

Please pray for the RMS team traveling to the Dominican Republic this week (January 6–14). During their time there, they hope to complete the construction of a concrete roof as part of the ongoing ministry work. To see photos and learn more about this project, visit rms.org/dominican-republic.

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. When? May 19-June 16, 2026. Where? Mexico. Who? Young Adults 18+. Contact: Pastor Rich Bout - urcnamissions@gmail.com.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Pablo Landazuri** is a church planting missionary in Quito, Ecuador. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Please pray for wisdom and provision for expanding the worship space at Luz de Vida: Pray for the Lord's guidance as the congregation pursues options for enlarging the sanctuary to accommodate ongoing growth.
2. Pray for strength and perseverance for family and ministry responsibilities: Pray for grace for Pablo in his dissertation work, for Verenisse as she cares for her parents, and for our children as they grow and transition into adulthood.
3. Pray for growth and faithfulness of the church plants and leadership training: Pray for continued fruit in Tumbaco, the South Mission, and Cuenca, and for the Lord to raise up and equip leaders through SRA and the broader ministry efforts in Ecuador.



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Sunday, January 4, 2026

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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

Morning Worship—9:30 AM

Prelude
 Call to Worship - Psalm 34:1-3
 Silent Prayer
 *Votum and Salutation
***Song of Praise # T-216**
 Reading of God's Holy Law - Exodus 20
Song of Penitence # T-179
 Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 103:11-13
 Congregational Prayer
 Offerings: General Fund/ CEC
 Offertory Prayer
***Song to Prepare Hearts # T-34C**
 Scripture Reading & Text: Hebrews 12:1-16
 Prayer of Illumination
 Sermon: *The Life of Faithfulness*
 Prayer of Application
***Song of Response # T-514**
 *Benediction
***Doxology # T-568**
 *Reverent Reflection
 *Postlude

Evening Worship—6:00 PM

Prelude
Hymn Sing - Blue PH # 379 and # 380
 Call to Worship - Psalm 134:1-3
 Silent Prayer
 *Votum & Salutation
***Song of Praise # T-224**
 *Apostles' Creed
***Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)**
 Psalm of Praise Reading - Psalm 2
Song of Response # T-2A
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering: Building Fund
 Offertory Prayer
***Song of Preparation # T-524**
 Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 29:10-29
 Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 29:29
 Prayer of Illumination
 Sermon: *Knowing God's Will*
 Prayer of Application
***Song of Response # T-446**
 *God's Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
 *Benediction
***Doxology # T-106B:14**
 *Reverent Reflection
 *Postlude

The Lord's Day - Sunday, January 4, 2026

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. Tom Smith to lead us in worship for both of our services. We look forward to worshipping together on this Lord's Day.

If anyone would like to see the Sunday School Christmas Program from two weeks ago, it is on Sermon Audio 12/21/25, the morning service and after the worship service.

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

The Deacons will meet on Monday, January 5 at 6:00PM.
The Council will meet on Monday, January 5 at 7:00PM.

Women's Bible Study will **not** be meeting this Tuesday, January 6.
Congregational Bible Study will also **not meet** on Thursday, January 8.

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.

Prayer Request: Please be in prayer for Amber Green, Rev Green's daughter-in-law, who has been fighting cancer for three years. She has taken a turn for the worse. Please pray for healing for Amber and wisdom and strength for her husband and their 6 children.

Covenant Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Cedar Falls, IA will be hosting a singles mixer event for **Iowa Reformed Christian singles** ages 18 and up on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 5:00—10:00 PM. We welcome all Reformed Christian singles in the state of Iowa (and nearby) to join us at Ridge Haven Cono for a night of food, games, dancing, and a chance to meet other likeminded Christian singles. The event will be held in the Belz Student Center on the Ridge Haven campus located at 3269 Quasqueton Ave, Walker, IA 52352. Attendance fee is \$10 at the door. There will be appetizer foods and beverages, board games and card games, and a dance caller who will guide everyone in some partner line dancing. For those who might be travelling from far away, such as those in NW Iowa, there will be lodging available at the campus at no additional cost to attendees. Sunday morning they are very welcome to attend our church before heading back home. Please see the flyer on the table in the Fellowship Hall for more details and how to RSVP if you are interested, or reach out to Sam McNamara at sam14mcmamara@gmail.com.

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

Service Music today: AM—Brooke L/ Lora K
Service Music next week: AM—Peggy VM/ Karla K

PM—Brooke L/ Lora K
 PM—Peggy VM/ Karla K

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Robyn C
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Lindsay DH

PM—Sarah DJ
 PM—Rachel G

Coffee Servers today: AM—Randy & Pam K
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Leroy & Audrey K
Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each): Brooke L & Cheryl R

PM—Korrie & Sarita VM

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

Jan 11: AM—General Fund/ Rev. Green, Costa Rica
 Jan 18: AM—General Fund/ CEC
 Jan 25: AM—General Fund/ Mid America Reformed Seminary

PM—Messiah's Reformed Fellowship
 PM—Alpha Center
 PM—Benevolent Fund

Sunday, January 4, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading and Sermon Text: Hebrews 12:1-16

Sermon: ***The Life of Faithfulness***

Sunday, January 4, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 29:10-29

Sermon: ***Knowing God's Will***

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 29:29