

SUNDAY, February 27, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section and watch for the live video to show shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also watch a recorded version of the service after it is over.

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, **February 27**, is Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday before the season of Lent begins, when we see the glory of God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus' transfiguration prepared Jesus for his passion and death as he set out for Jerusalem, so our observance of it prepares us for the Lenten journey to the cross. We will continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **February 27**, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services use prayers and litanies from The Book of Common Prayer and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence, and meditation on scripture. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation.

Ash Wednesday Worship

We will gather on Wednesday, **March 1** for a brief service to mark the beginning of the season of Lent. Join us from 6:30-7:00 PM for a service of word, song, prayer, and the imposition of ashes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Courier

The March Courier is in your mailboxes and can be found [here](#).

Biblical and Reformed in 2022

The past two years have been a time of exceptional upheaval for Christian Reformed congregations. We are surrounded by worry, fear, anger, doubt, and division. Even so, God is on the throne! The "tree" may be shaking in the storm, but we have strong biblical and reformed roots. Former Dordt professor Dr. Syd Hielema, who has served the denomination these last eight years, will reflect on the role of these roots as a source of strength and stability in challenging times. "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." (Psalm 1:3) You are invited to an interactive presentation, discussion, and time of prayer at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center on Tuesday, **March 1** from 7:00-8:30 PM. We hope that you can join us!

Scripture Memorization for Lent

During Lent, you are invited to join in the discipline of scripture memorization. We will memorize Psalm 103 together. Read it daily at home and recite it with us after communion each week. Let's hide God's word in our hearts. For **March 6**, Lent 1, let's try to say from memory Psalm 103:1-5.

Refugee Resettlement Updates

The employment/finance team of the refugee resettlement committee invites you to consider aiding the family in learning about the responsibilities and intricacies of financial literacy and independence. There will be many unfamiliar components in which the family needs help such as setting up checking, peer-to-peer, and debit accounts, taxes, establishing credit worthiness, etc. We are not sure if Afghan culture and the literacy of the individuals will allow a female spouse to participate in that process. Because male members of our committee will most likely not directly interact with females, having one or more women from our congregation willing to help is critical. A team effort is needed to strategize important financial literacy and independence components and then help the family achieve those goals. If you are willing to participate in this effort, please contact Chris Goedhart (chris.goedhart@dordt.edu).

Valet Service

Please note that going forward, the Sunday morning valet service will be offered only in the event of inclement weather. If you have questions or if you would like to request the valet service for a specific Sunday, please contact your deacon or Ross Feikema at Ross.feikema@gmail.com.

CRC Survey

Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2022 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/8779 to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.

Report on Human Sexuality

There are a few copies of the Synod report on Human Sexuality on the table in the fellowship hall. Feel free to sign a copy out and return it when you're finished with it. You can also read it online [here](#).

Kindergarten Round Up

Do you know a child who is ready to start school this fall? It is Round Up time at Sioux Center Christian School and we are excited to share how your child will learn and live God's Story at our school! A Parent Information meeting will be held Tuesday, **March 1** and Round Up is **March 24 & 25**. Please visit www.siouxcenterchristian.com/admissions for more details or contact the school office if you have any questions (722-0777 or email sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com).

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **March 1**. Video: How to Recover from Depression. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Dordt Music Events

Join us for two music events this week, each held at 7:30 PM in in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Both concerts will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

- On Wednesday, **March 2** the Dordt University Chamber Orchestra and Campus-Community Band will present their first concert of the spring semester. Featured on this concert is senior music education major and violinist Brianna Miedema performing *Praeludium and Allegro* by Fritz Kreisler. In addition, the Chamber Orchestra will perform the world premiere of *Orchestral Suite #1* by sophomore music composition major Aaron Galloway.
- On Thursday, **March 3** the Dordt Choral Department will present a Winter Choral Concert. This concert will feature Bella Voce women's chorus, Canons of Dordt men's chorus, Chorale, and Concert Choir. The choirs will share a wide range of repertoire joined by instrumental collaborators including piano, organ, French horn, xylophone, and violin.

Inspire 2022: Early Bird Rate

Join believers from across the continent **August 4-6** in the Chicago area for a time of encouragement, renewal, and fellowship. Registration is now open! Register now for early-bird pricing of only \$95 USD/CDN (\$110 after **March 31**) plus flexibility if your plans change. This year's theme, Inspired to Be One, focuses on celebrating our diversity in the CRCNA, as well as the need for us to come together as one church. Inspire will connect people across generations, cultures, and missions, reorienting us in the hope of God's kingdom. Find information and registration at crcna.org/inspire.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Revelation 21:1-4 and ponder or discuss the following questions. This passage shares a vision of a new heaven and a new earth that is completely free from pain, sadness, and death. As the season of Lent begins this week, consider the many ways in which you and the communities you're a part of have sinned against God and neighbor. What would it be like to live in a world free from the results of sin? Where do you see glimmers of the new heaven and new earth today? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Free Grace Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mark Schwarz.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,137.05 Christian Education Fund \$2,413.52

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, it was decided at the December congregational meeting that all cash/checks will now be used as needed unless designated. (You can read more about it [here](#) on page 6.) Contact your deacon with any questions.

Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday's bulletin and liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: Read the latest newsletter from the Groenewold-Van Dyks [here](#) and a newsletter from the Maletoungous [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, March 6
Greeters	AM: Terry F, Mimi K, Linda V	AM: Rebecca DS, Megan H, Marv W
Ushers	AM: Jo F, Rock MC, John Z	AM: Bernie DW, Andy L, Beth VB
Coffee	Mary D, Rebecca DV, Marcy H, Stan VB	Steve C, Deb H, Carol O, Linda VH
Subs	Donna B, Marge DB, Sarah H, Cal J, Dave S, Sharon V	Pam DJ, Sharon D, Lee R, Lois VZ, Joni V, Dani W
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Jason W	Nick B ♦ Dane H
Nursery Feb. POM: Janssens	AM: Duane & Jan B, Daryl & Deb H	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Alejandro & Isabel C

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Marcy Holwerda, Lila Janssen, Sarah Moss, Caleb Smit, Brian Mellema, Lee Rhoda, Ben Bailey

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 27th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) ETM (at First CRC)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Biblical & Reformed in 2022
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group Ash Wednesday Service Youth Group
Thursday	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
Sunday, 6th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) Sunday Evening Bible Study