina, Millie & Eliza Brommer; Nelvin & Janice Brons; Randy & Arlis Bubke; Edwin & Hannah Buiter.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Arbin & Bimala Pokharel.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Covenant Christian Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

Youth Group

Oct 15- Bowling Night

Oct 22- Connexions

Oct 29- Work at Hope Food pantry

ETM – 7th and 8th Graders

October 19- Scavenger Hunt at Dordt at 7:30pm – Meet at the campus center.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Sharing God's Story - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. You're never too young to make a big difference for God! Discover how your talents, passions, and actions can inspire others and be part of God's amazing plan. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like our video Bible study "God's Big Story".

Groundwork: God's Faithfulness from Generation to Generation - Celebrate Groundwork's 15th anniversary and study God's Word together! Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 15, Matthew 26:26-29, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Deuteronomy 8:10-18, Joshua 4:1-9, and John 3:3-8 to explore the biblical foundation for legacies of faith and reflect on how God has remained faithful from generation to generation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Additional Announcements

CALLED: Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But "how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?" If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at **Dordt University on November 22 from 10am-3pm** for 'CALLED'. Stephen Terpstra, John Klompier, and John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to: <https://forms.gle/Sq6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church. Questions? Email pastor@firstcrcoc.org.

What's Happening This Week {October 12 – October 19}

Today	8:30am	Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the celebration of the Lord' Supper, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Benevolent Fund.
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery
	11:00am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Min Building
Monday	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Wycliffe Bible Translators.
	7:00pm	King's Daughters – Room 9
	7:00pm	Special Council Meeting – Fireside Room
	7:30pm	Elders' Meeting – Council Room
	7:30pm	Deacons' Meeting – Fireside Room
Tuesday	8:30am	JFA Volunteering
	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
Wednesday	6:30am	Wednesday Men's Life – Council Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Bowling Night
Thursday	6:30pm	Women's Bible Conversations – Fireside Room
	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday	8:30am	Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Denominational Pledge.
	10:45am	Christian Education Committee Meeting – Office
	10:45am	Church Education
	11:00am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Min Building
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Todd Zuidema, with an offering for Building & Mission Funds.
	7:30pm	ETM – Meet at Dordt Campus Center