

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
September 21, 2025 9:30 A.M.

**Pastor:** Gary Mulder  
**Organ:** Carol Kleinjan  
**Keyboard:** Dori Ohm  
**Men's Praise Team**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS: 13 – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
177 – *Wonderful Words of Life*

- \* OPENING PRAYER
- \* GREETING ONE ANOTHER
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS FROM WORDS OF HOPE – Brad Zomer

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Children-Nelly and Raj)  
*(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)*

- \* DOXOLOGY (page 623)
- \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:1-19

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MESSAGE: ***Worship: Week 1***

- \* HYMN: 10 – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* CLOSING HYMN: 620 – *Gloria Patri*

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

**A WARM WELCOME** to all who have come to join us in worship today. May you experience the joy of the Lord as we worship and fellowship on this Lord's Day.

**WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME** to Brad Zomer, a Words of Hope representative who will be bringing greetings from the organization and explaining the mission of Words of Hope.

A basket will be at the back of the sanctuary for you to place your special offering for Words of Hope.

**SERVING THE LORD TODAY:**

Greeters: Dori Ohm

Ushers: Allen Van Hoepen and Dave Nettleton

Nursery: Roberta Volkers and Eli Sapp

Coffee Servers: Shirley IntVeld and Susan Vander Wal

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We have classes for all ages.

**CHANGE OF LOCATION:** Pre-school -5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the large north east Sunday School (with the piano) at **10:45 a.m.** to worship. After worship, the children will be dismissed to their classrooms with their teachers.

Pastor Gary will be leading a new member's class in the youth room for junior and senior high. This class will be beneficial for both those who have made profession of faith and those considering it.

Instruction in the classroom will be from 11-11:45 a.m.

There are two adult classes. 1) Ron Koerner's class meets in the sanctuary. This class is walking through the first half of Luke through a short video by J. D. Greear followed by discussion.

2) Daniel Ostrem is leading a study on the prophets in the consistory room.

3 p.m. -Women's Discipleship Group (Proverbs)

7 p.m. – An Evening of Music with Darwin Husby. He will sing many hymns that you know and love. A short hymn sing will be included. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening. Invite a friend or neighbor to this special evening of music.

### **NEXT SUNDAY (September 28)**

The praise band will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some praise songs.

Robyn Mulder will provide praise ministry.

Pastor Gary will continue his series of messages on worship.

Men's Discipleship at 7 p.m. (1 Corinthians 10)

### **THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

MONDAY: 7 p.m. – Fresh Hope

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. Junior High Youth  
8:30 p.m. – Men's Discipleship (Acts)

THURSDAY: 3:45 p.m. – GEMS (Girls Club) at CRC

### **FUTURE DATES:**

September 30.....	Congregational Care Team
October 1.....	Men's Discipleship Senior High Youth
October 5.....	World Communion Sunday
October 7.....	MESA at 6:30 p.m.
October 8.....	Senior High Youth
October 9.....	Ladies Bible Study
October 13.....	Fresh Hope

### **PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Bob Olson, Marion Read, Emily Schaefer, Joel Schonewill, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, and Amy Vandermeer.**

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center, and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

AN OPEN HOUSE BABY SHOWER will be held for Foster and Ellie Popken on Saturday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 309 Astrachan Avenue in Volga. Foster and Ellie are registered for baby gifts at Amazon.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING was held after the worship service last Sunday. The vote was 95-5 to approve shingling the entire church building. Work will begin when the contractors are available.

**ATTENTION MEN!** Mark your calendars for RESGEN on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Speakers this year are Tom Henderson, John C. Maxwell, Tim Tebow, Sammy Abediyi and Jonnie W. You can purchase your tickets now directly through the website to reserve your spot. Please contact Pastor Gary or Robyn if you need help ordering.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVICE PROJECT: Boxes are set up in the fellowship hall as well as the coat room along the south hallway for you to place your **(IN GOOD CLEAN CONDITION)** warm winter clothing. These will be given to the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls.

**NEW ADDITION:** The Center of Hope is in need of good clean blankets (any size). You may place them in the boxes.

### **NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AT PRESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

You are invited to a night of worship and fellowship at Preston Christian Church on Sunday, October 5 at 6 p.m. with snacks and fellowship to follow. The music will be contemporary and geared toward youth groups, but all ages are welcome.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE VOLGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: You may purchase a box of 30 candy bars for \$60 or may buy in a smaller quantity. The money goes directly back to the students and teachers for playground equipment, field trips, treats, classroom supplies, etc. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Melissa Olson. There is an opportunity to purchase individual bars on the table by the library.

THE VOLGA GEMS will be selling greeting cards for their annual fundraiser. We appreciate your support for the GEMS ministry. There is a catalog along with order blanks on the table by the library.

MUSIC MINISTRY: If you (or someone you know) would like to provide for our praise ministry, please contact a Worship Team member or the church office. Also, if you are willing to be a sub on one of our praise teams, please inform them.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 28, 2025

Greeters: Nick and Nicole Vande Weerd family

Ushers: Dave Nettleton and Allen Van Hoepen

Nursery: Shirley Van Duyn and Olivia Hove

Coffee Servers: Jim and Karen Janssen

Offering: General Fund and Mission Fund

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