

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Because Jesus is our great high priest, we “approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). Welcome.

Today at First

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. We will have the Preparatory Service this morning. Care Group #5 hosts the coffee fellowship.

Next week, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Care Group #5 hosts the coffee fellowship.

Nursery Today Kristin K., Ruth K., Tate D. **Oct. 20** Amy D., Andrea H., Mya H.

Valet Parking Today Dave Van Essen **Oct. 20** Mike De Kam

Sound Today Bolkema/Jon/Anthony **Oct. 20** Kassy/Olivia/Amelya

Security Today Phil Lammers **Oct. 20** Jevon Klyn

Praise Team Today Lindsey, Angela, Jevon, Shane **10-20** Ashley, Laura, Shane, Alivia
Cookies Oct. 20 Elinor G., Char G., Cherish G. **Oct. 27** Lori G., Rachel G., April H.

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:

- There will be a **Special Offering today for the Christian Education Fund.**
- **Combined Reformation Day Service - Sun., Oct. 27, 6 p.m.** at the Sanborn CRC. The congregations from Ocheyedon, Sibley, Sheldon 1st and Sheldon Immanuel are also invited. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – please feel free to take one (or more) of the boxes and other supplies available on the table in the narthex. Last year, our church filled **25** boxes in less than 2 weeks. Now, there is 5 weeks to fill your boxes. The goal set for our church is **30** boxes. Remember that your shoebox gift may be the only gift the child receives. This is a great project for a Sunday School Class, Catechism Class, family, Cadets or GEMS service project. The deadline for bringing back filled shoeboxes is: **Sun., Nov. 17.**

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 De-Churching”** Fall Bible Study meets.

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Wed. 7:00 PM **Cadets** meet at 1st CRC. **GEMS** – meet at Immanuel CRC.

Thur. 2:00 PM **Women’s Bible Study** meets.

Unity Christian Fall Concert – Mon., Oct. 21, 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

Explore Western – Tues., Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Families with students of all ages are invited to attend our fall showcase, **Explore Western**. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective families as they learn about “Who We Are” and “What We Do” at Western Christian High School. If you plan to attend or have questions or would rather schedule an individual tour, please email/contact Brad Vis at (605) 359-5704 or brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com.

Community Announcements:

- **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” at the Living Water Com. Ch.
- **Coats for Kids** – bring good, used coats to Love INC until Nov. 14. Coats given away Nov. 14 at Living Water Church. Sponsored by Sheldon Min. Assoc.
- **JFA Annual Mtg** – Tues., Oct. 22, 5 p.m. at Rk Villy Evnt Cntr. A business meeting, and a meal will be served. RSVP for the meal, call (712) 476-2804 or emailing joeldw@ifa-nwiowa.org by Oct. 15. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry! An offering will be received for JFA ministry.
- **Men! “How Deep is Your Bench?”** is what Coach/Dad, Chris Yaw, will ask as he shares about his faith journey and his daughter, Claire’s fight with leukemia. Come and hear Chris at the **Mendistry Area Men’s Event** at MOC-FV High School East Gym Thur., Nov. 7, 7 p.m. ?’s, contact Don (712) 441-1360.
- **Sheldon Mobile Food Bank Delivery Date** – Thur., Nov. 14, 4:30-6 p.m. The Food Bank will now be on 2nd Thur. of the month.

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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 90:12-17 - Responsive

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” vs. 1, 2, 4, 6**

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: **“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”**

Service of Reconciliation

God’s Will for Life - Responsive

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Zephaniah 3:14-20

Children’s Message

Service of the Word

Song of Preparation: **“You, O Lord, Are A Shield About Me”**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 2:4-17**

Sermon Title: **“Life in the Garden”**

Prayer for Application

*Song of Praise: **“In the Garden”**

Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Preparatory Service - Responsive

*Benediction

*Doxology: **“To God Be the Glory”**

**Please stand, if able.*

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 22:1-5 & 29-31

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”**

*God’s Greeting

Responsive Affirmation of Faith: **Selections from Articles 4 & 5 of the Belgic Confession**

*Song of Praise: **“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs. 1-4, 8**

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Hymn of Preparation: **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

Scripture Passage: **2 Timothy 3:10-17**

Sermon Title: **“The Authority of the Word”**

Prayer of Application

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Dedication: **“Speak, O Lord”**

*Benediction/Blessing

*Doxology: **“To God Be the Glory”**

**Please stand, if able.*