

**Sunday,  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup>  
2025**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 27:1 & 13-14

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord**

**\*Song - Behold Our God (Screen)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Lord's Day 2 - Q & A's 3-5 (PH pg. 862)

**Song - At the Cross (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - RB 370 Be Still, My Soul**

Scripture Lesson: **Psalm 46**

Text: **Psalm 46:10**

Message: **"Be Still and Know That I Am God"**

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 5 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

\*Nicene Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: LUYH 543 Now Thank We All Our God (Verse 3)**

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** In this wintry time of year, we come to worship our Triune God, mindful that out of His providence and sovereign care we are receiving His blessings daily. A warm welcome to all who worship with us today. Coffee will be served in the foyer after our morning worship.

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

**Elevator Attendant for January:** Brenda Volkers

**Dakota Sun Ministry today, January 5<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group  
8:00 PM Council Meeting  
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS  
Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. May we keep in prayer all those affected by the fire that happened over in Brookings this past week.
2. We want to extend our sincere Christian sympathies to **Gene, Brenda, and Jenn Volkers** in the passing of a couple of relatives just before the new year. The funerals were held this past week. May God's peace that passes all understanding rest upon them during this time.

**Announcements:**

**"Be Still and Know That I Am God"** - This week, we are beginning a new sermon series. As another year comes and goes and we continue to see all the chaos and strife in the world around us, we can grow weary, disheartened, perhaps wondering where the Lord is at in all of this, and so we'll be exploring the book of Habakkuk as we see this prophet of the Lord wrestle with similar thoughts and questions about God's sovereignty, as well as the Lord's response to His people. This week, we'll set the stage by taking a look at the beautiful and well-loved Psalm 46.

1. **Offering Schedule Update** - In light of the fire early this past week over in Brookings, as an opportunity to reach out as a congregation and show the light and love of Christ amidst our community, we'll be shifting our offering schedule a bit. Next week Sunday, **Jan. 12**, we will take an offering that will go to The Ivy Center, which is accepting various donations to help those affected by the fire. We will then move the Navigators offering to **Jan. 19**.
2. **Christmas Gift Bags** - Over by the mailboxes are some Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins if you have anything that you would like to add to wish them a Merry Christmas.
3. **High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.

4. **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 4: The Meaning of the Law. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Fannie Jansen
5. **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
6. **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!
7. **One revision to the Church Leadership listing** that was in your mailbox: Jenn Volkers is also a member of the worship committee and can be contacted for questions or suggestions.
8. **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:**

- January 5<sup>th</sup>: Volga Christian School & Budget
- January 12<sup>th</sup>: The Ivy Center (Brookings Fire Relief)
- January 19<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget
- January 26<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & 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

**January 5, 2024 | “Be Still and Know That I Am God” | Psalm 46**

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ God.

**First Stanza: God, Our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-3):**

**Second Stanza: God, Our \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 4-7):**

**Third Stanza: God, Our \_\_\_\_\_ God (vv. 8-11):**

**Weekly Reflection:** Have the words of this psalm spoken comfort to your heart in the past? How may they give comfort and encouragement to you in the midst of various trials?