

Sunday, October 6, 2024

*“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, ... God’s special possession.”
Welcome to worship, where we are invited to “declare the praises of him who called
[us] out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9).*

Today at First

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. This morning, we have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of Holy Baptism, as it is administered to **Brooks Garrett De Jong**, son of **Devin & Elissa De Jong**. May we be reminded of the gracious covenant promises God has made to us and to our children. We thank the Sunday School children for sharing in our worship service. C. G. #5 hosts the coffee fellowship. Please join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Next week, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services.
Care Group #5 hosts the coffee fellowship.

Nursery Today Dallas & Jamie G., Alivia M. **Oct. 13** Kristin K., Ruth K., Tate D.
Valet Parking Today Kyle Heynen **Oct 13** Dave Van Essen

Sound Today Cory/Jackson/Ben **Oct. 13** Bolkema/Jon/Anthony
Security Today Arlo Heynen **Oct. 13** Phil Lammers

Praise Team Today Avery, Maci, Ethan, Boden **Oct. 13** Lindsey, Angela, Jevon, Shane
Cookies Oct. 13 Kassy D., Darline E., Marcella F. **Oct. 20** Elinor G., Char G., Cherish G.

Offerings only for: Gen. Fund, Christian Ed., Above Quota Missions & Classical Min. Shares. Put in offering box, Treasurer’s box, or mail to church (901 9th Street).

First CRC Announcements:

- **Listening devices** are on the welcome desk.
- **Fall Bible Study – “The Great DeChurching: Who’s Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back”** by Jim David & Michael Graham. We will begin on Mon., Oct. 7. Please sign up on the welcome desk and indicate when you prefer to meet Mon. mornings or Mon. evenings. Also, indicate if you would like us to order a book for you.
- There will be a **Special Offering on Oct. 13 for the Christian Education Fund.**

Activities This Week

Sun.	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism Classes meet
	11:00 AM	Choir practice
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Mon.	6:15 AM	“The Great DeChurching” Bible Study – meet in fellowship hall
	6:30 PM	“The Great DeChurching” Bible Study – meet in fellowship hall
Wed.	9:30 AM	Coffee Break Bible Study – study lesson 2.
	6:15 PM	Elders meet
	7:00 PM	Deacons meet
	7:30 PM	Council meets

First CRC Announcements Continued...

- **Combined Reformation Day Service** on Sun., Oct. 27, 6 p.m. at the Sanborn CRC. The congregations from Ocheyedon, Sibley, Sheldon First and Sheldon Immanuel will also be participating. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Western Christian Booster Club is selling 40 lb. bags of softener salt. Those involved with Wolfpack athletics will deliver, free of charge, to your home or business. **Orders must be in by Fri., Oct. 11** and your bags will be delivered in early Nov. Minimum order of 10 bags. You will be contacted ahead of time to verify the delivery date. Order forms are available on the welcome desk.

Community Announcements:

- **Sheldon Food Bank Delivery Dates – Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 4:30-6 p.m.**
Oct. 10 – now on Thursday! Also, Coats for Kids at the NE door. We are transitioning to Thursdays because the Food Bank of Iowa has changed their routes to be more proficient. The Food Bank will be on the 2nd Thur. of the month.
- **Sheldon Free Unity Meal – Mon., Oct. 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** You are invited to join us for a **Free Meal** and “groceries to take home” on the following Mon. evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Living Water Com. Church. Also on Nov. 18, Dec. 16.
- **Coats for Kids –** bring good, used coats to Love INC until Nov. 14. Coats given away Oct. 10 & Nov. 14 at Living Water Church. Sponsored by Min. Assoc.

Community Announcements Continued...

- **JFA Annual Mtg – Tues., Oct. 22, 5 p.m.** at Rk Vllly Evnt Cntr. A business meeting, and a meal will be served. RSVP for the meal, call (712) 476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org by Oct. 15. JFA will not hold their fall auction so that businesses/individuals can get back on their feet. JFA will host a panel of area ministries who will share their ministry. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry! An offering will be received for JFA ministry.
- **Men & Young Men - “How Deep is Your Bench?” - Thur., Nov. 7, 7 p.m.** at MOC-FV High School. MOC-FV Bball Coach, Chris Yaw, will be sharing his story of heartache/hope. Mendistry is an area Men’s ministry seeking to bring small groups of men together for Bible study, Prayer, and Relationships. It has been serving men in our area for the past 3 yrs. The event will be a time of music, a testimony about Mendistry, and a speaker, Chris Yaw. Chris is presently the Principal at the MOC-FV Middle School, as well as the Head Girls Bball Coach at MOC-FV. He is also the past Women’s Bball Coach at Northwestern. Chris will be sharing about his daughter, Claire’s journey with leukemia, her strong faith, and how that experience is affecting his faith walk. You may have seen the “Claire Strong” t-shirts being worn in this area. More info. Coming in Oct. We believe the men/young men of your church will be positively affected by this event. Questions, contact Don (712) 441-1360 dsjalton@midlands.net.
- **2025 Service Opportunities:** Harvest Hands Min., Juarez, MX Jan. 17-25; JVM Perkins Fndn,; Jackson, MS Feb. 1-7; Voice of Calvary Min., Jackson, MS Feb. 8-14; Grace Covenant Min., Annville, KY Mar. 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City, AZ Apr. 4-12. Interested? Contact Justice For All (712) 476-2804.
- **Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece – Mar. 28-Apr. 8** Travel bus (7 ds), cruise ship (3 ds) to sites connected with Paul’s 2nd & 3rd missionary journeys, as well as other major sites. Dr. Jeff Weima, Prof at Calvin Theo. Sem. hosts tour. For info. Call Dr. Weima, (616) 328-3110 or email weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

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Evening Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

5:00 PM

Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 8 Responsive

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name”**

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: **“Yet, Not I But Through Christ In Me”**

Service of Reconciliation

God’s Will for Life – Exodus 20:1-17

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Micah 7:18-20

Baptism of **Brooks Garrett De Jong** – Introduction, The Covenant of Baptism,

The Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Sunday School Kids – “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

“He Knows My Name”

Service of the Word

Song of Praise: **“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 2:1-3**

Sermon Title: **“And He Rested...”**

Prayer for Application

*Song of Praise: **“Blessed Be Your Name”**

Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

*Song of Dedication: **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs. 1, 2**

*Benediction

*Doxology: **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs. 3**

**Please stand, if able.*

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 26 Responsive

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“People of the Lord”**

*God’s Greeting

Responsive Affirmation of Faith: **Belgic Confession: Article 3**

*Song of Praise: **“Ancient Words”**

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Hymn of Preparation: **“My Jesus (I Love Thee)”**

Scripture Passage: **2 Peter 1:16-21**

Sermon Title: **“The Written Word”**

Prayer of Application

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Dedication: **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

*Benediction/Blessing

*Doxology: **“Glory Be to the Father”**

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