

**Sunday,  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup>,  
2025**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Leland Vanderaa  
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song – This is Amazing Grace (Screen)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Song – Hymn of Heaven (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer – Elder Dale Algood

Offering: Navigators & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song – 10,000 Reasons (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Habakkuk 2:18-20**

Text: **Habakkuk 2:18-20**

Message: **Idolatry or Temples**

Prayer

**\*Song – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Screen)**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: My Friends May You Grow In Grace (Screen)**

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** In this fall season of the year, when the last of the leaves have fallen, we gather here for worship. We extend our welcome to each one who worships in the merit of Jesus Christ our King. May our worship today be acceptable to Him. May our testimony and lifestyle be pleasing to Him today, tomorrow, and always. Please join us in the foyer after the morning service for a time of fellowship and coffee.

**Ushers for November:** Dan Runia, Gene Volkers;  
**Elevator Attendant for November:** Cyndi Ulvestad

Alternate: Jerry Runia

### **Calendar:**

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

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

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- As the end of the harvest arrives, may we thank the Lord for the harvest that He has provided this year and for all His many blessings to us!

### **Announcements:**

- **High school catechism** will meet today after worship in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Worship Committee** will meet **tomorrow, 7 PM**, here at church in the office.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 9: Living as God's Holy People. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Fannie Jansen.
- **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend.
- The **Volga GEMS** would like to thank everyone for their support in our card sales. Your prayers and financial gifts for the GEMS ministry are appreciated. If your cards have not been delivered, they should be real soon.
- The newest version of the ***Today Devotionals*** are located by the mailboxes.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- **MARS Fall Lectures** - Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the 2025 Fall Faculty Lectures with Dr. James Eglinton, Meldrum Senior Lecturer in Reformed Theology at the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Eglinton will present a three-part series on the theological distinction between God's perfect self-knowledge and our creaturely understanding—a central theme in Reformed theology from Junius to Bavinck. Join us **Nov. 20–21**, in person or via YouTube livestream. **Admission is free!** Visit [www.midamerica.edu](http://www.midamerica.edu) for more information and to register if you wish to be on campus.
- **Single Senior Thanksgiving Supper** - On **Friday, Nov. 21**, Kayla and I want to extend the invitation once again for the widows, widowers, and singles sixty-five and up in our congregation to celebrate Thanksgiving together here at the church

to enjoy some time of food and fellowship. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly how much food we will need. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, and the meal will be served at 6 PM. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Kayla (269)-532-6893 or myself (269)-271-8603.

- **Annual Bowling Night at The Lanes** - On **Wednesday evening, Nov. 26**, we will have our annual bowling night at The Lanes in Brookings, starting at **7 PM**. Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and fellowship!
- **Thanksgiving Day Service - Thursday, Nov. 27**, at **9:30 AM**, we'll gather together on **Thanksgiving Day** to worship our Lord together, coming before Him to praise His name, to express our gratitude and thankfulness to Him!

#### **Offering Schedule:**

- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: Skavdahls' & Budget
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>: Hope Haven & Budget
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget

#### **Nursery Schedule:**

- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Van Norden Family
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: Kauk Family
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>: Fey Family
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup>: Runia 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:** [volgacrcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:volgacrcouncil@gmail.com)

**This Week's Unfading Truth:** God preserves His imperishable seed within you... even when you fall into sin. Learn to live in this secure comfort as we read the Bible together each weekday at [UnfadingTruth.com](http://UnfadingTruth.com). Stay on track - sign up for a daily reminder or text JOIN to 833-273-2136.

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