

**Sunday,
Dec 29th
2024**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, December 29th, 2024

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Marge Kleinjan
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 33

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - RB 322 Guide, Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of the Law as a Rule of Gratitude (pg. 1017)

Song - LUYH 696 Marvelous Grace

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - RB 8 Be Thou My Vision**

Scripture Lesson: **1 Kings 8:54-66**

Text: **1 Kings 8:54-61**

Message: **"O God Our Help in Ages Past..."**

Prayer

***Song - RB 320 How Firm a Foundation**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 320 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (Verse 1)**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

On this last Sunday of 2024 we welcome one and all as we worship in the name of Jesus who came to earth to redeem us so that we might be born again and made children of God. May our adoration of Him today be just as sincere as the shepherds and the wisemen at his crib. Please join us after the morning worship for a time of fellowship and coffee.

Ushers for January: Cade Gross, Clyde Ulvestad; Alternate: Gene Volkers

Elevator Attendant for January: Brenda Volkers

Dakota Sun Ministry next week, January 5th:

- In charge: Samantha Algood & Vonda Bjorklund (musician)
- To visit: Gene & Brenda Volkers, Dahl's, Tim & Verdella Gross

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Wed: 9:30 AM New Year's Day Worship

Prayer Concerns:

1. We want to rejoice with **Tyler and Deanna Tofte** in the birth of their daughter, **Fenix Jane Tofte**, who was born on December 22! We also want to rejoice with **Keith and Claudia Tofte** with the birth of this new little grandchild!
2. As we prepare to enter a new year, may we ever thank the Lord for His continued faithfulness to us, and pray for His blessing on the year ahead.

Announcements:

1. **Christmas Gift Bags** - Over by the mailboxes are a couple of Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins if you have anything that you would like to add to wish them a Merry Christmas.
2. **New Years Day Service** - This week, **Wednesday, January 1st at 9:30 AM**, we'll ring in the New Year together by gathering for worship to thank the Lord for His continued faithfulness, bringing us faithfully through another year as well as lifting up the year ahead to Him in prayer, praying that His will would be done through it all.
3. **Sunday School and Catechism** classes are set to begin meeting again next week, **Sunday, January 5th**.
4. **Youth Group Meal Sign Up** - With the second half of youth group beginning soon, Volga CRC will be providing the meal on the third Wednesday of each month as has been done in the past. If you are interested in serving in this way, please sign up on the sign-up sheet out in the lobby, which you can find on the coffee counter. Thank you for your consideration!
5. **Unfading Truth 2025** - The all-new 2025 Unfading Truth season begins on December 30. Grow your faith each weekday as you realize that God's grace is stronger than you are. This year we'll be using the Canons of Dordt as our roadmap to read the Bible each day. Don't miss out! Text 'join' to 833-273-2136 (if you've already subscribed, you don't need to join again). Learn more at **UnfadingTruth.com**.

Looking Ahead:

1. **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, January 11th**, 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 3: The Spirit of the Lord.

Our Offerings:

- December 29th: Building Project & Budget
- January 1st: New Year's Day (Skavdahls')
- January 5th: Volga Christian School & Budget
- January 12th: Navigators & 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

Kids Corner: Home is a Blessing - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God is our rock and our foundation. The home is the place where your family chooses to make a commitment to serve God. What a blessing!

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As we come to the end of a calendar year, this is a fitting time to look back. At a mealtime this week, share with someone else one thing that you're grateful for, one thing you're sad about, and one way you've seen God working in the past year. Read Psalm 90 together as a reminder that God directs our days, months, and years.

Theme: _____ God for His _____ to us.

1. A _____ (vv. 54-56):

2. A _____ (vv. 57-58 & 61):

3. A _____ (vv. 59-60):

Weekly Reflection: How have you seen the Lord’s faithfulness to you over the past year?