Morning Order of Worship – August 16, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Welcome by Profession of Faith of Chadd, Cheryl, Lynneah, and Peter Caldwell

Gathered

*Call to Worship: Psalm 119:33-41
*Prayer of Invocation
*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
*Psalm 148 "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" GPH #188 (1-3)

Call to Confession: The 10 Commandments
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:21 - 5:1
Call to Holy Living: 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1
*Hymn "Speak, O Lord" LUYH #755 (1-3)

Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Genesis 19:30 - 21:34 (page 17)
Sermon: **"Can God Prevail?"**

Response

Prayer of Application
*Hymn "Standing on the Promises" CH #410 (1,2,4)
Congregational Prayer
Offerings for Hope Haven Wheelchair Ministries and Christian Ed.

Sending

*Hymn "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns" GPH #539 (1,2,4,5)
*Benediction
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GPH #638
*Postlude

*If able, please stand

Minister of the Word: Rev. Stephen Terpstra
Organist: Dawn Beukelman; Pianist: Ema McBrayer

Evening Order of Worship – August 16, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Gathered

*Call to Worship
*Silent Prayer of Invocation *(with organ response)*
*God's Greeting: Psalm 98:4-9
*Opening Hymn of Praise
"The Church's One Foundation" GPH #502 (1-4)

Responsive Reading of Psalm 126 (page 613)
Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" GPH #420 (1-3)
Congregational Prayer
*Hymn "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" GPH #280 (1-3)

Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Romans 8:18-25 (page 1122)
Sermon: **"Until Glory Comes"**

Response

Prayer of Application
*Hymn of Response "God of Every Grace" Sing! #149 (1-3)
Offerings for the Navigators Military
*Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Q&A 57-58

Sent

*Closing Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" GPH #555 (1-3)
*Benediction: Romans 15:13
*Doxology "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" GPH #501 (1,7)
*Postlude

*If able, please stand

Worship Leader: Mr. William Aranas
Organist: Kate Noteboom
Pianist: Christine Terpstra

Sunday, August 16, 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 – Rev. Stephen Terpstra
6:00 p.m. Worship Service – Mr. William Aranas

Monday, August 17

6:30 p.m. Elders' and Deacons' Meetings
7:40 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 p.m. All Things Get Together

Sunday, August 23

9:30 a.m. Worship Service – Rev. Stephen Terpstra
Offerings: Christian Schools International, Christian Education
6:00 p.m. Worship Service – Dr. Kyle Dieleman
Offering: One Body One Hope

General Announcements

Welcome: We welcome Chadd and Cheryl Caldwell and their children, Lynneah and Peter to First CRC! May God bless them and us as we worship, serve, and grow together in Christ.

Tonight: We welcome Mr. William Aranas as he leads us in worship this evening. William Aranas Jr. holds a Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) with a major in English. He teaches English 9, Foundations of Faith II, and Doctrine and Theology at Western Christian High School. He also attends Hope CRC, teaches Catechism to 9th and 10th graders, and recently passed the license to exhort in March 2026.

All Things: The final summer get together is at the Terpstras! (207 Kansas Ave NW) Come any time after 7:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair, bring a friend, and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Please Note: We are looking for someone who is willing to serve as a $7^{th}/8^{th}$ grade catechism teacher for the upcoming education year. This is a wonderful opportunity to help our young people grow in their knowledge of God and His Word. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Brent Nykamp.

Step into Scripture Facilitators Needed: We're looking for **five adults** to facilitate a Step into Scripture station once a month. No preparation is required—we provide all games, activities, and instructions. Your help gives our Sunday School teachers a well-deserved break from their weekly teaching responsibilities while giving you the opportunity to build relationships with our students. Please contact Ema McBrayer if you're interested.

Cadet Counselors needed: Our local cadet club is seeking men – young and old – to join our team of counselors. Our mission is to guide boys to become more Christlike in all areas of life. If you want to learn more or get signed up please reach out to Ryan Mulder.

Women's Bible Studies:

Women of all ages are invited to join us as we study the second half of Exodus, chapters 19-40, using Jen Wilkin's study guide, *God of Freedom*. Even if you did not participate in the first half of the study, you are welcome to join us! We will meet Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m., beginning September 10. Weekly homework is followed by group discussion and a video. Please sign up by Sunday, August 30.

On the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Mondays of the month beginning September 14 at 7:00 p.m., you are invited to join us as we study *Mama Bear Apologetics* by Hillary Morgan Ferrer. Whether you are married or single, have children or not, come learn how to recognize cultural lies and defend your faith with knowledge and Scripture.
We will read one chapter per meeting, then discuss what we've read in a relaxed atmosphere as we grow in love and knowledge of our great God. Please sign up by Sunday, August 30.

For questions on either of these studies, please contact Christine Terpstra.

Serving in Ministry

	Today (8/16)	Next Sunday (8/23)
AM Refreshments	Orv & Joyce Bruxvoort Mike & Maria Byker	Grant & Heidi De Groot Greg & Angela De Groot
AM Nursery	Jenn Mills Janna Van Donge Callie Van Schepen	Lindsey Van Schepen Shawndra Kuiken Dawson Kuiken
PM Nursery	Bethany Schuller Sophia Terpstra	Becky Visser Lindsey De Groot
Greeters	SE-Bert & Kristi Reinders FHW-Arlan & Marcia Scholten	SE-Ryan & Shanelle Raines FHW-Darrell & Cindy Schuller
Media	Carson Noteboom Lindsey De Groot Ryan Raines Ryan Noteboom	Phil Kuiken Tyce Van Donge LeRoy De Jager Mike Byker
Intentional Greeter	AM-Jeremy Mills PM-Mark Zylstra	AM-Ken Timmermans PM-Nate Zuiderveen

Advanced Notices:

August 24 – Facilities Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
September 9 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
September 10 – Discipleship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
September 13 – Sunday School & Catechism Classes begin
September 13 – All Church Potluck
September 16 – Classis Meeting at Immanuel CRC, Sheldon
September 16 – Service at the Pioneer Home by Care Unit 1 (Jeltema/Hoogland), 7:00 p.m.

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