

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church
November 16, 2025

Welcome to the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church with Pastor Will Brouwers leading our worship today. We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting and invite you to join us downstairs after the service for a time of fellowship. Visitors are asked to please sign a guest book in an entryway. Church school classes will be held for ages three through adult following the service.

GREETERS: west – Marion & Melanie Schlatter Family
east – Emma Meyer

November 23: west – Marianne Schlatter; east – Dale & Kareena Herredsberg
USHERS: Marion Schlatter & Roy DeBey
NURSERY: Lynn Koops

November 23 – Sherri Eakin & Kat Brouwers
PIANIST: John Tanis
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: November 23 – Lynn Koops
OFFERING TOTALS: November 9 – General Fund \$2,499
SPECIAL OFFERING: Dordt University
HOSPITALITY COFFEE: Ray & Ginger DeBey November 23 – Mike Nyhoff
LETTER WRITING: Hoogeveen – Jared Schurr; Wah – Ray DeBey
CARE GROUP B: September - December

The Lord’s Day

We will be welcoming the members of the profession of faith class this morning.

Today we will be leading the afternoon worship at SunPorch in Smith Center at 2:30 PM followed by the service at 3:15 at Smith Center Health & Rehabilitation. We will celebrate communion at the service at SunPorch. You are encouraged to join the residents at one or both facilities for a time of praise, fellowship, and encouragement.

No Small Groups today nor this week.

The Lord’s Week

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting
Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. – GEMS
Next Sunday: 4:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at the Downs First Christian Church with a soup supper following the service
No Small Groups today nor this week.

The Church Family

Council News: Approved the deacons’ recommendations for the proposed 2026 budget and offering schedule to be voted on at the annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 7.

A report was given on the Billy Graham Evangelistic Meeting held on November 8.

Correspondence was received from Resonate Global Mission, New Roots, and The Bible League regarding their current ministries. Those are available for viewing on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

The Christmas program is to be held at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve. Kareena and Kacee Herredsberg will be coordinating the program and Linda Groenendyk will be leading the music.

Ora et Labora wishes to thank all those who brought pies, donated auction items, gave for the lunch, and bid at the auction. The auction and the meal proceeds totaled \$6,036.

Small groups will not meet this week or next as we will gather for the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at the Downs First Christian Church at 4 P.M. on Sunday, November 23. The offering will be for the Downs Community Food Bank with non-perishable food items also being collected. A soup supper will follow the service.

Small groups will be optional on Sunday, November 30, and for the Downs group Thursday, December 4. A new DVD study series entitled "Why I Believe" with Chip Ingram will be available then with material to be forthcoming soon.

The Salina Rescue Mission will be conducting their annual food drive at all Salina Dillions locations this Friday from 1-6 P.M. and from 10 A.M.-3 P.M. on Saturday. Canned and dry goods, meats, and cleaning supplies are welcome. A specific list of needed items is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. The Rescue Mission provides over 70,000 meals annually. They also invite us to join them for their community Thanksgiving to be held also this Saturday from 5-7 P.M. at 1716 Summers Road in Salina. A poster and newsletter are posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

In preparation for the Thanksgiving service, you may be thinking of giving a brief testimony of what God has done and how He has worked in your life in this past year.

CRC Heritage Fund

Give to your church with a Donor-Advised Fund. You can give cash and other non-cash assets into a single fund and then choose when and how to recommend grants to your church, CRC Ministries, and other causes you support with a Donor-Advised Fund set up by your financial advisor or bank. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the **2025 Fall Faculty Lectures with Dr. James Eglinton**, Meldrum Senior Lecturer in Reformed Theology at the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Eglinton will present a three-part series on the theological distinction between God’s perfect self-knowledge and our creaturely understanding—a central theme in Reformed theology from Junius to Bavinck. Join us November 20–21, in person or via YouTube livestream. Admission is free! Visit www.midamerica.edu for more information.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Courage to Face the Giants - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Courage to Face the Giants” at www.kidscorner.net. Ever felt scared to try something new or face something big? You’re not alone—and just like David faced Goliath, you can be brave because God is with you! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, “Kids in Action”, telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

Groundwork: Blessed are....the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. The Beatitudes have provided generations of Christians comfort, guidance, and strength for their faith. Join Groundwork as we study the first four of Jesus’ Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-6 to gain a deeper understanding of each condition and discover how they exemplify ideal discipleship. GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Launch - You are invited to join World Renew for the launch of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. This global virtual gathering will take place on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. World Renew’s 2025 theme, “Advocates of Dignity and Hope” calls us to remember, reflect, pray, and share stories of dignity and hope. Together, we will commit to ending gender-based violence for all people to flourish. Please register to attend this event: worldrenew.net/events

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(*Please stand, as you are able.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship - Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;

lift them up, you ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

*God's Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Mutual Greeting

*Songs - “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Lift Up Your Hearts #538

“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer” LUYH #660

Prayer of Confession – “Change My Heart, O God”

Sing! A New Creation #56

Assurance of Pardon – Micah 7:18-20

God’s Will for Us - Romans 12:1-2

Profession of Faith

*Song of Response – “Jesus, All for Jesus” LUYH #738

Offerings: 1. General Fund 2. Dordt University

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation – “Speak, O Lord” LUYH #755

Scripture - John 21:15-25

Sermon - “Come and Follow Jesus”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response – “Facing a Task Unfinished”

*Benediction - Matthew 28:18-20

*Closing Song – “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

Lift Up Your Hearts #938

*Postlude