

## WORSHIP SERVICE

January 25, 2026

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Call to Worship (from Psalms 96 & 108)

*Sing a new song to the Lord. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.*

**Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!**

*For your unfailing love is higher than the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

**Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth.**

\*Opening Songs: "Sing to the King" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #474

Sing to the King who is coming to reign,  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,  
Life and salvation his empire shall bring and  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Come let us sing a song, a song declaring  
that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.  
Lift up a heart of praise.

Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

For his returning we watch and we pray;  
We will be ready the dawn of that day.  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'cause  
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Come let us sing a song, a song declaring  
that we belong to Jesus; he is all we need.  
Lift up a heart of praise.

Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

"Lord Most High"

*Lift Up Your Hearts* #593

From the ends of the earth, *From the ends of the earth,*  
From the depths of the sea, *From the depths of the sea,*  
From the heights of the heavens, *From the heights of the heavens,*  
Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak, *From the hearts of the weak,*  
From the shouts of the strong, *From the shouts of the strong,*  
From the lips of all people, *From the lips of all people,*  
This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages you will be crowned with praises,  
Lord Most High. Exalted in every nation, sovereign of all creation  
Lord Most High, be magnified be magnified.

#### \*Opening Prayer

\*Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"                    *Lift Up Your Hearts #537*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

#### WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

##### Prayer of Confession

*Dear Jesus, open our eyes to who you are. Your majesty and authority rise high above your creation.*

**Yet your boundless love and grace stoop down to carry us through our days and embrace us in our trials.**

*Forgive us when we disregard your words because they inconvenience us or don't fit our priorities.*

**Open our eyes to our neighbors, to see them as you do. Give us both your compassion and your wisdom to know best how to engage them as your people.**

*In your grace we stand, and in your hope and love we thrive, amen.*

Words of Assurance (from 2 Corinthians 4)

*For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.... So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

Song of Entrusting: "Shine On Us"

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.  
Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.  
That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night, let your light shine on us.  
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.  
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.  
That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night, let your grace fall on us.  
Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.  
Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.  
That we may be saved, that we may have life;  
to find our way in the darkest night, let your love come over us.  
let your light shine on us.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind', and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Message: Go and Do Likewise

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: “Take My Life and Let It Be” vs 1,2,3,5 *LUYH* #863

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song: “When We Walk with the Lord” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #327

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,  
and the joy he bestows are for them who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go - never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

## Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Elizabeth Hobson, Eli Hufford, Laura Hufford

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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, Feb 1 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 Feb 1 will be for World Renew**, which helps alleviate long-term poverty through integrated programs in health, agriculture, income-earning, literacy, and leadership development. Your prayers, involvement, and contributions make this work possible!

**Communion:** We look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning (Feb 1). All who are trusting in Christ and have made a public stand for him are encouraged to join.

**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. Questions? Contact Rachel De Bruin or Kristy Kopaska.

**The Annual Congregation Meeting will be 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.

**Thank you to everyone** who contributed to the staff appreciation gift this year! Your generosity and encouragement are a blessing to us.

**Committee Chairs & Ministry Leaders**, please submit your 2025 report to the office ([office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org)) by January 25 for inclusion in the materials for the congregational meeting on January 29.

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

**Mark your calendar** for the 2026 Family 2 Family Sale on March 28.

**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!

**If you or your group will be using the church building** for anything, please let Tina ([office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org)) know so we can keep an accurate facility-use calendar. Thank you!

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## DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Gentleness: It's Your Move** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Gentleness: It's Your Move," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover the secret power of gentleness—a strength that helps you stay kind, calm, and caring even when things get tough. Like carefully moving a Jenga® block, your gentle words and actions can help keep hearts standing strong! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Job Opening! ReFrame Advancement Director** - The ReFrame Advancement Director will give leadership to ReFrame Ministries' donor relations and communications teams by providing vision, strategic direction, and initiatives to advance the mission of the ministry. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Apply at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com)

**Celebrating 75 Years of Today** - For 75 years, *Today* has been part of the daily rhythms of faith for readers around the world, and we thank God for the ways these devotions continue to point people to Christ. ReFrame Ministries invites you to a special virtual Direct Connect on Thursday, January 29 at 1:00 pm EST as we celebrate this milestone, reflect on God's faithfulness, and look ahead to what God is still doing through *Today*. Register at [reframeministries.org/events](http://reframeministries.org/events). A recording will be shared with all who sign up.

**Groundwork: Saved by Grace Alone. Let Your Works Respond Accordingly.** - The apostle Paul wrote a lot about salvation and the Christian life. Study Galatians 2:19-21, Galatians 3:1-3, Galatians 5:13-25, Romans 8:1-4, and Colossians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to gain clarity from his teaching on how we walk in step with the Spirit and grow in Christlikeness while keeping grace and Christ's work on the cross at the center of salvation. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## Resonate Global Mission

**Young Adult Opportunity with Resonate** - Are you around 16-20 years old? Speak some Spanish? Interested in getting a taste of ministry in Central America? Join an unforgettable two-week journey with Resonate Global Mission—travel through Guatemala and El Salvador where you'll dive into real-life mission work, get to know Central American young people, experience God's love, and discover how God might be calling you to make a difference now and in the future. The trip is July 1-15, 2026 and the application deadline is February 28, 2026. Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter)

## Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - The faith practice of remembering provides a way to center our attention on what God has done in our lives as a reminder that God is with us here and now. As the month of January draws to a close, share your favorite memory from the past month or past year with your family members or friends, recognizing God's care and love for you in that moment. For more info on the faith practice of remembering, see [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/remembering](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/remembering). Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

## World Renew

**2026 Guatemala Discovery Tour** - World Renew invites you to experience Guatemala from the inside through the 2026 Discovery Tour, a learning journey alongside communities already leading change. Join us from March 14-22, 2026 to hear powerful stories of transformation and experience Guatemala's rich culture and hospitality. Come discover what God is doing in Guatemala! Registration closes January 31, 2026. For more information and to register, visit: [bit.ly/guatemala2026info](https://bit.ly/guatemala2026info)

**Position Opening: Safeguarding & Compliance Specialist** - This full-time, exempt role is part of the Operations Team and reports to the Director of Safeguarding and Accountability, supporting safeguarding policy implementation and accountability standards across North American programming. The position is open to applicants in the United States or Canada. If you're passionate about creating safe, transparent, and accountable environments, we invite you to learn more or apply by visiting our careers page. <https://world-renew.breezy.hr/>

## VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Voss  
Nursery: Melody & Clayton  
Sound: Rex De Bruin  
Children's Message: Stacy Hertz  
Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak

### **Greeters**

Jan 25	Voss	Mar 1	Hertz
Feb 1	Hubert	Mar 8	Irvin
Feb 8	Hufford	Mar 15	Nancy Klemme
Feb 15	Friend	Mar 22	Kleinwolterink
Feb 22	Hallihan	Mar 29	Kopaska

### **Sound Tech**

Jan 25	Rex De Bruin	Mar 1	Rex De Bruin
Feb 1	Bryan Van Belle	Mar 8	Bryan Van Belle
Feb 8	Rob Barnes	Mar 15	Rob Barnes
Feb 15	Brian Sterenberg	Mar 22	Brian Sterenberg
Feb 22	Tom Whitney	Mar 29	Tom Whitney

### **Nursery**

Jan 25	Melody and Clayton	Mar 1	Mindy and Kristy
Feb 1	Rachel and Brianna	Mar 8	Megan and Cassie
Feb 8	Jessica and Alisabeth	Mar 15	Judy and Pam N
Feb 15	Donna and Kathlyn	Mar 22	Mary and Kenzie
Feb 22	Sue and Natalie	Mar 29	Lyndee and Sue

### **Children's Message**

Jan 18	Rob Barnes	Feb 8	Jeff Kopaska
Jan 25	Stacy Hertz	Feb 15	Lora Copley
Feb 1	Christopher 't Hoen	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 18 Melody Franje  
Jan 25 Randy Raak  
Feb 1 Paul Kleinwolterink  
Feb 8 Mark Voss  
Feb 15 Rex De Bruin  
Feb 22 Joel Copley

Mar 1 Jeff Kopaska  
Mar 8 Tom Niehof  
Mar 15 Tom Kuyper  
Mar 22 Paul Kleinwolterink  
Mar 29 Mark Voss

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**Elders:** A-G = Paul Kleinwolterink; H-K = Melody Franje; L-S = Joel Copley; T-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 – Rex De Bruin; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Laura Hufford