

Cross-Cultural Missions Training 2026: Have you thought of serving the Lord outside North America? CCMT takes young men and women aged 18+ through two weeks of Bible teaching and cultural and language immersion followed by two weeks of service in a foreign context. Seasoned missionaries and pastors train in culture, language, and Bible teaching, both in a classroom setting and then on the field. We will be working in Mexico from May 16—June 13, 2026. If you're interested or have any questions, contact: Pastor Rich Bout - urcnamissions@gmail.com

Do you know a teenager looking for meaningful ways to serve Christ? Teens Actively Serving Christ (TASC) offers a fantastic opportunity to grow in faith, serve others, and form lasting friendships! Explore the seven locations and dates for our 2026 summer trips at rms.org/tasc. If you have questions, contact Steve at steve@rms.org.

Please pray for our team as they serve in Peru and return home this week! We are thankful for the relationships we have with churches around Cusco and the opportunity to support their ministry. See photos from the trip at rms.org/peru, and consider supporting our projects in Peru or other areas with a year-end donation: rms.org/projects.

This is the last week to register for the Dominican Republic trip in January! Learn more at rms.org/dominican-republic. Can't join us but want to support the work? Contact Jim at jim@rms.org or visit rms.org/projects.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Adam Kaloostian** is a church planter in Ventura, CA. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Thank the Lord for a great New Member's Class drawing to a close; please pray for those in the class considering profession of faith, baptism, and church membership.
2. Thank the Lord for a very encouraging season spiritually; pray for the start of the new year, for Pastor Adam, our Pasadena mother church elders, and the whole Ventura group, to humbly stay the course and recommit to self-denying service to the Lord and outreach to neighbor.
3. Pray for the efficient and stewardly completion of year-end/new year facility and administrative projects, including the roof replacement, sanctuary window design and installation, and budget planning.

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, December 7, 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 47:6-7	Hymn Sing # T-452 and # T-460
Silent Prayer	Call to Worship - Revelation 19:6-9
*Votum and Salutation	Silent Prayer
*Song of Praise # 183	*Votum & Salutation
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20	*Song of Praise # T–166
Song of Penitence # 129:1-3	*Apostles’ Creed
Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 43:25	*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)
Congregational Prayer	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 149
Offerings: General Fund/ CEC	Song of Response # T–149A
Offertory Prayer	Congregational Prayer
*Song to Prepare Hearts # 234:1-3, 5	Offering: Building Fund
Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11	Offertory Prayer
Sermon Text: Mark 11:9	*Song of Preparation # T–23B
Prayer of Illumination	Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7—5:10
Sermon: <i>The Triumphal Entry</i>	Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9
Prayer of Application	Prayer of Illumination
*Song of Response # 349	Confession: Lord’s Day 22, Q/A 57-58, p. 881
*Benediction	Sermon: <i>What No Eye Has Seen</i>
*Doxology # 337:3	Prayer of Application
*Reverent Reflection	*Song of Response # T–470
*Postlude	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
	*Benediction
	*Doxology # T–295
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Lora K	PM—Laurel E/ Lora K
Service Music next week: AM—Lora K	PM—Laurel E/ Karla K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Sarah DJ	PM—Cheryl R
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Rachel G	PM—Robyn C

Coffee Servers today: AM—Cheyenne & Ronin DJ	
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Jon & Lindsay DH	PM—Lorna VM & Gloria B
Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each): Pam K & Lora K	

Upcoming Offering Schedule:	
Dec 14: AM—General Fund/ Messiah’s Reformed Fellowship	PM—Youth Group
Dec 21: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—Heidelberg Seminary
Dec 25 (Christmas Day): Union Gospel Mission	
Dec 28: AM—General Fund/ Divine Hope Seminary	PM—Benevolent Fund

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, December 7, 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!

Next Sunday evening, Dec. 14, Rev. Castro will be exchanging pulpits with Rev. Praveen Muthusamy from Hills United Reformed Church.

Classis Central US will have a special meeting on Monday, December 8 at Covenant Reformed Church in Pella, IA. Rev. Castro will be representing Rock Valley URC at this meeting. We pray for traveling mercies for all who attend, and that this meeting may be fruitful and glorifying to God.

Winter Weather Policy: Now that winter weather season is upon us, the Elders would like to make everyone aware of what the policy is regarding church cancellations. If a severe winter weather/ blizzard warning is in effect for Northern Sioux County, the elders will determine whether or not to cancel church services, or to have just one afternoon service, and if so, the elders will notify all those within their districts. They will also ask for a mass email to be sent to the congregation, so PLEASE be watching your email! In the event of ice on the church parking lot, the custodian or a member of the Building Committee will spread ice melt on the parking lot, driveways and sidewalks two hours before the service.

Advanced Notice: Our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program will be presented on Sunday, December 21 following our morning worship service. We hope you can all attend and be blessed as our children tell us through Scripture and song of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Thank you to everyone for your help in donating to, working at, and attending the CEC Lunch at the local vender fair on November 29. Even though we had bad weather and a smaller crowd than we expected, the event was still a success in raising money for the CEC. Thanks be to God!

The Evangelism Committee is looking to set up another freezer meal distribution date this month. We know everyone is getting busy for the holidays, but we are looking to distribute to the FEMA trailers on Thursday, December 11th starting at 5 PM. A sign up sheet has been placed on the table in the fellowship hall, so please consider signing up for this time of fellowship and evangelism to the community! If you have any questions please speak to Jonathan Den Hartog or Rev Castro.

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

Congregational Bible Study will meet on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00PM. We will be discussing Chapter 2 of our book *Does God Believe in Atheists?*

Prayer Request from Rev. Stetler: My wife Heidi continues to get worse. Her pain has increased and she is having difficulty swallowing even liquids. The grace of God is abounding towards her as she grows more and more dependent upon Him for strength and courage. The Lord is also being gracious to me in giving me strength to attend to her needs and to minister to her through this painful process. Your prayers for God’s hand of mercy are greatly appreciated.

Sunday, December 7, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11 Sermon Text: Mark 11:9

Sermon: ***The Triumphal Entry***

Theme: *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord*

Sunday, December 7, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 4:7—5:10; Sermon Text: 1 Cor. 2:9 Confession: Lord's Day 22, p. 881

Sermon: ***What No Eye Has Seen***

Theme: *Eternal joy is the blessedness of praising God.*