

Word & Deed Prayer Update - Uganda: This past week, a couple of Word & Deed team members had the opportunity to visit our partner El Shaddai in Uganda. El Shaddai primarily ministers to Christian converts from Islam. Many of these people come to them for safety and are helped with relocation, medical care, and basic necessities. The men and women who come to them are enrolled in vocational training programs to help them provide for their families. El-Shaddai works closely with the churches to help the converts deal with their trauma, to pray with them, and to encourage them to be a support to each other. Please pray for continued boldness for both El-Shaddai and the people they minister to.

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.

TASC reservations open Saturday, February 7—just three weeks away. Visit rms.org/tasc to review locations and dates, see how many spots are available at each location, prepare to reserve your spots, and find additional details for the upcoming summer. If you have any questions, contact Steve at steve@rms.org.

Sign up today for RMS' Ministry Development Trip to Costa Rica, March 2–10! Please pray for the planning and preparation of this trip and for those we will be serving alongside. Learn more at rms.org/costa-rica.

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Melvin Dotinga** is a professor with MINTS International Seminary. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Thank the Lord for the fruitful time we had in Papua New Guinea (PNG) this past fall. The students at the Reformed Churches Bible College were eager learners and had a teachable spirit.
2. Please pray for the men in PNG who have begun taking MINTS courses. May God give them perseverance to complete the requirements as they prepare themselves to better serve in the church.
3. Ask the Lord to help me as I continue to develop courses which can be used in PNG and other parts of the world so that Christ's church may be built up and our Lord glorified.

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, January 18, 2026

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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

Prelude
 Call to Worship - Revelation 15:2-4
 Silent Prayer
 *Votum and Salutation
***Song of Praise # T-156**
 Reading of God's Holy Law - Exodus 20
Song of Penitence # T-86B:1-4
 Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 2:8-10
 Congregational Prayer
 Offerings: General Fund/ CEC
 Offertory Prayer
***Song to Prepare Hearts # T-172**
 Scripture Reading & Text: Exodus 13:11-16
 Prayer of Illumination
 Sermon: *The Law of the Firstborn*
 Prayer of Application
 Formulary for the Lord's Supper, Form 2, p. 151 (Blue)
 *Apostles' Creed
***Communion Song # T-420**
 Holy Communion
 Prayer of Thanksgiving
***Song of Response # T-243**
 *Benediction
***Doxology # T-568**
 *Reverent Reflection
 *Postlude

Evening Worship—6:00 PM

Prelude
Hymn Sing - Blue # 374 and # 436
 Call to Worship - Psalm 98:1-5
 Silent Prayer
 *Votum & Salutation
***Song of Praise # 192 Blue**
 *Nicene Creed, Blue p. 4
***Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)**
 Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Form # 1, Blue p. 123
Song of Response # 419 Blue
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering: Alpha Center
 Offertory Prayer
***Song of Preparation # 236 Blue**
 Scripture Reading: John 14:1-18
 Confession: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18, Q/A 49
 Prayer of Illumination
 Sermon: *The Benefits of Christ's Ascension*
 Prayer of Application
***Song of Response # 412 Blue**
 *God's Commission to His People- Summary of the Law
 *Benediction
***Doxology # 211:23 Blue**
 *Reverent Reflection
 *Postlude

The Lord's Day - Sunday, January 18, 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 Dr. JP Mosley from Heidelberg Seminary to lead us for both worship services. May we experience a great measure of grace through the preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacraments on this Lord's Day. **Next Sunday** we will welcome **Rev. Tom Smith back** to our pulpit as he leads both services, D.V.

This morning we have the privilege of coming to the Lord's Table through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Visitors who wish to join us at the Table are requested to speak to one of the elders in the Fellowship Hall before the service begins this morning, NOTE: The three cups in the center of each communion tray are filled with grape juice.

This evening it is our privilege to witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, as the sign and seal of God's Covenant is administered to **Greyson James Faber**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Collin Faber.

If anyone is in need of their giving statements for 2025, please contact one of the Deacons. We thank everyone for their support in the past year. *The Deacons*

The Consistory would like to remind the congregation that the back three rows of chairs on both sides of the sanctuary are reserved for our youngest members and their families. Unless you are assisting young families, please sit in the rows ahead of that. **We'd also like to remind** parents of our youngest members that while we understand they are in training to sit in church, if they become disruptive, please take them to the nursery or foyer to calm them down. Let's all be patient and forbearing with one another as we assemble as one body to worship the Lord. Ephesians 4:1-3 *"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*

All Adult and Youth Sunday School and Catechism classes will **not** be meeting today.

Women's Bible Study and Congregational Bible Study, which were scheduled for this week, will not be meeting.

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 sam14mcnamara@gmail.com.

Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

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

Nursery Attendants today: AM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ
Nursery Attendants next week: AM—Jenny F

Coffee Servers today: AM—John & Joanne C
Coffee Servers next week: AM—Herm & Cheryl R
Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each): Audrey K & Marlene VM

Upcoming Offering Schedule:

Jan 25: AM—General Fund/ Mid America Reformed Seminary
 Feb 1: AM—General Fund/ CEC
 Feb 8: AM—General Fund/ URCNA Askings Fund
 Feb 15: AM—General Fund/ CEC
 Feb 22: AM—General Fund/ Heidelberg Seminary

PM—Laurel E
 PM—Laurel E/ Karla K

PM—Pam K
 PM—Brooke L

PM—Mylicent & Tillie C

PM—Benevolent Fund
 PM—Building Fund
 PM—Cadets
 PM—Missions to the World (Tom & Mylicah S)
 PM—Benevolent Fund

Sunday, January 18, 2026 AM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading and Sermon Text: Exodus 13:11-16

Sermon: ***The Law of the Firstborn***

I. Firstborn Set Apart - vv. 11-13

1.1. Every Male - vv.11-12

1.2. Consequence - v. 13

II. Firstborn Redeemed - vv. 14-16

2.1. Catechism - vv. 14-15

2.2. Sign of God's Strength - v. 16

Sunday, January 18, 2026 PM Sermon Outline

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-18

Sermon: ***The Benefits of Christ's Ascension***

I. Our Advocate in Heaven - vv. 2-3

1.1. Preparing a Place- v. 2

1.2. Where I am, there you are - v. 3

II. The Gift of the Spirit- vv. 16-18

2.1. The Helper- v. 16

2.2. Not Alone - vv. 17-18

Confession: Lord's Day 18, Q/A 49