**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

**Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603**

 **Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

 Organist: Katie Hoogwerf

 Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Sunday School Kids Palm Procession

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 63:1-4

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**\*Song - PH 378  *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Reading of Triumphal Entry - Matthew 21:1-11

**Song - PH 375**  ***All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Missionaries Steven & Sandra Brauning & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - RB 147 *Standing on the Promises***

Scripture Lesson: **John 15:1-10**

Text: **John 15:1-10**

Message: “**I AM…The True Vine”**

 1. Abiding in His Care | 2. Abiding in the Vine | 3. Abiding in His Love

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 237 *Nearer Still Nearer***

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: PH 635 *Glory Be to the Father***

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

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**Welcome to this Palm Sunday Service.** The crowds in Jerusalem welcomed the humble arrival of the King with palms and shouts of “Hosanna!” Let us honor and praise Him today with the same joyful spirit.

**The Sunday School Children** will meet down the basement at 9:25 to get in line order and receive palm branches and will begin our service today by entering the sanctuary with the Palm branches and singing a few songs for us.

 **There will be no** Church School classes next week on Easter Sunday.

**Ushers for April:**  Gerald Feikema, Gene Volkers; Alternate: Cade Gross

**Elevator Attendant for April:** Marla Volkers

**TheYouth Group** would like to thank our congregation for our support at the recent taco supper. They raised $1950 and the youth group really experienced encouragement from both congregations. Thanks to all the parents for their desserts, bars, and cookies.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism Class

 6:30 PM. Combined Lenten Service at First Reformed Church with

 refreshments

Wed: 7:00 Jr. Hi. Youth Group at First Reformed Church

Thurs: 3:45 GEMS

 7:00 Maundy Thursday service at First Reformed Church

Fri; 7:00 Good Friday Service in our church.

**Prayer Concerns**

1. We rejoice with **Cathy Robeson**, relative of **Karen, Joan, and Vonda**, with the good reports she received recently, as it doesn’t seem that she’ll need to undergo chemo.  May we praise the Lord for this good news, and may we continue to lift Cathy up in prayer.

2. Please continue to uplift **Betty Scott** in prayer as she continues recovering from her recent knee surgery.  Please pray for strength, relief from pain, and a speedy recovery.

**Announcements**

1. High school catechism will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
2. **Combined Lenten Services -** This week, we will wrap up our combined Lenten services.  We have had the blessing and privilege of joining together with Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church and First Reformed Church for combined Lenten services in the evenings leading up to Easter.  We will meet one last time at First Reformed Church this evening and enjoy a cookie and coffee fellowship together.  We especially want to extend a big thank you to all who helped make these services and cookie and coffee fellowships possible!
3. **We will have our Good Friday Service, March 29** at 7:00 in our church with celebrating The Lord’s Supper. The congregation of First Reformed Church is invited to join us.

1. **On the morning of Easter Sunday, March 31st**, there will be a **fellowship breakfast** before our Easter service.  The breakfast will begin at 8 AM.  This breakfast will be open to the public.  Please invite people to come for both the breakfast and the service.

**5. "First Reformed Church w**ould like to invite our congregation to their Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

As part of this service, they will be celebrating communion by intinction (coming forward and dipping the bread in the cup).  There will be cut pieces of bread rather than tearing from a loaf to keep things more sanitary. Also, the service will end with a modified Tenebrae service which usually involves extinguishing of the candles while the passion narrative is read. If you have never experienced a Tenebrae service, you will want to attend. It is rich with meaning and very memorable

.6. "**There are extra calendars available.** If you would like one, it is a free-will donation that will go toward the youth group.  If you are interested, please see a council member.

**Our Offerings:**

March 24 Missionaries Brauning & Budget

March 31 Building Project & Budget

April 7: Volga Christian School & Budget

April 14: GEMS and Budget

**Our Council**: Pastor: Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Larry Tjeerdsma, Dale Algood

Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Sheldon Thompson

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**Advance Notice: Dakota Sun Ministry for April 7**

Sunday School K-5, Christy Van Heerde, Ashton & Kacey Fey, Gene & Lois Kleinjan, Marge Runia, Logan & Ashley Triebwasser, Darrel & Melissa Jensen (If you are unable to go at your scheduled time please find someone to go in your place

**Cornerstone Prison Church** Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet Monday, April 1, 2024 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet begins at 6:30pm.  Save your spot by Sunday, March 24 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org/). A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to:
Cornerstone Prison Church c/o Dave Vande Kamp PO Box 88708 Sioux Falls, SD 57109