

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**JANUARY 11, 2026**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship (from Revelation 5:9-13)

*"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"*

**"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"**

*"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain,*

**And with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."**

\* Opening Song: "Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He

Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He

Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color lashes of lightning rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory

And power be to You the only wise King

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything And I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power breath and living water

Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything And I will adore You

\*Opening Prayer

\*Song: "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #360*

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken. I'm accepted; you were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me because you died and rose again  
Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor you  
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I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me because you died and rose again  
Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor you  
In all I do I honor you  
You are my King You are my King  
Jesus, You are my King You are my King  
Amazing love, how can it be that you, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true;  
it's my joy to honor you In all I do I honor you  
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In all I do I honor you

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

*Dear Father, you are above all the craziness of this world, yet you hold it in your hand.*

**You care for this world, and all its inhabitants, even though so many reject you.**

*And you place us here to do the work of your kingdom - to restore what has been broken; to reflect your grace and goodness; and to turn hearts toward you.*

**Forgive us when we turn away from our calling, and from when we are conformed to this world rather than transformers of it. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

Word of Assurance (Psalm 103:13-17)

*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.*

*The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.*

*But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children.*

Song of Entrusting: "He Knows My Name"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #339*

I have a Maker, He formed my heart  
Before even time began, My life was in His hand  
He knows my name, He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call  
I have a Father, He calls me His own  
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go  
He knows my name, He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call  
He knows my name, He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophecy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then

teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Message: God, Improv, and the Art of Living - Transformers

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

Hear the call of the kingdom Lift your eyes to the King  
Let His song rise within you As a fragrant offering  
Of how God, rich in mercy Came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace  
King of heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow, bringing hope to the world, filled with passion  
Filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.  
Hear the call of the Kingdom  
To be children of light With the mercy of heaven  
The humility of Christ Walking justly before Him  
Loving all that is right That the light of Christ may shine through us  
King of heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow, bringing hope to the world, filled with passion  
Filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.  
Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost  
with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in him  
King of heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow, bringing hope to the world, filled with passion  
Filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Seek Ye First"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #899*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Derek Ten Pas, Maggie VanDyk, Alisabeth Copley

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### **Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates**

**Sunday School Classes** meet after fellowship time.

**Children and Worship** meets during the service, after the Children's Message.

**Young Adult Ministry** meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year. Contact Derek Ten Pas with questions.

**Breakfast Club** meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 am.

**UFO** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

**Women's Bible Study** meets on the first Monday of the month.

**Pub Theology** meets monthly on a Sunday at The Mucky Duck. Next meeting is Jan 25 at 7:00 pm

**Hymn Sing** meets monthly on a Sunday. Next meeting is Sunday, Jan 11 at 5:00 pm

**Next Council meeting** is Feb 11 at 6:30 pm

**Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Jan 29 at 7:00 pm

### **TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Special Offering on Jan 18 will be for Food at First**, an organization that serves the Ames community by providing a free meal program and a perishable food pantry. The garden on the church property and financial gifts are ways Trinity supports this ministry.

**Next Sunday, January 18**, Rev. Raak will be in Parkersburg on a classical preaching assignment. Rev. Tom Niehof will be leading us in a study of John 4, Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman. May God bless the preaching of His word.

**We invite the congregation and friends to a retirement/moving away party for Pastor Randy and Holly.** To thank them for their years of service and dedication to our church family, let's celebrate with a fun meal and fellowship on Saturday, January 24th at 5:00pm at the church. Pulled pork sandwiches, beans, cheesy potatoes and salad along with drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet for desserts on the counter in the fellowship hall. Questions-please direct to Rachel De Bruin or Kristy Kopaska

**The Education Committee is looking for some historical details about Sunday School.** This will help the committee plan programming for the Spring Semester. Take a few minutes to fill out a short questionnaire at <https://forms.gle/txq1KXLeNEQ6X4v57>

**Our Education Committee is preparing** for the next season of Sunday School—and **we could use your help!** We are currently looking for:

- An adult Sunday School teacher. You're welcome to continue the wonderful work Tom N. has been doing or bring a new study or format if you feel called.
- A high school class teacher.
- Someone to partner with Melody F. to split the middle school class.

If you've ever considered teaching, this is a great time to give it a try. We have materials available and would be happy to help you get started. It's not difficult, and it can be a meaningful way to serve and grow with our church family. Please take some time to pray about these opportunities. If you have questions or feel led to teach, we would love to talk with you. If you are interested or have additional questions, feel free to connect with Christopher 't Hoen via email [chris\\_thoen@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_thoen@yahoo.com) or phone 515-708-6407. Thank you for considering how you might be part of this ministry!

**The Annual Congregation Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, Jan 29 at 7:00 pm. We will also have updates from the following: the congregational conversations about strategic planning (3 focal points that consistently came up); the pastoral search committee; the council about preaching and pastoral care after Pastor Randy leaves; the various committees. The upcoming year will have its share of challenges, but the council has been working ahead to prepare for these. Together we have some good work to do for God's kingdom in 2026.

**Opening on the board for Ames Ecumenical Housing:** A replacement is needed to take the place of Holly Raak on the board. Could this be you? Contact Holly with for more details and to find out how to get connected.

**Thank you to everyone who purchased the poinsettias** that adorned our sanctuary during December! The plants are now ready to go home with you. If you have not yet grabbed yours, please do so today.

**Committee Chairs, please submit completed endowment request forms** by end of January. Thanks!

**There is a printout of** Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. The latest church directory is on the table as well. If you have changes or need to add info, please make notes on this sheet or send an email to [office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org).

**If your group or committee has an announcement**, please be sure to get an update to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays to be included in the announcements for the week. If you leave a written message in the office, please be sure to include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

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DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Joy is Better Than Happiness** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Joy is Better than Happiness" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover how choosing joy can make every day brighter, even when things don't go your way! Learn how God helps us find real joy that lasts longer than just being happy. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork: Grace is the Root, Our Works are the Fruit.** - If we are saved by grace, what is the purpose of our works? Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 2:1-10, Titus 2:11-14, Philippians 2:12-13, and Romans 6:1-4 to learn how the apostle Paul clarified the relationship between grace and works and gain a deeper understanding of how God's grace and our works cooperate in our faithful journey of growing in Christlikeness. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Resonate Global Mission

**Go Deeper in Faith Through a Trip with Resonate** - Come on a journey with Resonate Global Mission—starting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, through Guatemala, and ending in Costa Rica as we visit stops along the route of people on the move. Together we will learn from their faith, hear their stories and connect them to our own, and learn to better love our neighbors as ourselves. The trip is April 17-28, 2026 with an application deadline of January 31, 2026. Learn more and let us know you're interested at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/move](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/move)

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Galatians 3:28 reminds us of the profound unity we share as believers in Christ, regardless of our backgrounds or perceived differences. As members of God's diverse yet unified family, we are called to live into the vision proclaimed in this verse. This week, as we commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—a faithful advocate of this very vision—consider how you and your family or friends might actively embrace and embody this unity by building relationships with families of different racial and cultural backgrounds. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### Calvin University

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** - (April 3-13, 2026) Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

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### VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:	Copley
Nursery:	Mary and Sue
Sound:	Brian Sterenberg
Children's Message:	Lora Copley

## Congregational Prayer: Lora Copley

### **Greeters**

Jan 11 Copley  
Jan 18 Hobson  
Jan 25 Voss  
Feb 1 Hubert  
Feb 8 Hufford  
Feb 15 Friend

Feb 22 Hallihan  
Mar 1 Hertz  
Mar 8 Irvin  
Mar 15 Nancy Klemme  
Mar 22 Kleinwolterink  
Mar 29 Kopaska

### **Nursery**

Jan 11 Mary and Sue  
Jan 18 Lyndee and Elizabeth  
Jan 25 Rachel and Clayton  
Feb 1 Melody and Brianna  
Feb 8 Jessica and Alisabeth  
Feb 15 Donna and Kathryn  
Feb 22 Sue and Natalie

Mar 1 Mindy and Kristy  
Mar 8 Megan and Cassie  
Mar 15 Judy and Pam N  
Mar 22 Mary and Kenzie  
Mar 29 Lyndee and Sue

### **Children's Message**

Jan 11 Lora Copley  
Jan 18 Jeff Kopaska  
Jan 25 Stacy Hertz  
Feb 1 Christopher 't Hoen  
Feb 8 Rob Barnes  
Feb 15 Lora Copley

Feb 22 Laura Hufford  
Mar 1 Derek Ten Pas  
Mar 8 Rex De Bruin  
Mar 15 Jeff Kopaska  
Mar 22 Stacy Hertz  
Mar 29 Lora Copley

### **Congregational Prayer**

Jan 11 Lora Copley  
Jan 18 Melody Franje  
Jan 25 Randy Raak  
Feb 1 Paul Kleinwolterink  
Feb 8 Mark Voss  
Feb 15 Rex De Bruin  
Mar 25 Judy Oltman

Feb 22 Joel Copley  
Mar 1 Jeff Kopaska  
Mar 8 Tom Niehof  
Mar 15 Tom Kuyper  
Mar 22 Paul Kleinwolterink  
Mar 29 Mark Voss  
Mar 27 Colin Kuyper

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**Elders:** A-G = Paul Kleinwolterink; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Joel Copley; Z = Naomi Friend

**Deacons:** A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z = Donna Bergman

**Committee Chairs:** Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Christopher 't Hoen;

Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – ; Outreach and Enfoldings – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak