

**Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
November 21, 2021**

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway. Worship services are held at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

MORNING NURSERY: Kacee & Jessa Herredsberg

Thanksgiving – Jonny Schlatter

November 28 – Bob Koops

ORGANIST: Stacy DeBey

SPECIAL OFFERING: Thanksgiving – Luke Society and

non-perishable goods for the Downs Food Pantry

November 28 – Dale & Cheryl Ramsey, Int'l Friendships

OFFERING TOTALS: November 14 – General Fund \$6,380

Dordt University Fall Drive \$231

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lynn Koops

HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Mike Nyhoff

November 28 – Bonnie Tanis

LETTER WRITING: Ramsey – Russell Groenendyk,

Hoogeveen – George Eakin, Clowney – Dave Herredsberg

CARE GROUP B: September – December

The Lord's Day

Welcome to worship with our interim pastor, Tom Dykman. We extend a special welcome to those who may be visiting with us and invite you to a time of fellowship over coffee in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service.

Sunday School classes are available for all ages after this morning's service. If you are interested in learning more about our church history and beliefs, you are invited to join the youth/adult class in a study of the Heidelberg Catechism, entitled "Never On Your Own." Today we will be looking at our sin and misery and God's amazing love and forgiveness for us.

There will be no evening service tonight, so that we can join other members of our community for a Thanksgiving Service at 6 P.M. at the Downs United Methodist Church. Pastor Earl Haggard, Cawker City and Glen Elder United Methodist minister, will bring the message. Fellowship and snacks will follow the service.

The Lord's Week

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

Friday: 6:15 a.m. – Promise Keepers Men's Group

The Church Family

On Thanksgiving Day, there will be an offering of non-perishable goods as has been our past tradition with the children bringing that offering forward. You are encouraged to offer food items that day for outreach assistance to the Downs Food Bank. In addition, on Thanksgiving Day you will be given an opportunity to express the blessings for which you are grateful from the past year, to be read during the service. Slips of paper for these notes of gratitude will be provided, and you can either sign them or leave them unsigned. Please give some time this week to reflect on God's goodness and provision in your lives.

Thank you to all who supported the bazaar last week. The auction netted \$4,123.50. This money will be used for denominational service needs and Dispatch CRC needs.

The Worship Committee is looking for additional volunteers to present children's messages and also some special numbers during the Christmas season. If you feel led to give of your talents, please contact Barb or Stacy DeBey, Pastor Tom, Andrea Schurr, or Don Koops.

Pastor Tom is looking for an animal pelt that he could use for an object lesson in an upcoming sermon. If you have a pelt like a beaver, fox, mink, or otter that he could use, please let him know at 512-626-9098.

Ladies, you are all invited to a soup supper hosted by Ora et Labora at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 8, in the church basement. The program will be by staff of Heart Choices. There is a list posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall of items they need. We hope to gather some of those for them that evening.

Please pray that our congregation will be faithful in sharing the gospel with others around us. Pray that God will give us the boldness and creativity we need.

Please have bulletin information to Stacy DeBey by 7:00 p.m. Thursdays. 785-454-3784 or rsdebey@ruraltel.net

Free Advent Devotion: You Shall Call His Name Jesus - Is your soul weary? Take heart in the names of Jesus that remind us of God's character, presence, and work in the world. Sign up for this free Advent devotion from World Renew, Resonate, and the CRC Office of Social Justice at crcna.org/advent

Cheerful giving comes from thankful living. As our congregation reflects on our blessings this past year, consider extending God's kindness to others. With World Renew's new 2021/2022 gift catalog, bless people in poverty around the world with gifts like dignity, good health, better income, and more food. Give a goat or duck, a nutrition kit or a handwashing station. All are practical ways to spread the gift of gratitude.

ReFrame Ministries

Supplication Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Asking God to supply our needs is completely different than making a wish on a birthday candle or writing a letter to Santa. God is much bigger and much better than that! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content, including "The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar" and the KC parent blog too.

Groundwork: Jonah: Discovering God's Heart - Do you want to know and understand the heart of God? Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 4 to conclude our study of Jonah and witness the stark contrast between our human tendencies and his sovereignty. Together, we will discuss how we can respond to God's relentless love and abundant mercy in our own lives today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read 1 John 3:16-18 and ponder or discuss the following questions: (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject) This passage clearly ties love of our neighbor to sharing material possessions with people in need. How do you discover needs in your neighborhood, city, country, and world? What needs are you able to meet? How might you remind yourself daily of God's generous love for you?

Resonate Global Mission

Resonate Global Mission Position Opening - Resonate Global Mission of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a part-time (8 hrs/wk) position opening for a Local Mission Leader (LML) in the Western Region of the United States. This is a remote position and is open to anyone who resides in the Western US. For details or to apply, visit crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/31030

World Renew

Gender Justice around the World - Join World Renew, Safe Church, and the CRCNA for a webinar dealing with the scourge of Gender Based Violence (GBV). Hear from practitioners in the fight against GBV from all over the world. December 7 at 7:00 PM. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/u6jt7v65>. Gender justice, the opposite of gender-based violence (GBV), is absolutely necessary for women and men to flourish as God wants them/us to. GBV is a global scourge, victimizing millions of women and girls. Learn how several local and global agencies are making an impact on the lives of women and girls, strengthening their resilience. Learn too how you and your faith community or church can take action towards gender justice.

November 21, 2021 – 9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Praise and Worship: Psalm 8

*God's People Praise Him

“We Will Glorify” *Sing! A New Creation* #21

“How Majestic Is Your Name” *Sing! A New Creation* #24 (2x)

“Shout to the Lord” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #603

God's people say thanks and bring an offering.

*”Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Lift Up Your Hearts #224:1,2,4

God's People Listen

Scripture: Psalm 121

Series: "On the Road Again"

Sermon: "Help Is Here"

Prayer

*God's People Respond: (responsively)

Pastor: How will God know that we love him?

Women: We will love the Lord our God, with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our mind, and all our
strength.

Men: We will love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Pastor: How will you show this love?

Women: We will act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with
our God.

Men: We will administer true justice, we will show mercy and
compassion to one another. We will not oppress the
widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor.

All: In our hearts we will not think evil of each other. May the
Lord make our love increase and overflow for each
other and for everyone else.

Pastor: May God strengthen your hearts so that you will be
blameless and holy in the presence of our God and
Father when the Lord Jesus comes with all His holy
ones. Amen.

*Song: “Ten Thousand Reasons” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #559

*Go in peace and the assurance of God's love.

*Postlude