FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

NINTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 11 A.D. 2020
9:30 A.M.

Pastor: David Landegent

Organist: Jan Clapp **Keyboard**: Karen Knutson
Praise Team: Gene Bjorklund, Dean Vander Wal, Polly Vander Wal

You are encouraged to maintain a 6-foot distance from one another when entering, exiting AND choosing a place to sit.

If you feel more comfortable sitting in the fellowship hall, you are welcome to do so.

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APROACH TO GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*
Let It Be Said of Us • Step by Step

* PRAYER
* GREETING
APPRECIATION FOR OUR ACCOMPANISTS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD VIDEO
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
PRAISE MINISTRY: *We'll Understand It Better By and By – Ellie Koerner*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

***** HYMN: *Come Thou Almighty King* (to the tune of #88 *Come, Thou Almighty King)*

Come, now, Almighty King, help us Your name to sing;
Help us to pray
Lord, as our Strength and Shield, in prayer we seek Your will
To You we now appeal; show us the way.

Hear as we intercede; our country is in need.
For church and state,
For schools and families, for farms and factories,
For soldiers, Lord, we plead; on You we wait.

Strengthen our nation, Lord, take up Your mighty sword
With grace and power.
Protected by Your shield to sin we will not yield
Defend Your people still in this dark hour.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:1-10 p.1764
SERMON**:** ***Priorities for Citizens***

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN: 599 – *God of Our Fathers*
* BENEDICTION
* CLOSING SONG: *Gloria Patri* (words are on the screen)
POSTLUDE

TODAY

THANK YOU for coming to worship today.
We are showing our appreciation today for our six accompanists: our organists Jan Clapp, Carol Kleinjan and Joyce Post and our keyboardists Karen Knutson, Dori Ohm and Michelle Vander Wal.

- The Jackets for Jesus boxes are now in the fellowship hall and coat area along the south hallway.
- Operation Christian Child shoeboxes are now available in the fellowship hall.
- Pleas remember that those who wish for a few more precautions concerning the COVID virus can either sit in the fellowship hall (where chairs can be spaced further apart) or in the area where masks are required (pews 2 and 4 on the south (organ) side of the sanctuary).
- If you need child care during the worship service, the nursery is open and attendants are ready to take care of any children ages new-born to 4 years old.
- You are invited to a time of fellowship after the morning service in the fellowship hall.

COFFEE SERVERS: **NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TODAY**

GREETERS: The Brian Franklin Family

USHERS: Gene and Michelle Bjorklund

NURSERY: Laura and Olivia Hove

LIBRARY:

OFFERING: The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary. Offerings today are for the General Fund and Volga Christian School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL**: CANCELLED FOR TODAY!!**

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WEDNESDAY: 9 a.m. – Worship Task Force decorating for fall/Thanksgiving

7 p.m. – Middle School Youth Group

NEXT SUNDAY:
We will be looking at the second half of Romans 13 as it shows us how to walk in the light of Christ. We will also show our appreciation to VernaMae Van Maanen, who recently retired from our Library Committee after serving 57 years.

- All consistory nomination ballots are due by noon.
- Next Sunday offerings are designated for the General Fund and Building Fund.

FUTURE DATE
October 21…….. Consistory
October 25…….. Reformation Day service at CRC – 7 pm
October 31…….. Trunk or Treat (5:30-7 p.m.)

PERSONALS

PRAYER CONCERNS:
Al Kooima has been hospitalized at the Brookings Hospital with the COVID virus.
Dawn Lucas, Bernita Kooima, Jodi Koerner continue their treatments.

Please pray for our homebound member **Howard Rozendal.**

SYMPATHY: We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Elaine Tucker who went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 7. Funeral services are pending.

CONGRATULATIONS! Ron and Karen Knutson wish to announce the birth of a granddaughter, Adalynn Jane Wilde on October 8. Her parents are Isaac and Mandy Wilde. She joins a brother, Wayland.

THANK YOU to Bev Cotton, Barb Dyer, Carol Kleinjan, Shirley Van Duyn, VernaMae Van Maanen and Susan Vander Wal who served as hostess at the recent Red Cross Blood Drive. Thank you also to the FRC blood donors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATION BALLOTS can be found in your mailbox. This year, we will need one new elder (to replace Dean Vander Wal) and one new deacon (to replace Ron Koerner). All confessing members are to nominate two names for each of those offices. Nomination ballots need to be returned by October 18. (Extra copies are available on the back table.)

CENTER OF HOPE WARM CLOTHING DRIVE: Collection boxes are set out for warm winter clothing for Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. Boxes are located in the fellowship hall and the coat area in the south hallway. You may bring any kind of used or new winter coats, snow boots, gloves, mittens, coveralls, snow pants for kids. The items will be brought to the Center of Hope after Thanksgiving.
PLEASE – MAKE SURE THE ITEMS ARE CLEAN AND MENDED.

GEMS CARDS: The GEMS have extended their deadline for a few days for you to purchase cards. Please see Rebecca Olson today!

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING individual students/families at Volga Christian School? VCS has established a "Sponsor a Disciple" program to do just that. This program has been created to financially help some families that desire a Christian education for their child/ren but cannot afford to pay the full tuition at VCS. The families are requested to submit a letter to the VCS board explaining the value of Christian education to their family and why they desire to enroll their student/s at VCS. They also must provide the most recent tax return to show their income. VCS always encourages families that cannot financially send their students to VCS to first apply for the SD Partners in Education Scholarship opportunity and then request funding through the "Sponsor a Disciple" program.

If you are interested in being a 'sponsor' for a family wanting Christian education, contact a school board member: Jon Hardt, Jeff Sapp, Kevin Triebwasser, Cassie Ridgeway or Katherine Hofinga. In the event of not being able to get in touch with a school board member, contact the VCS office at 605-627-9286 to discuss this program.
Thank you to everyone for prayerfully considering helping a student/family attend VCS and expand their knowledge of our gracious God and all He provides.

INSPIRATION HILLS will host their LIVE & ONLINE Auction, Friday, October 23 at 7 p.m. You can view auction items, register to bid and check out all the details at www.inspirationhills.org.
Inspiration Hills order forms are included in the fall newsletter and you can order online at www.inspirationhills.org. Each year the kitchen bakes and prepares many goodies, treats and homemade soups. Check them out and support Inspiration Hills. Order deadline is December 11.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY, October 18:
Greeters – Bill and Deanna Santema
Nursery – Polly Vander Wal and Preston Vander Wal
Coffee – Bill and Sheryl Van Beek
Library – Susan

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