

**Sunday,
Feb 8th,
2026**

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
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 2

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - Forever (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Cadet Litany

Song - Cornerstone (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Cadets & Budget

Children's Message - Steve Van Heerde

***Song - We Believe (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **1 Samuel 17:1-11, 17-23, 31-54**

Text: **1 Samuel 17**

Message: **"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"**

Prayer

***Song - Living for Jesus (Screen)**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: The Blessing (Screen)**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for His boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come to worship. Everyone is invited to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

Ushers for February: Zach Post, Dan Runia; Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad
Elevator Attendant for February: Henrietta Molengraaf

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Wed: 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group
8:00 PM Council Meeting
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS

This week is preparatory with a view to celebrating the Lord's supper together next Sunday.

Prayer Concerns:

- Please keep in prayer everyone battling illnesses at this time.

Announcements:

- **Senior High Youth Group** - Senior High Youth Group meets this week, Wednesday at First Reformed Church, starting at **7 PM**. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!
 - **Rocky Mountain High** - Registration for Rocky Mountain High is now open for Senior High Youth Group! The cut-off date for sign-ups is **April 27th**, but please try to sign up as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead:

- **2026 Evening Lenten Services** - Later this month, we'll be entering the Lenten season. As we do, we'll join with Calvary OPC and First Reformed Church for evening worship services. This year, we'll be exploring the theme: God's story of redemption, taking a look at the overarching narrative of the Bible, beginning with creation, moving on to the fall, and then our redemption in and through Christ. The schedule for which church hosts each week, and times of fellowship are as follows:
 - **February 22 - Calvary OPC (Fellowship)**
 - **March 1 - First Reformed Church**
 - **March 8 - Volga CRC (Fellowship)**
 - **March 15 - Calvary OPC**
 - **March 22 - Volga CRC**
 - **March 29 - First Reformed Church (Fellowship)**

Offering Schedule:

- Feb 8th: Cadets & Budget
- Feb 15th: Option 1 & Budget
- Feb 22nd: Building Project & Budget
- Mar 1st: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Feb 8th: Triebwasser Family
- Feb 15th: Post Family
- Feb 22nd: Davis Family
- Mar 1st: Knevelbaard Family

Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ashton Fey, Dale Algood, Doug Post, Larry Top
- Deacons: Connor Gross, Keith Tofte, Ryan Van Norden, Will Davis

Sermon Resources Used for Further Study:

- *1 Samuel* by Richard D. Phillips
- *1 Samuel thru 2 Kings* by Tremper Longman III
- *1 Samuel - Looking for a Leader* by John Woodhouse
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament*
“Chapter 18: The Books of 1 and 2 Samuel” by Eugene H. Merrill

“At the same time, we should realize that being joined to Christ in saving faith and having been sealed by the same Holy Spirit that filled young David, we now are anointed by God and equipped to fight in his cause.” - Richard Phillips

“The purpose of David’s victory is not simply to save Israel or defeat the Philistines. The purpose is the glorification of Yahweh in the eyes of the world.” - Walter Bruggemann

“We do not need worldly success in order to persevere in life with blessing, but we absolutely need God’s Word and prayer, wielded by faith.” - Richard Phillips

“Another reason David sought to fight was to deliver God’s people from danger. He was a shepherd, after all, and God’s flock was intimidated, disgraced, and about to be ravaged. Goliath was a bear from whose mouth God’s lambs needed to be set free. If the foe turned to fight, he would have to be slain. Finally, we may add David’s full confidence in God’s deliverance—“The LORD ... will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine” (1 Sam. 17:37)—as his final reason for entering the battle. We likewise should step forward in battle today with a primary motivation of defending God’s honor, while also desiring to defend God’s people and counting fully on God’s faithfulness and power to save.” - Richard Phillips

February 8, 2026 | “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!” | 1 Samuel 17

Theme: _____ firm in the _____ and standing _____ for God's _____.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: What opportunities do you have in your day to day life to stand firm in the faith and up for God’s glory? May the Lord bless us with the strength and boldness to do so throughout our lives!

