

SUNDAY, January 25, 2025

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](#) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Find "Live" on the "More" dropdown menu 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

Welcome to worship this Sunday! Today is the third Sunday after the Epiphany. Pastor Joel will preach from the [lectionary](#) text in Isaiah, and we will gather at the Lord's Table. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Edifying Engagement

This Sunday evening, we will gather at 6:00 PM to reflect on our Lord calling us to Creation Care. Beatrice Shackelford and Sam Eppinga will offer some thoughts from their studies and experiences, and then they will encourage us to engage in healthy dialogue. To help us speak with one another, we will meet around tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider participating in this gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Series

Covenant will once again be a remote site for Calvin University's lecture series, *The January Series*. Join us each weekday from **January 19-30** from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM for a daily lecture from a variety of experts on a wide range of topics. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit <https://calvin.edu/january-series/> or grab a bookmark or flyer from the welcome table.

February Courier

The February Courier is in your mailbox and can be found on our website.

F.O.S.S.I.L.

If you are 60+ years of age, you are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship at 5:30 PM on Monday, **January 26**. Please either sign up on the back table or email Pat at sprull@mtcnet.net if you plan to come.

Note from the Deacons:

The deacons will be sending out year-end 2025 giving receipts this week by email, so keep an eye out for those! If you would like a paper copy instead, contact Josh Van Schouwen.

Saying Goodbye

The [February Courier](#) includes information on Pastor Joel and Tricia's final Sunday at Covenant on **March 1**. We invite you to read more about it and plan to be here for this important Sunday. We also encourage you to sign up on the sheet on the welcome table or [online](#) by **February 15** (<https://forms.gle/ivcvDzYsY6oPnWwJ7>) if you plan to attend the dinner.

The Auction Is Coming!

Plan to attend the Covenant Auction on Friday, **February 20**. We hope you've started to think about donations that you might be able to offer for the auction – and you can start submitting your donations here: bit.ly/CovenantAuction. You can find more information about the auction in the [February Courier](#).

Dordt Faculty Recital

Dordt University's Music Faculty will perform a recital on Saturday, **January 31** at 7:00 PM in the Recital Hall. They will share diverse music by contemporary composers. All compositions were written within the last fifty years. Performers include Darren Van't Hul, Patrice Ewoldt, Carrie Groenewold, Deb Vogel, Beverly Gibson, John Casey, and Jennifer Frens. Please stay for a reception of coffee and treats afterwards—and meet the performers!

Bingo Fundraiser Night

PLIA is hosting a bingo night on **January 31** at 7:00 PM at Dordt's Agricultural Stewardship Center. There will be multiple rounds of bingo, prizes and free ice cream! Bingo cards for adults will be \$10 and students will be \$5. Come on out and have a fun night of games and fellowship while simultaneously supporting PLIA! PLIA is a student-run club that partners with organizations nationwide to provide a short-term service trip opportunity on spring break where students can use their God-given gifts to serve alongside others and learn what it means to live out their faith.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Last week's offering General Fund: \$7,966.00 Christian Education Fund: \$3,225.00 Building Fund: \$1,000.00

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: The Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletougous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). An update from Pastor Gianni Gracia in Miami is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's January 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 1
Greeters	AM: Lisa C, Len R, Lila S	AM: Rebecca DS, Marcy H, Juliet J
Ushers	AM: Sharon D, Beth VB, John Z	AM: Sally J, Shaun S, Trena VW
Coffee	Ruth Cla, Mary D, Sarah H, Jason H, Daniel VS	Alejandro C, Terry F, Shirley M, Mark MC, John V
Subs	Wil A, Jenni B, Cheri H, Dave S, Adeline VP, Sharon V	Duane B, Pat C, Jeremy H, Gidge M, Les S, Stan VB
Valet Parking	Micah M	Paul/Avonda F
Sound/Projection	Will B ♦ John S/Marty VP	Andy L ♦ Terry F
Nursery Jan. Monitor: Courtney R	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Duane & Jan B	AM: Michael & Adi VP, Jeremy & Kristi H

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
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Sos & Kara Maletougou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jonathan Breems, Don Ten Napel, Trena Van Wyk, Amie Smit, Jeff Taylor

Happy Anniversary this Week

Sos & Kara Maletougou

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 25th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Edifying Engagement: Sam Eppinga, Beatrice Shackelford
Monday	11:30 AM	January Series: David Brooks
	5:30 PM	FOSSIL Gathering
	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM	January Series: Dr. Samantha Nutt
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
	11:30 AM	January Series: Wu Man
	7:00 PM	Cadets/GEMS (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Search Committee Meeting
Thursday	11:30 AM	January Series: Tom Medema
Friday	11:30 AM	January Series: Sabrina Little
Sunday, 1st	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers with Unity Knightsounds
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study