

**Sunday,
Feb 15th,
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
Organist: Marge Kleinjan
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 98:1-3

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - RB 7 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Summary of God's Law by Jesus (Matthew 22:37-40)

Profession of Faith - Preston & Masey Top

***Song - Goodness of God (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 279 O Word of God Incarnate (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Ephesians 4:17-24**

Text: **Ephesians 4:17-24**

Message: **Putting Off the Old, Putting On the New**

Prayer

***Song - RB 186 Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Verses 1-2 & 4)**

Lord's Supper

***Song - PH 384 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 473 To God Be the Glory (Verse 1)**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: Greetings to everyone worshipping with us today. Psalm 32:11 tells us to “rejoice in the Lord and be glad.” We are glad that you are here today to rejoice in the Lord’s goodness and love. Everyone is welcome 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: 2:00 PM Women’s Bible Study
6:30 PM Cadets
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group

This morning, we are privileged to celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, are invited to come with gladness to the table of their Lord. There is a small dish of gluten free bread in the center of each tray.

Prayer Concerns:

- Today, **Preston and Masey Top** will be publicly professing their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ! May we pray the Lord’s blessing and strength upon them as they continue walking with the Lord their whole lives through!

Recent Births in Our Church Family:

- Adella JoAnn Davis 01/15/2026

Announcements:

****Shedding Sin for Clothes of Grace** - This week, we are beginning a new sermon series that we’ll take a look at in the mornings throughout the Lenten season, about shedding what is of the old self while also putting on what is of the new self in its place. In particular, we’ll be taking a walk through of what are commonly called the Seven Deadly Sins. As we do, may we take intentional time to reflect and see how we may be wrestling with and working on shedding these sins in our own hearts and lives, even as we seek through the Lord’s grace and strength to put on what is of the new man.

- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **March** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, February 18th, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- **Women’s Bible Study** meets this week Wednesday at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 16: Laws Relating to Purity. Come and enjoy spending time in God’s Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Marge Kleinjan.

- **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.
- **The Volga Christian School** is selling fruit as a fundraiser. The deadline for orders is **February 25th**. Please find a VCS student or parent if you're interested in ordering.
- There have been a number of items found in church in recent weeks. Please take the time to check the **Lost & Found Table** by the mailboxes on the table in the church library.

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 22nd - Calvary OPC (Fellowship)**
 - **March 1st - First Reformed Church**
 - **March 8th - Volga CRC (Fellowship)**
 - **March 15th - Calvary OPC**
 - **March 22nd - Volga CRC**
 - **March 29th - First Reformed Church (Fellowship)**
- **Women's World Day of Prayer** - Volga CRC wants to invite you to this year's Women's World Day of Prayer on **Saturday, March 7th**. Come and join for food, fellowship, and spending time in prayer and praise to the Lord together! Refreshments and fellowship will begin at 9:30 AM
- **Step Into Spring** - Mark your calendars for **March 20th**, the first day of Spring, as we'll be joining together with Calvary OPC and First Reformed Church to get out and enjoy the changing of the seasons with a mile walk, breakfast, devotions, and fellowship! Keep an eye out for further details to come!

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Mar 1st:**
 - In charge: Keith & Claudia Tofte / Joan Bjorklund (Musician)
 - To visit: Porter Family, Carolyn Heib, Gross Family
- *If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for March:** Clyde Ulvestad, Gene Volkers; Alternate: Jerry Runia
 - **Elevator Attendant for March:** Cyndi Ulvestad

Notes From Council Meeting:

- Council approved an upcoming event, *Step Into Spring*, and approved funding for it.
- Classis will be held on March 5th at the Faith Community CRC in Colton.
 - March 5th Delegates: Pastor Josh, Doug Post, Connor Gross
- Council approved the membership transfer of the Michael Triebwasser family to the First Reformed Church in Volga.
- Pastor Josh and Kayla will be hosting a meal for a different family each month along with an elder and their family. The intent is to build relationships and increase fellowship by getting to know each other in a more casual environment.
- Large print *TODAY* Devotionals are available below the mailboxes near the church library.

Offerings received in January:

General Fund.....	\$37,110.00	Building Project.....	\$50,868.00
Misc.....	\$463.00	Volga Christian School.....	\$1,088.00
Brauning's.....	\$504.00	Navigators.....	\$409.00

Offering Schedule:

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

Nursery Schedule:

- Feb 15th: Post Family
- Feb 22nd: Davis Family
- Mar 1st: Knevelbaard Family
- Mar 8th: Kauk 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
- **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

Sermon Resources Used for Further Study:

- *Ephesians* by Bryan Chapell
- *NIV Application Commentary: Ephesians* by Klyne Snodgrass
- *Ephesians: The Mystery of the Body of Christ* by R. Kent Hughes

“Ephesians, then, has as its main purpose identity formation. It seeks to shape believers by reminding them how wonderful God’s work in Christ is, how significant their unity with Christ is, and what living for Christ looks like. It is a letter of definition and encouragement. Paul sought to ground, shape, and challenge his readers so that they might live their faith...”

- Klyne Snodgrass

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Theme: _____ off the _____ and putting _____ the _____ in and _____ Christ.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: What of the old self do you still wrestle with and are working on shedding through the Lord's grace and strength? What of the new man is to be put on in its place?