

SUNDAY, February 12, 2023

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

Today, **February 12**, is the sixth Sunday after the Epiphany and Pastor Joel will be preaching from the gospel lectionary readings in this season. In upcoming readings from Matthew, we will hear Jesus teaching us all to follow him as disciples participating in the kingdom of heaven that Jesus brings to earth. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Vespers

This Sunday evening, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. Our Vespers service this evening will continue many of our regular practices, and it will also differ from our usual evening worship. We will focus on the Psalms by having the choir and the congregation do some Psalm singing, and Pastor Joel will lead a reflection and a prayer based on Psalm 119. We encourage you to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Opportunity to Help

The snow and icy conditions this winter have caused difficulty for some of our older church members who sometimes end up walking in difficult winter conditions when they are unable to find parking close to the church. Can you help? If you are able, we'd love it if you could leave some of the parking spots in the church lot available for older members who would appreciate shorter walking distances. Thank you!

Choir Opportunity

The choir is helping to lead our Vespers service this evening, **February 12**. We invite singers middle school age and up to join us in rehearsal today at 4:30 PM.

Warm Winter Wednesday!

We're looking forward to a Warm Winter Wednesday scheduled for **February 15** at 5:30 PM prior to the Cadent Pinewood Derby at 7:00 that evening. A pizza dinner will be provided, though we will have a freewill offering to cover expenses. If you have an old pinewood derby car at home (or a few of them to share), please bring it along, and we'll test out the track with a few races of our own. Sign up at the table in the fellowship hall or [here](https://forms.gle/WoDucDmWfnonjxJx5) (<https://forms.gle/WoDucDmWfnonjxJx5>).

Cadet Pinewood Derby

The Cadet Pinewood Derby is Wednesday, **February 15** at Covenant CRC. Weigh-in will start at 6:45 with the races to begin at 7:00. Family and friends are invited to come and watch. For those cadets planning on earning the baking badge who plan to bring something to share, please contact Jeff De Boer (fcbcadets@gmail.com or 712-441-6249).

Church Education Schedule

All church education classes will take a break next Sunday, **February 19** and will resume on **February 26!**

Edifying Engagement

After our morning worship on Sunday, **February 19**, Pastor Joel and a few members will convene a dialogue regarding what to hope and how to pray for our denomination in a divided time. Pastor Joel will share a bit about his participation in a group called "Better Together: A Third Way."

Ash Wednesday Service

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and we will gather for a service of worship with the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, **February 22** at 6:30 PM to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

Women's Gathering

Join us on Friday, **February 24** at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall for an evening of eating and learning how to make some of our favorite, fast snacks. Demonstrations and tastings will be enjoyed. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the table in the fellowship hall or [online](https://forms.gle/Lm2yknSAE9254TJH6) (<https://forms.gle/Lm2yknSAE9254TJH6>).

Save the Date

The salt sale delivery date has been rescheduled to **April 22**, so update your calendar! Information about ordering salt will be coming soon!

Piano Recital

Dordt University student Joya Schreurs will present a junior piano recital at 7:30 PM on Saturday, **February 18**, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature repertoire from the major style periods, including compositions by Bach, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Griffes, and Berthume. A notable feature of the repertoire is the pairing of Rachmaninoff's Prelude in D Major (Op. 23 No. 4) and Prelude in B Minor (Op. 32 No. 10). The recital will also feature a piano trio with Dordt University juniors Karli Vanden Brink on violin and Aaron Galloway on cello. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastors Mark Johnson, Brandon Thiel, and Carlos Perez.

Last week's offering General Fund \$6,646.11 Christian Education Fund \$4,786.00

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, all cash/checks will be used as needed unless designated. 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: A newsletter from the Crulls is [here](#) and the Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's February prayer requests are [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, February 19
Greeters	AM: Erin E, Andy L, John Z	
Ushers	AM: Lee M, Jeff T, Linda V	
Coffee	Isabel C, Mary D, Cheri H, Sanneke K, Linda VH	
Subs	Jenni B, Mark C, Pat C, Jason H, Ron O, Channon V	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Jason W	Nick B ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: Joe & Erin E, Kathy DW	AM: Jason & Dani W, Tom & Ruth C

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Robbin Eppinga, Les Sybesma, Dale Brands, Mimi Kamp, Marilyn Mouw, Sanneke Kok, Jim Schaap, Josh Van Schouwen, Joe Eggebeen, Ryan Smit

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	4:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	5:30 PM	Warm Winter Wednesday: Pizza & Pinewood Derby
	7:00 PM	Cadet Pinewood Derby (at Covenant CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Sunday, 19th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Edifying Engagement
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study