

**United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries.**

*Rev. Paul Murphy is Pastor of Evangelism in New York City.*

- 1. That the new *Borough Studies* (NYC is 5 Boroughs or counties) would be blessed and grow into new *Reformed churches* in NYC.
- 2. That the street evangelism would bear fruit in church attendance and conversions.
- 3. That the church classes on evangelism would result in more fervent and fruitful evangelism by our members.



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*Sunday, December 21, 2025*

*Rev. Caleb Castro, Pastor*

**Our Council**

Rev. Caleb Castro, Chairman 530-313-3484

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**Our Supported Missionaries**

Rev. Bill Green Costa Rica	Messiah's Reformed Fellowship NYC	Mr. Norlan De Groot Miami Int'l Seminary
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**Church Secretary:** Lora Kooiman - 726-3502, 712-470-3940, or email: [bulletin.rvurc@gmail.com](mailto: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

**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](http://www.naparc.org)

Morning Worship—9:30 AM	Evening Worship—6:00 PM
Prelude	Prelude
Call to Worship - Luke 1:68-69	Hymn Sing #T- 305 & # T-317
Silent Prayer	Call to Worship - Luke 1:46-49
*Votum and Salutation	Silent Prayer
<b>*Song of Praise # T– 297</b>	*Votum & Salutation
Reading of God’s Holy Law - Exodus 20	<b>*Song of Praise # T–307:1-4</b>
<b>Song of Penitence # T– 324</b>	*Apostles’ Creed
Assurance of Pardon - Luke 1:68, 72-75	<b>*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)</b>
Congregational Prayer	Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 1
Offerings: General Fund/ CEC	<b>Song of Response # 1</b>
Offertory Prayer	Congregational Prayer
<b>*Song to Prepare Hearts # T– 303</b>	Offering: Heidelberg Seminary
Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38	Offertory Prayer
Sermon Text: Luke 1:37	<b>*Song of Preparation # T–327</b>
Prayer of Illumination	Scripture Reading/Text: Luke 1:1-4
Sermon: <i>Nothing Is Impossible with God</i>	Prayer of Illumination
Prayer of Application	Sermon: <i>Luke’s Orderly Account</i>
<b>*Song of Response # T– 311</b>	Prayer of Application
*Benediction	<b>*Song of Response # T–294</b>
<b>*Doxology # 337:3</b>	*God’s Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
*Reverent Reflection	*Benediction
*Postlude	<b>*Doxology # T–295</b>
	*Reverent Reflection
	*Postlude

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

<b>Service Music today:</b> AM—Peggy VM/ Karla K	PM—Lora K
<b>Service Music Christmas Day:</b> Laurel E/Karla K	
<b>Service Music next week:</b> AM—Peggy VM/ Karla K	PM—Laurel E/Karla K
<b>Nursery Attendants today:</b> AM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ	PM—Lindsay DH
<b>Nursery Attendant Christmas Day:</b> Pam K	
<b>Nursery Attendants next week:</b> AM—Brooke L	PM—Audrey K
<b>Coffee Servers today:</b> AM—Peggy VM/ Karla K	
<b>Coffee Servers Christmas Day:</b> Jay & Doris K	
<b>Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each):</b> Doris K & Mylicah S	
<b>Coffee Servers next week:</b> AM—Gene & Dee VG	PM—Grant & Sarah DJ
<b>Upcoming Offering Schedule:</b>	
Dec 25 (Christmas Day): Union Gospel Mission	
Dec 28: AM—General Fund/ Divine Hope Seminary	PM—Benevolent Fund
Jan 1 (New Years Day): Justice For All	
Jan 4: AM—General Fund/ CEC	PM—Building Fund
Jan 11: AM—General Fund/ Rev. Green, Costa Rica	PM—Messiah’s Reformed Flwshp

The Lord’s Day - Sunday, December 21, 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,** we welcome Rev. John Vermeer to lead us in worship for both of our services. We look forward to worshipping together on this Lord’s Day.

**Our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program** will be presented today 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!

**Our Annual Christmas Day Worship Service** will be held this Thursday, December 25 at 9:30AM. The offering will be designated for the Union Gospel Mission. **Due to the Christmas Day holiday** this week, please submit your bulletin announcements by **9:00AM** on Wednesday, December 24.

**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.

**All Adult and Youth Sunday School and Catechism classes** will enjoy a Christmas break on December 21 and 28. Classes resume on January 4.

**Men’s Breakfast Bible Study** will enjoy a Christmas break, and will resume meeting on January 3, 2026 at 7:00AM. We will be discussing Chapters 12 & 13 of our book *Judges: Such a Great Salvation*.

**DATE CHANGE for Ladies’ Fellowship Night:** All of our adult ladies are invited to Pam Kats' home for an evening of games, snacks and fellowship on **Wednesday evening, January 7**. Please come at 7:00 PM to her home at 2718 290th Street, Rock Valley, and please bring a small food item to share for snacks. This is for adults only, and we hope to have a great night out together. Please sign up on the sheet available in the Fellowship Hall.

**Year-end giving opportunity: Reformed Mission Services** continues to support a variety of ministry development projects. As you prayerfully consider year-end donations, we invite you to partner with us in this work. Current projects can be found at [rms.org/projects](https://rms.org/projects).

**Reformed Mission Services is planning a ministry development trip to Costa Rica** from March 2–10, 2026. For more information, please visit [rms.org/trips](https://rms.org/trips). If you have specific questions about this trip, you may contact [steve@rms.org](mailto:steve@rms.org).

**Sunday, December 21, 2025 Morning Sermon Outline**

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38      Sermon Text: Luke 1:37

Sermon: ***Nothing Is Impossible with God***

**I. A Virgin Birth**

**II. An Everlasting Kingdom**

**III. A Submissive Spirit**

**Sunday, December 21, 2025 Evening Sermon Outline**

Scripture Reading/Text: Luke 1:1-4

Sermon: ***Luke’s Orderly Account***

**I. A Worthwhile Subject**

**II. Based on Solid Testimony**

**III. Its Edifying Purpose**