

**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. This year we will have Chad Vegas, Paul Murphy and Ken Anema as our main teachers. It will take place May 19-June 17, 2026 in Central Mexico. There are only a few spaces left! Application deadline is March 15th. Contact: Pastor Rich Bout - [urcnamissions@gmail.com](mailto:urcnamissions@gmail.com)

**Word & Deed Prayer Update - South Sudan:** South Sudan gained independence in 2011 but soon after was engulfed in civil war, forcing many in rural areas to flee to Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps established by the United Nations. Even today, many remain in these camps. Word & Deed partnered with the Sudanese Reformed Church to help families return to their villages. So far 160 of 200 people being supported by this program have been repatriated. Due to a rise in unrest and volatility in many regions, the program has been put on hold. Please pray that the families who have moved back to their villages will reintegrate well and that the last 40 people who are waiting to return to their homes will have the opportunity to do so soon.

**United in Prayer:** Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries. **Rev. Jared Pine** is a church planter in Mexicali, Mexico. He asks us to pray in the following ways:

1. Praise God for our safe arrival in Mexicali, that we are settling in as a family to new rhythms, and that we have been able to begin hosting Bible studies in our home.
2. Pray that the handful of regular attenders at our Bible studies so far would progress into the core group of our church plant, and that new people would continue to join.
3. Pray that God would provide us with an adequate public meeting space in a central location for those who have desired to join us but not been able so far.



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*Sunday, February 15, 2026*

*Rev. Caleb Castro, Pastor*

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### **Our Supported Missionaries**

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### **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)

**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

## Morning Worship—9:30 AM

Prelude  
 Call to Worship - Psalm 34:1-3  
 Silent Prayer  
 \*Votum and Salutation  
**\*Song of Praise # T-164**  
 Reading of God's Holy Law - Exodus 20:1-17  
**Song of Penitence # T-79B**  
 Assurance of Pardon - Romans 5:1-2  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offerings: General Fund/ CEC  
 Offertory Prayer  
**\*Song to Prepare Hearts # T-138B**  
 Scripture Reading & Text: Acts 12  
 Prayer of Illumination  
 Sermon: *Circumstantial Evidence of Our Sanctification*  
 Prayer of Application  
**\*Song of Response # T-496**  
 \*Benediction  
**\*Doxology # T-568**  
 \*Reverent Reflection  
 \*Postlude

## Evening Worship—6:00 PM

Prelude  
**Hymn Sing - Blue PH # 267 and # 304**  
 Call to Worship - Psalm 95:6-7  
 Silent Prayer  
 \*Votum & Salutation  
**\*Song of Praise # T-95A**  
 \*Apostles' Creed (Blue PH, p. 3)  
**\*Gloria Patri # 491 (unannounced)**  
 Psalm of Praise Reading—Psalm 8  
**Song of Response # T-8B**  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Offering: Missions to the World (Tom & Mylicah Smith)  
 Offertory Prayer  
**\*Song of Preparation # 172**  
 Scripture Reading & Text: Philippians 4:4-7  
 Confession: Lord's Day 45, TPH p. 893-894  
 Prayer of Illumination  
 Sermon: *Keep Calm and Pray On*  
 Prayer of Application  
**\*Song of Response # T-116A:1, 3, 5, 7**  
 \*God's Commission to His People- Summary of the Law  
 \*Benediction  
**\*Doxology # T-106B:14**  
 \*Reverent Reflection  
 \*Postlude

## The Lord's Day - Sunday, February 15, 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 Mr. Christopher Bergstrom** to our pulpit to lead us in worship. Mr. Bergstrom is a student at Heidelberg Theological Seminary and a member of Sioux Center URC. Welcome, Mr. Bergstrom, and may the Lord be glorified in our worship and may His people be built up in the faith. **Next Sunday, February 22** our services will be led by **Dr. J.P. Mosley**, Academic Dean and Professor of Biblical Studies at Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

**Miss Jayden De Jong** met with the Consistory to profess her faith in Jesus Christ. If there are no lawful objections, we look forward to hearing her public profession of faith next Sunday morning, February 22.

**By God's grace**, all the required support has been raised and we (Tom, Mylicah, Nathanael and Elijah) will be moving to Cherokee, NC in early March after a missions conference at the end of this month. We will join Mission To the World (MTW) missionaries, Rev. Scott & Mrs. Ruth Hill who have planted Grace Community Church of Cherokee. As we settle into life in Cherokee, we will get to know various ways to serve the community, such as tribal council, the hospital, the police department and the Boys Club. Outreach events for the spring and summer will need to be planned. Tom will be seeking out men who want to study the Bible. It will take time to demonstrate love, build relationships and trust among the Cherokee. Our encouragement comes from Christ's Great Commission that all authority has been given to our Lord Jesus and he is with us always (Matt.28:19-20). All ministry is by God's mercy (2 Cor. 4:1) and hearts are changed by God's Spirit (2 Cor.4:6). We ask God's people to support us in prayer and with finances to make disciples of the Cherokee. *Tom, Mylicah, Nathanael and Elijah Smith*  
**Reminder:** This evening we will be receiving an offering in support of Tom & Mylicah's work with Missions to the World.

**All Youth Sunday School and Catechism classes** will be meet today immediately following our morning worship service. **Adult Sunday School will not** be meeting today.

**Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will meet this Saturday, February 21 at 7:00AM. We'll be discussing the rest of Chapter 16 and also Chapter 17 of our study *Judges; Such a Great Salvation*.

**Mid-America Reformed Seminary** invites you to the 2026 Spring Student Lectures on Tuesday, March 10, featuring Dr. Mark Jones, minister at Faith Vancouver PCA. Dr. Jones will present "Losing My Religion," a three-part series examining sin and backsliding through Luke 15, addressing why believers fall away, recognizing warning signs, and understanding genuine repentance. The afternoon sessions run from 1:00–4:30 PM (Central Time) and include Q&A periods and refreshment breaks. Those unable to attend in person may watch via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Register online at [www.midamerica](http://www.midamerica) to secure your spot for this afternoon of theological insight and discussion.

**The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC)** will be hosting the Reformed Biblical Counseling Conference, Counsel the Word, happening at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa on April 17-18 (Friday evening and Saturday morning). This conference is free of charge, and no registration is required. Our speakers will include IRBC's new executive director, Dr. Jared Poulton, and Director Emeritus and Shepherd's Way Director, Dr. Jeff Doll. Join us for a weekend of teaching that explores how God calls and equips his church to counsel His Word. Learn more at the following website: <https://reformedcounseling.org/event/counsel-the-word-2026>

## Schedules and Opportunities to Serve:

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

**Nursery Attendants today:** AM—Cheyenne & Jayden DJ  
**Nursery Attendants next week:** AM—Pam K

**Coffee Servers today:** AM—Lorna VM & Gloria B  
**Coffee Servers next week:** AM—Zach & Rachel G  
**Cookies next week (4-5 dozen each):** Peggy VM & Mary B

## Upcoming Offering Schedule:

Feb 22: AM—General Fund/ Heidelberg Seminary  
 Mar 1: AM—General Fund/ CEC  
 Mar 8: AM—General Fund/ Word & Deed  
 Mar 15: AM—General Fund/ CEC  
 Mar 22: AM—General Fund/ ITEM  
 Mar 29: AM—General Fund/ MINTS

PM—Laurel E  
 PM—Lora K

PM—Brooke L  
 PM—Jenny F

PM—Grant & Sarah DJ

PM—Benevolent Fund  
 PM—Building Fund  
 PM—Classis Central US  
 PM—Mid America Reformed Seminary  
 PM—Reformed Mission Services  
 PM—Benevolent Fund

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 AM Sermon Outline**

Scripture Reading and Sermon Text: Acts 12

Sermon: ***Circumstantial Evidence of Our Sanctification***

Theme: *God promises to sanctify His people, so we must trust in God's promises in all circumstances*

**I. God sanctifies us in our own circumstances**

**II. God sanctifies us in the circumstances of others**

**III. God sanctifies us in all circumstances**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 PM Sermon Outline**

Scripture Reading & Text: Philippians 4:4-7

Confession: Lord's Day 45, TPH p. 893 - 894

Sermon: ***Keep Calm and Pray On***

Theme: *God's Word tells us to pray, therefore we must remember it is for our good*

**I. Prayer helps us rejoice**

**II. Prayer makes us reasonable**

**III. Prayer brings us relief**