

WORSHIP SERVICE

February 8, 2026

The Wind Blows Where It Will

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

*Call to Worship (Matthew 7:7,8)

Ask,

And it will be given to you.

Seek,

And you will find.

Knock,

And the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives,

The one who seeks finds,

And to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

*Opening Song: "To God Be the Glory" *Lift Up Your Hearts #604*

To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder,
our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

*Opening Prayer

*Song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lift Up Your Hearts #610

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.
Lord I lift your name on high!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for His People: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Response: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *LUYH* #730

I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus

God set the stars to give light to the world the star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all the night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path and show me the way to the Father

In Him there is no darkness at all the night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus
I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race We shall know the joy of Jesus
In Him there is no darkness at all the night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 3:23-3:17 (p 979 in pew Bible)

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have

spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Message: You Must Be Born Again

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: “As Moses Raised the Serpent Up” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #674

As Moses raised the serpent up, so must God’s Son be lifted high,
that whosoever will believe in him may live eternally.

For God so loved the world he made, he gave his own beloved Son;
all who believe in him will live not die, but live forevermore.

God did not send Christ to the world that he might then condemn us all,
but that the world by Christ’s own death might then be ransomed from the fall.

For God so loved the world he made, he gave his own beloved Son;
all who believe in him will live not die, but live forevermore.

*Prayer for Our World: “Prayer of St. Francis” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #860

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, **let me sow love.**

Where there is injury, **pardon.**

Where there is doubt, **faith.**

Where there is despair, **hope.**

Where there is darkness, **light.**

Where there is sadness, **joy.**

O divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, **as to console;**

to be understood, **as to understand;**

to be loved, **as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive.

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Blessing**

Closing Song: "In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified" *Lift Up Your Hearts #861

In our lives, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our lives,
Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In our homes,
Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your church,
Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord be glorified, be glorified; In your world,
Lord, be glorified today.

Postlude

***Please stand**

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska

Message: Rev Tom Niehof

Musicians: Elijah Goossen, Marlies 't Hoen, Mark Voss, Pam Voss

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 to get connected.

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

UFO meets on the 3rd 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 Feb 22 at 7:00 pm

Hymn Sing meets monthly on a Sunday. Next meeting is March 1 at 5:00 pm

Next Council meeting is Feb 11 at 6:30 pm

Next Search Committee Meeting is Feb 23 at 6:30 pm

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday we study together John chapter three, Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, who turns out to be one of the most interesting characters in the Gospel narrative.

This week's memory verse is John 3:17: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The special offering on Feb 15 will be for TCRC's Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund. Please consider giving to this fund as one of the ways in which we can support families and children of Trinity and as an action following from the promises we make at baptism to nurture the faith of the children of our congregation.

2026 Special Offering Schedule-printed copies of TCRC's 2026 Special Offering Schedule are available on the table outside the office. There is a PDF copy attached to the emailed announcements.

This week, we kick off this semester's **God's World - The Wonders of Science** series with our first presenter, Dr. Meredith 't Hoen! Dr. 't Hoen is a Clinical Associate Professor of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and a member of Trinity CRC. She will offer a fascinating look into her work at a veterinary teaching hospital (including ISU Vet Med Hospital) and share how Christian faith shapes her vocation, guiding her to see God's presence even in a broken world. Join us **this week during Sunday School time** for this engaging and inspiring conversation. Upcoming dates for additional science-related conversations will be announced.

Intergenerational Sunday School – February 15 Next week, Sunday School for all ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our second intergenerational session. Together, we'll explore **1 John 4** and reflect on the message from the worship service. Instead of regular Sunday school classes, everyone is invited to join this engaging, table-style discussion led by the Education Committee. With several helpful hands-on activities designed to encourage connection and participation, there will be something for all ages to enjoy. We look forward to sharing this meaningful time as we continue reflecting on God's Word together!

Trinity CRC's Annual Family 2 Family Sale will be on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Mark your calendar!

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.

Please keep food and drinks contained to the fellowship hall. This helps to keep our space neat and free of unwanted pests. Thank you!

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) know so we can keep an accurate facility-use calendar. Thank you!

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Kindness: Practice, Practice, Practice - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Kindness: Practice, Practice, Practice," at www.kidscorner.net. Kindness is something you can get better at by practicing a little every day, just like a sport or a talent. Even small choices—like sharing, helping, or speaking gently—can make a big difference and inspire others to be kind too. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner Valentine's Day Cards.

We're hiring! 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, Ontario, or Grand Rapids, Michigan. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Groundwork: What it Means to Forgive and Why it Matters - We're human in a sin-filled world; brokenness and grievances will happen. God calls us to forgive. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:12-13, Matthew 18:21-35, Romans 12:17-21, and Psalm 13:1-2 to learn how our ability to forgive others grows out of God's forgiveness, what forgiveness looks like in everyday life, and what to do when it's not easy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As you prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day this week, spend some time learning about Saint Valentine and his ministry to persecuted Christians. Explore why Valentine's Day was first celebrated, and spend time as a family, with your friends, or on your own, praying for persecuted Christians around the world. If you know missionaries serving in areas where Christians are persecuted, consider making and sending cards to encourage them in their ministry. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

The Banner

We're Hiring! Editor in Chief of The Banner - Do you love and consider yourself in touch with members of the Christian Reformed Church? Are you a discerning and effective communicator interested in highlighting the many good things happening in our denomination but also willing to help readers find their way through the challenging issues? Then please consider joining our staff of professional journalists by applying for the editor-in-chief of The Banner! The application process requires an editorial-length sample of your writing that would resonate with The Banner's audience. The editor-in-chief will be responsible for the content of The Banner, particularly for theological review, denominational relevance, and reader service to fulfill the magazine's mandate as determined by synod. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

World Renew

DRS Sunday is Next Week - The damage from a tornado, flood, wildfire, or hurricane is overwhelming for families and communities—but you can help. Join us next week for World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) Sunday. Together with your prayers, volunteer

hours, and financial support, we can continue to help disaster survivors across North America rebuild their lives and move forward with hope. Visit worldrenew.net/drs to give or to learn more.

Calvin University

Calvin University 150th Anniversary - Upcoming events include the 150th Winter Celebration Week on campus, with festivities throughout the week (February 12-21, 2026); Calvin on the Road events, bringing the celebration to areas in the Southwest, West Coast, East Coast, and Northwest; an Anniversary Worship Celebration on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Calvin University Covenant Fine Arts Center (or via livestream) for community worship; and the 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest – Congratulations to Larry Visser ('89), for writing the 150th Anniversary commemorative hymn, "O God Beyond All Knowing". Check out calvin.edu/150 to learn more about upcoming events.

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Hufford
Nursery: Jessica and Alisabeth
Sound: Rob Barnes
Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska
Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

Greeters

Feb 8	Hufford	Mar 22	Kleinwolterink
Feb 15	Friend	Mar 29	Kopaska
Feb 22	Hallihan	Apr 5	Niehof
Mar 1	Hertz	Apr 12	Niemeyer
Mar 8	Irvin	Apr 19	Nikkel
Mar 15	Nancy Klemme	Apr 26	Oltman

Nursery

Feb 8	Jessica and Alisabeth	Mar 22	Mary and Kenzie
Feb 15	Donna and Kathlyn	Mar 29	Lyndee and Sue
Feb 22	Sue and Natalie	Apr 5	Rachel and Elizabeth
Mar 1	Mindy and Kristy	Apr 12	Melody and Clayton
Mar 8	Megan and Cassie	Apr 19	Jessica and Brianna
Mar 15	Judy and Pam N	Apr 26	Donna and Alisabeth

Sound Tech

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

Children's Message

Feb 8	Jeff Kopaska	Feb 15	Lora Copley
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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
Apr 5 Laura Hufford
Apr 12 Christopher 't Hoen
Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska
Apr 26 Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

Feb 8 Paul Kleinwolterink
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
Apr 5 Rex De Bruin
Apr 12 Joel Copley
Apr 19 Jeff Kopaska
Apr 26 Tom Niehof

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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