

**Sunday,
Dec 1st
2024**

Volga Christian Reformed Church

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603

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Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Katie Hoogwerf
Pianist: Christy Van Heerde
Praise Team

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting - **HOPE**
Kamiya Alden

Welcome & Call to Worship - Lamentations 3:19-24
Silent Prayer of Preparation
Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - Do You Hear What I Hear? (Screen)**

*God's Greeting
*We Greet Each Other

God's Law
Song - Grace Like Rain (Screen)

Congregational Prayer
Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget
Children's Message

***Song - RB 542 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Scripture Lesson: **Genesis 15:1-6; 2 Samuel 7:8-17; Matthew 1:1-17**
Text: **Matthew 1:1-17**
Message: **God's Faithfulness Through the Generations**

Prayer
***Song - RB 540 What Child Is This? (Verses 1 & 3)**
*Nicene Creed
*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 635 Glory Be to the Father**
Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome! On this first Sunday in December we extend a warm welcome to all of you as we worship our Lord together. Please stay for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Ushers for December: Gerald Feikema, Zach Post; Alternate: Jerry Runia
Elevator Attendant for December: Henrietta Molengraaf

Dakota Sun Ministry Today:

- In charge: Ryan & Donae VanNorden Family, Joan Bjorklund (piano)
- To visit: Delores Bothe, Gert Dykhouse, Betty Scott

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Cadets
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group
Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Prayer Concerns:

As we enter this Advent season, may we ask the Lord to help center our hearts on the true meaning of this Christmas season - the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who came to save us from our sins!

Announcements:

1. **High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
2. **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
3. **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 3: The Fulfillment of the Law. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Fannie Jansen
4. **Men's Bible Study** will meet this week on **Saturday, December 7th**, in the church basement. A time of breakfast and fellowship will start at **8:30 AM** with the lesson beginning at **9 AM**. Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 2: The Face of God.
5. The Gideons would like to thank the congregation for the offering of \$600.00 they received on November 10.
6. **Sunday School** classes will be practicing their Christmas songs upstairs after worship **today and next week, December 8th**. There will be a full program practice following the service on Sunday, December 15th in preparation for the program that evening.

Looking Ahead:

1. **VCS** invites you to their annual **Christmas program**. It is Friday, **December 13th at 7:00 PM**. It will take place at **First Reformed Church: 601 E. 1st St** in Volga.
2. **Church Christmas Program** - On **Sunday, December 15th** at **4:30 PM**, we will have our church Christmas program, followed by a candlelight service and a time of refreshments and fellowship.

3. Christmas Day Service - On **Wednesday, December 25th** at **9:30 AM**, we will gather together to worship our Great God, reflecting on and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who came in order to forgive, redeem, and reconcile us, the greatest gift we could ever receive!

Our Offerings:

- December 1st: Volga Christian School & Budget
- December 8th: Option 1 & Budget
- December 15th: Hope Haven & Budget
- December 22nd: Rehoboth Christian School & Budget

Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ron Gross, Ashton Fey, Doug Post, Dale Algood
- Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Keith Tofte
- **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

December 1, 2024 | God's Faithfulness Through the Generations | Matthew 1:1-17

Theme: We can _____ and _____ in God's _____.

1. God's _____ to His _____:

2. God's _____ of _____:

Weekly Reflection: May we take the time this Advent season to reflect on the many promises of our Great God which we can put our hope and trust in.