Morning Order of Worship – October 4, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Gathered

*Call to Worship: Psalm 35:1-3
*Prayer of Invocation (concluded with the Lord's Prayer)
*Votum:
People of God, in whose name is your help?
Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
*God's Greeting
*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" GPH #249 (1-4)

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18
Hymn "Christian, Do You Struggle" GPH #575 (1-3)
Assurance: Colossians 2:13-15
*Hymn "Refuge and Rock" LUYH #194 (1,4,5)

Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Nehemiah 4:1-23 (page 470)
Sermon: **"Fighting for the Kingdom"**

Response

Prayer of Application
*Hymn "I Set My Hope on Jesus" Sing! #616 (1-3)
Congregational Prayer
Offerings for Missions and Christian Education

Sending

*Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" GPH #522 (1-4)
*Benediction
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GPH #638
*Postlude

*If able, please stand

Minister of the Word: Rev. Stephen Terpstra
Organist: Maria Byker
Pianist: Anita Nykamp

Evening Order of Worship – October 4, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Gathered

*Call to Worship: Psalm 148:1-4, 13-14
*Silent Prayer of Invocation (concluded with organ)
*God's Greeting
*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" GPH #473 (1-3)

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:11-13
Numbers 21:4-9
Hymn "John 3:16 (God So Loved the World)" Sing! #361 (1-2)
Congregational Prayer
*Hymn
"As Moses Raised the Serpent Up" GPH #219 (1-4)

Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: John 3:1-21 (page 1055)
Sermon: **"New Birth, New Life, New Judgement"**

Response

Prayer of Application
*Hymn "Rock of Ages" BPH #388 (1-4)
Offerings for the General Fund

Sent

*Hymn "And Can It Be" GPH #267 (1,3,4)
*Benediction
*Doxology "To God Be the Glory" GPH #632
*Postlude

*If able, please stand

Minister of the Word: Rev. Stephen Terpstra
Organist: Maria Byker

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Welcome to worship today! We are glad you have chosen to worship God with us!

Nursery is available on the lower level of the church for child care. Refreshments are served after the morning worship service. Please stay and visit.

This Week

Today

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Catechism
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Monday, October 5

7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 p.m. All Things
8:00 p.m. Dust to Glory

Wednesday, October 7

4:00 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, October 8

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study

Sunday, October 11

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Offerings: Sioux City Gospel Mission, Christian Ed.
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Catechism
4:15 p.m. LIFE – Lesson 1 – "Jude - A Servant of Christ"
6:00 p.m. Worship Service
Offering: Unity Christian High School
7:30 p.m. Faith Fellowship – New members welcome!
Lunch: Sondra De Groot, Mary Obbink, Judy Van Kalsbeek

General Announcements

Memory Verse: All Sunday School students are encouraged to learn a scripture passage each month. The congregation is encouraged to join in! The verse for October is Psalm 119:11-13:

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth."

Thank You: Vi Kuiken has resigned from regularly playing organ for our worship services after 49 years of faithfully serving our church! We are so grateful for the many ways she has used her gifts to help lead us in worship over the years. Please stay after the service this morning as we take some time to thank Vi for her years of faithful service.

Chili Cookoff: Join us on October 21 for an evening of food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for those wanting to participate in the chili competition. We also would like to have others who plan to attend sign up so we can make sure we have enough food.

Serving in Ministry

	Today (10/4)	Next Sunday (10/11)
AM Refreshments	Ed & Marla Hoogland Gary & Anita Jeltema	Mark & Cindy Huizenga Arlin & Karen Klein
AM Nursery	Patty Timmermans Sarah Pluim Magdalena Helming	Audrey Schuller Anita Jeltema Carter Schuller
Children and Worship	*Off for Heartland Break*	Leader: Jenn Mills Helper: Sarah Pluim
PM Nursery	Jody De Jong Kaleb De Groot	Kristi Reinders Josie Nykamp
Greeters	SE-Mark & Gina Zylstra FHW-Nate & Christina Zuiderveen	SE-Orv & Joyce Bruxvoort FHW-Ken & Dawn Beukelman
Media	Shannon Schuller Drew Noteboom Greg De Groot Ryan Noteboom	Carson Noteboom Grant De Groot Gary Jeltema Jon Hellinga
Intentional Greeter	AM-Mark Zylstra PM-Ken Timmermans	AM-Nate Zuiderveen PM-Loren Dykstra

Family Visiting for October 12, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Stephen Terpstra and Brent Nykamp

Jim & Marilyn Goslinga, Nate & Christina Zuiderveen

Rev. Jordan Helming and Don Snieder

Heidi Griess, Henry & Joyce Dykstra

Rod De Groot and Mike Byker

Everly Visser, Carter & Lucy Van Hulzen

Gary Jeltema and Doug Schuller

Allison Timmermans, Warren & Ruth Dekkers

Advanced Notices:

October 21 – Chili Cookoff

October 25 – Combined Reformation Service at Calvary, 5:00 p.m.

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