Please pray for the RMS team serving in Japan as they return home this week. They have been working with leaders at Christ Center Church in Chiba, participating in street evangelism and university campus outreach, and spending time with members of Christ Center Church and other congregations around Tokyo. Pray that God would bless their efforts, encourage believers, and draw others to Himself. View photos from their trip at rms.org/japan.

**Get ready for an exciting year** of Teens Actively Serving Christ (TASC) in 2026! With seven locations to choose from, TASC provides meaningful opportunities to serve, grow in faith, and form lasting friendships. Visit rms.org/tasc to learn more about the available sites and dates in the U.S. and Mexico. Have questions about registration or reserving spots? Contact Steve at steve@rms.org.

There's still time to sign up to serve in the Dominican Republic with Reformed Mission Services this January! The team will work alongside local believers and help replace a church roof in the Sabana Grande de Boya area. Can't go but want to help? Learn more or support the project at rms.org/dominican-republic, or contact Steve at steve@rms.org.

<u>United in Prayer:</u> Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Mitchell Ramkissoon** is a missionary with Redemption Prison Ministry which brings the gospel to inmates in Canada's federal prisons through preaching, teaching, discipleship, and correspondence ministry. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

- 1. Please pray for the Bible Studies being conducted in several institutions.
- 2. Pray for the efforts being made to work with released offenders toward reintegration.
- 3. Pray that there may be conversions and spiritual growth among inmates attending Chapels.

### 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 23, 2025 Rev. Caleb Castro, Pastor

# **Our Council**

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### **Our Supported Missionaries**

Rev. Bill Green Costa Rica

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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 135:1-2	Call to Worship - Matthew 18:20
Silent Prayer	Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation	*Votum & Salutation
*Song of Praise # 282	*Song of Praise # T–212
Reading of God's Holy Law - Ephesians 5:1-21	*Apostles' Creed
Song of Penitence # 109	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 2:4-10	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 147
Congregational Prayer	Song of Response # T-147B:1, 4, 6
Offerings: General Fund/ Classis Church Assistance Fund	Congregational Prayer
Offertory Prayer	Offering: MINTS
*Song to Prepare Hearts # 223:1, 3, 5	Offertory Prayer
Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35-45	*Song of Preparation # T-139B:1-4
Sermon Text: Mark 10:45	Scripture Reading: Romans 8
Prayer of Illumination	Sermon Text: Romans 8:15-16
Sermon: Become a Servant	Prayer of Illumination
Prayer of Application	Confession: Lord's Day 20, Q/A 53, p. 880
*Song of Response # 450	Sermon: God the Holy Spirit
*Benediction	Prayer of Application
*Doxology # 299:7	*Song of Response # T-394
*Reverent Reflection	*God`s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
*Postlude	*Benediction
	*Doxology # T-564
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude
Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:	
Service Music today: AM—Laurel E/ Karla K Service Music Thanksgiving Day: Lora K	PM—Laurel E/ Karla K
Service Music manksgiving Day. Lora N Service Music next week: AM—Peggy VM/ Jayden I	DJ/ Karla K PM—Peggy/ Jayden/ Karla
Nursery Attendants today: AM—Lindsay DH	PM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ
Nursery Attendant Thanksgiving Day: Audrey K Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Pam K	PM—Brooke L
Coffee Servers today: AM—Korrie & Sarita VM Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Rachel G &	PM—Herm & Cheryl R

Cookies this evening (4-5 dozen each): Rachel G & Karla K

Coffee Servers Thanksgiving Day: Zach & Rachel G Coffee Servers next week: AM—Loren & Lora K

#### **Upcoming Offering Schedule:**

Nov 27 (Thanksgiving Day): The Banquet

Nov 30: AM—General Fund/ Heidelberg Seminary

Dec 7: AM—General Fund/ CEC

PM—Benevolent Fund PM—Building Fund

#### The Lord's Day - Sunday, November 23, 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!

**At the Congregational Meeting** held last Monday evening, November 17, both the 2026 Budget and the addition to the RVURC Bylaws were approved. We give thanks to God for providing financially for our congregation, and thank you to all the members that participated in the meeting! *The Council* 

**Church Family:** On November 13 **Gavin De Jong** suffered a head injury while playing with his friends at the school soup supper. Gavin suffered a concussion and a small break in his nose. He has had to take things a little easier to avoid dizziness with his concussion, but the doctors do not think he will need surgery on his nose, which everyone is very thankful for. We join the De Jong family in thanking God that he was not injured any worse, and we pray for a speedy and complete recovery!

**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 plan on gathering there as soon as possible after the service to view the next video in our series. **Next Sunday, November 30** all Sunday School classes will be taking a Thanksgiving Break. Classes will resume on Sunday morning, December 7.

**Our Annual Thanksgiving Day Worship Service** will be held this Thursday, November 27 at 9:30AM. The offering will be designated for The Banquet in Sioux Falls. **Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday** this week, please submit your bulletin announcements by **9:00AM** on Wednesday, November 26.

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.

Attention Young Adults - Looking to create friendships with other like-minded young adults? Lord willing, Reformed Youth Services' LOGOS Winter Retreat, intended for singles and married couples ages 18-30, will be held January 1-3, at Lake Placid Conference Center in Hartford City, IN. We will have the fantastic speaker, Rev. Karis Mpindi from First Byron CRC, MI, who will lead us on the theme "No Other gods." Join us at LOGOS as we consider the heart of idolatry, the gift of our new heart in Christ, and how to battle idolatry in our everyday lives in the power of the Holy Spirit of God, by the Word of God, and with the help of the people of God. The cost is \$230.00 (U.S.) for singles and \$200.00 per person for married couples for the program, housing, and five delicious meals (Friday night's dinner is not included). Please visit our website at reformedyouthservices.org/logos to register by midnight, December 3, with the late registration cost of \$280.00 for singles and \$250 per person for married couples being open until December 10 at midnight.

#### Sunday, November 23, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35-45 Sermon Text: Mark 10:45

Sermon: **Become a Servant** 

Theme: Become a Servant like the Suffering Servant

## Sunday, November 23, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Romans 8; Sermon Text: Romans 8:15-16

Sermon: God the Holy Spirit

Theme: The Holy Spirit is True and Eternal God, Our Comforter

Confession: Lord's Day 20, p. 880