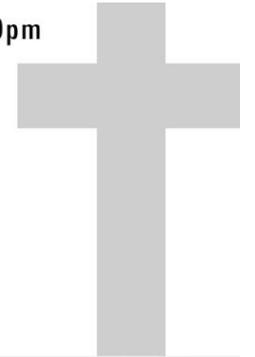


Opportunities to Serve

	Today – February 22	Next Sunday – March 1
Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers	Rich & Linda Haan Andrew & Justean Ter Haar Trayle & Brianna Kats	Jevon & Carrie Groenewold Trent & Julie Geleynse Aaron & Lindsey Floen
Greeters AM	Brad & Libby Van Bruggen Glen & Anita Van Bruggen	Ross Vander Berg Harlan & Maria Mulenburg
PM	Cody & Erika Vander Berg Matt & Kelli Van Roekel	Will & Joyce Maas Nick & Shannon Vander Kooi
Upstairs	Jon & Eileen Buitter	Brian & Sheila Davelaar
Sound	Trent Geleynse	Phil De Stigter
Video	Isaiah deRegt	Tim Klein
Power Point	Phil Van Maanen	Wayne Klein
Ushers	Nelvin Brons, Jevon, Levi, and Addie Groenewold	Nelvin Brons, Jevon, Levi, and Addie Groenewold
Rover	John Thompson	Dan Van Schouwen
Children & Worship	Teacher: Krista S Helpers: Kyler K, Cora VT	Teacher: Megan F Helpers: Kyler K, Cora VT
Nursery	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Kathy P Lindsey F Jana L Brittney K Malia K Avery F	Glenda B Denise K Carla P Julie G Anastasia F Mason VR
	INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.	
Bus Driver/Asst	Phil De Stigter Joe Van Schouwen	Kevin Hulstein Garret Visser
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Jon Buitter	Rachel Raih
Wednesday Night Meals	Feb. 25- Serving: Tracy E, Sandy DG, Anita VB, Christina B Cleanup: Aaron F, Jerry DG, Dale VB, Phil VM	March 4- Serving: Kathy B, Linda H, Lisa D, Erika VB Cleanup: Lynn B, Randy M, Kevin T, Cody VB



Lenten Sunday Worship: 9:30am and 6:00pm
Rev. Kurt Monroe, Pastor



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Welcome to First CRC on this 1st Sunday of Lent! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us regularly. Please join us for coffee, tea, 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, February 22, 2026

Our worship services today will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This evening we welcome the Unity Christian High School Knightsounds, under the direction of Tim Van Voorst, as they participate in our worship service. Refreshments will be served after the service.

A Children and Worship program is provided for children 3-5 years of age during the morning service. Children of visiting families are welcome! Our helpers will greet the children in the back of the sanctuary and lead them to our worship center. Parents are asked to pick up their children after the service in Room 8 upstairs.

Our offerings for February 22 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Building and Mission Funds.

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



The banners in our church represent the liturgical season of Lent when the Church remembers the suffering and death of Jesus. We are reminded of our progress through Lent by lighting one fewer pulpit candle each week. The primary color this season is purple, and the symbol in the middle is the Crown of Thorns. "They clothed Jesus in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him." Mark 15:17. Thank you to Amy Vander Berg for designing our Lenten bulletin cover!

Announcements

College students are welcome to join in a Sermon Discussion group which meets in the **upper level of our south ministry building from 11am to 12pm** on Sundays during our church education season.

We are encouraged to refrain from handshaking for a time due to the current cold and flu season.

Please submit all items for the March Fellowship to ron.rynders@dordt.edu by today.

Don't miss our Wednesday Night Meal this week! Our menu includes: Hot Beef sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli salad, fruit salad, and bars. Bars are requested from the congregation; please sign up at the information center. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated. Serving is from 5-6:30pm.

Our church's women's prayer group will be meeting this Wednesday, February 25, at 6:30pm in Room 9.

We'd love to have help making pigs in the blanket on Saturday, February 28. The link to sign up is at [firstcrc.com](https://signup.com/go/uwpgMrs) or go here: <https://signup.com/go/uwpgMrs> We make over 240 dozen pigs each time we gather to work at Casey's Bakery - and the more people who help, the faster it goes. Proceeds from sales go to our church capital project. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie De Stigter (bonnieds@hotmail.com; 712-441-0245)

The youth group will be having a Hymn Sing on March 4 at 6:45pm in the sanctuary. Please let Lisa or Ana know if you have a favorite hymn or song you would like to sing. The youth group will have a few of their own songs also.

Deb Hulstein stepped back from being the **Care Group Coordinator** at the end of December. The council is grateful for her 10 years of dedicated service in that role and now encourages other members of the congregation to prayerfully consider serving in this capacity. A description of the position is available through the church office, and any other questions can be directed to Phil Van Maanen or Kevin Timmer. Interested individuals are asked to submit their name to Glenda Bos by February 28, 2026.

Our church has been asked to provide housing for the Rehoboth (NM) Christian High School Band group for the evening of Wednesday, March 25, and provide breakfast in the morning. There are 78 students and 11 adults. Our guests will need to be picked up at First CRC after the meal/pinewood derby that evening (approximately 8:00-8:30) and will need to be returned to First CRC by 8am the next morning. They will need breakfast, bedding and access to a shower and a place to get ready in the morning. If you are able to help out, please contact Jon Buitter (jonbuitter@gmail.com or 712-441-3859) with the following information:

- Amount of sleeping spaces you have available (students can share a queen bed)
- If your home is more suitable for one gender or another
- A few of the students have cat allergies so please note if you have cats in your home.
- Preferred contact phone number and email to share with Rehoboth

Calling All Hobbyists! We're looking for participants to display their hobbies at our upcoming annual Hobby Night on March 11 in the lower east entry. This is your chance to share what you love with others—whether it's art, crafts, collections, DIY projects, sports, models, music, or anything in between.

✦ New this year: A dedicated Kids Area!

We're especially excited to welcome kid hobbies and youth participants to display what they enjoy!! It can be Legos, baking, or a photo demonstration of something you do! If you enjoy your hobby and love sharing it with others, we'd love to have you join us. Please sign up at the information center!

Church Family

Remember Scott Visser as his heart procedure is now scheduled for Monday, February 23.

Evelyn Vis is doing well following the placement of a pacemaker in her heart.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Dorothy Mouw, Rose Soodsma, Evelyn Vis, and Phyllis Wood.

Members to pray for the week of February 22: Kurt, Jennifer, Calum & Ellie Monroe; Dorothy Mouw; Jim & Nancy Mouw; Ashton & DeAnn Muilenburg; Harlan & Maria Muilenburg.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Sos & Kara Maletoungou.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Central Reformed Church and the ministry of Pastor Jesse Henkle.

What's Happening This Week (February 22 – March 1)

Today	8:30am	Adult Choir – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Church Education
	11:00am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Ministry Bldg
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the participation of the Unity Christian Knightsounds, with an offering for Building and Mission Funds.
Monday	7:00pm	King's Daughters – Room 9
	7:00pm	Pastoral Assistants' Meeting – Council Room
Tuesday	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
	12:30pm	JOY Society – Fireside Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study – Fireside Room
	6:30pm	Women's Prayer Group – Room 9
	6:45pm	Cadets – Lower Level Ministry Building
	7:00pm	GEMS at Bethel
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
Thursday	8:30am	Adult Choir – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
Next Sunday	10:45am	Church Education
	11:00am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry).

Youth Group

February 25- Connexions | March 4-Hymn Sing



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

Thank You

Marjorie Meendering felt the encouragement and prayers of our congregation after she experienced a serious heart and lung episode recently during the week when she was listed as part of the "members to pray for this week". She is giving thanks that God spared her life, and she felt our prayers even though we were not aware of the situation at the time.

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: In the Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus Prays, Judas Betrays, and Jesus is Arrested. - As Lent begins, let's prepare our hearts in this season by following Jesus to Golgotha and studying the biblical events that comprise the traditional stations of the cross. Join Groundwork as we begin our journey by studying Matthew 26:31-56 to reflect on what happened to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and consider the effects of his prayer, betrayal, and arrest for Jesus and for us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Bulletin Reminder: If you have something to submit for the weekly bulletin, please send it to the church office, office@firstcrc.com, no later than 10:30AM on Thursdays.

Family Visiting for Monday, March 2, 2026

Elder Tim Klein	6:30pm	Jean Arkema
	7:30pm	Matt & Kelli Van Roekel
	8:30pm	Jerome De Stigter
Elder Jason Koelewyn	6:30pm	Andrew & Justean Ter Haar
	7:30pm	Ron & Bruce Roghair
	8:30pm	Gladyce Nyhof
Elder Ron De Groot	6:30pm	Evelyn Vis
	7:30pm	Ivan & Alice Groothuis
	8:30pm	Phil & Bonnie De Stigter
Elder Jan van Vliet	6:30pm	Daniel & Abby Finley
	7:30pm	David & Christina Brommer

Church members are encouraged to contact their care group elder anytime they have a need.