

Update on Mrs. Heidi Stetler: As was announced previously, Mrs. Stetler has been diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer. Surgery is not an option, and chemo and radiation will not help this type of cancer. She is now under hospice care. Please keep Mrs. Stetler in your prayers as she goes through the end-of-life process. Much grace is needed, but she is drawing much needed strength from the Lord. Please also remember Rev. Richard, that he may be supplied with strength, wisdom and comfort as he cares for his wife. As Chairman/CEO of Reformation Gospel Ministries, he has needed to suspend his activities during this very troublesome time. May the Lord be near to them both with His peace and comfort.

Please pray for the Reformed Mission Service team as they travel to Japan this week. They will be serving in China with leaders at Christ Center Church. The team’s primary work will include street evangelism and university campus outreach, sharing the hope of the gospel with those they meet. They will also spend time with members of Christ Center Church and other congregations in the suburbs of Tokyo. Pray that God would use their efforts to encourage believers and draw others to Himself. View photos of their trip at rms.org/japan.

Time is running out to join the RMS team in Peru from December 1–11, 2025. Registration closes on November 15, 2025. The team will serve in the Cusco region, working with local contractors on the construction of a church building. For more information or to register, contact Steve at steve@rms.org or visit rms.org/peru.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Collin Welch** is a church planter in Madison, IN. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Please pray for those we shared the gospel with and invited to church at a recent community festival.
2. Pray for wisdom in decision making regarding a local church property that has been offered to us for purchase.
3. Pray for the Lord to raise up elders and more deacons among us as we work toward organization.

What We Believe

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God. His Word is our supreme authority in all matters of doctrine, life and preaching. It is our source for knowing our sin, our salvation, and the life of service God requires of us in response to His grace. We believe that we are saved by God’s grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and all for the glory of God alone. We believe that the Reformed Confessions of the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort do faithfully agree with the Word of God. We will use these to guide in the preaching, practice, and instruction in the church. We believe God has called together this fellowship, in this place, to worship and glorify Him and to preach and teach His Word. We believe the glorification of God includes the edification of His church, for whom Christ died. This includes the building up, the encouragement, and the mutual accountability of each member. RVURC is a member of NAPARC. Information on NAPARC can be found at www.naparc.org



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Sunday, November 9, 2025

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Our Supported Missionaries

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Church Secretary: Lora Kooiman - 726-3502, 712-470-3940, or email: bulletin.rvurc@gmail.com
Please submit bulletin announcements by Thursday at noon
Custodians: Jon & Brooke LeLoux - 712-470-0389 (Jon); 712-470-7150 (Brooke)
Building & Grounds/ Church Use Committee: Jon LeLoux, Herm Rozeboom
Catechism & Children’s Sunday School Classes: Sundays, following morning worship Sept.—April
Adult Sunday School: Sundays, following morning worship Oct.—April
Women’s Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April
Men’s Breakfast Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 7:00AM Oct.—April
Congregational Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:00PM Oct.—April

Morning Worship—9:30 AM	Evening Worship—6:00 PM
Prelude	Prelude
Call to Worship - Psalm 115:1	Call to Worship - Psalm 29:1-2
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise # 226:1-4	*Song of Praise # T—48A:4-6
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Deuteronomy 5	*Apostles’ Creed - Blue PH p.3
Song of Penitence # 81	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 55:7	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 145
Preparatory Exhortation, Form 2, p. 149	Song of Response # T—145A:1, 2, 5, 8
Congregational Prayer	Congregational Prayer
Offerings: General Fund/ URCNA Askings Fund	Offering: Mid America Reformed Seminary
Offertory Prayer	Offertory Prayer
*Song to Prepare Hearts # 68	*Song of Preparation # T—47A:1, 3, 4
Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31	Scripture Reading: John 14:16-28
Sermon Text: Mark 10:23, 27	Sermon Text: John 16:7
Prayer of Illumination	Prayer of Illumination
Sermon: <i>The Riches of the Kingdom</i>	Confession: Lord’s Day 18, p. 879
Prayer of Application	Sermon: <i>Christ Ascended</i>
*Song of Response # 437	Prayer of Application
*Benediction	*Song of Response # T—291:1-5, 7
*Doxology # 299:7	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
*Reverent Reflection	*Benediction
*Postlude	*Doxology # T—564
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Peggy VM/ Jayden DJ/ Karla K

Service Music next week: AM—Lora K

PM—Peggy/ Jayden/ Karla

PM—Lora K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Cheryl R

Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Robyn C

PM—Rachel G

PM—Sarah DJ

Coffee Servers today: AM—Mylicent & Tillie C

Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Laurel E & Renae C

Coffee Servers next week: AM—Leroy & Audrey K

PM—Al & Marlene VK

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

Nov 16: AM—General Fund/ CEC

Nov 23: AM—General Fund/ Classis Church Assistance Fund

Nov 27 (Thanksgiving Day): The Banquet

Nov 30: AM—General Fund/ Heidelberg Seminary

PM—Ref. Gospel Ministries

PM—MINTS

PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, November 9, 2025

Welcome to Rock Valley United Reformed Church. It is our desire to worship the Triune God in Spirit and in Truth according to His Word, to proclaim His Covenant Faithfulness to us in Christ Jesus, and to continually grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. We are so glad you are with us today as we worship the Lord together in the House of God!

Today begins a week of Preparation for Holy Communion next Sunday morning, November 16, D.V. We will find Preparatory Devotionals in our mailboxes today to guide us in our preparation. Any visitors who wish to join us at the Table are requested to either speak to one of the elders sometime this week or to speak to the elders before the service next Sunday morning.

A Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Monday evening, November 17 at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the proposed 2026 budget. We will also vote on an addition to the RVURC Bylaws. Copies of the budget and the proposed change to our Bylaws have been placed in your mailboxes. If you wish to cast an absentee ballot, please place your vote for Section 1 of the Budget, Section 2 of the Budget, and the change in our Bylaws in an envelope and sign the outside of the envelope and give it to one of the Council members. If there are any questions on these matters, please contact one of the Council Members.

Church Family: Last Wednesday **Case LeLoux** submitted to surgery for herniated umbilical repair. The procedure was successful and he was able to come home the same day. His recovery is going well, with only some minor pain. Case’s family appreciates the calls and texts following the surgery, and we join them in rejoicing that it was successful!

Sunday School and Catechism classes will meet this morning immediately following our morning worship service.

Adult Sunday School will meet this morning in the lower level Society Room. Please gather there as soon as possible after the service.

Congregational Bible Study will meet on Thursday, November 13 at 7:00PM. Our new book, *Does God Believe in Atheists?* by John Blanchard has been placed in your mailboxes. Recommended reading is pages 24-29; or optionally, you can read the whole chapter.

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study will meet on Saturday, November 15 at 7:00AM. To prepare, please read Chapter 10 of our book *Judges: Such a Great Salvation*.

The Christian Education Chapter will be hosting a fundraiser lunch at the Rock Valley Holiday Market, which will be held on Saturday, November 29 from 9:00AM—1:00PM at Rock Valley Christian School. Sign up sheets are available in the foyer to sign up to work and to donate food items. Please take a moment to check your calendars and availability to help out and then sign up as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please speak to Pam Kats. We hope to have another successful day of raising funds for Christian Education!

The Doon URC Youth Group is doing a Food Drive for the Mana Market in Inwood. We will be collecting items until December 4th, and donations can be placed on the table in the fellowship hall. On December 4th we will also be delivering those items and making laundry detergent for them. More details are in your church mailboxes.

Sunday, November 9, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31 Sermon Text: Mark 10:23, 27

Sermon: ***The Riches of the Kingdom***

Theme: *Give up the things of the world to serve Christ and His kingdom.*

Sunday, November 9, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: John 14:16-28; Sermon Text: John 16:7 Confession: Lord’s Day 18, p. 879

Sermon: ***Christ Ascended***

Theme: *The Living Christ has gone to His heavenly throne so we live with Him now and forever.*