WORSHIP SERVICE
November 15, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
*God's Greeting
*We Greet One Another
*Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7)

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Opening Song: "Shout to the Lord" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #603

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands:
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*Opening Prayer
*Song: "Lord God Almighty" *Sing! a New Creation* #9

Lord God Almighty, Savior, Redeemer,
only true God to be worshiped and praised:
How can we tell you how much we love you?
Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

You are mine, by name I have called you.
When you walk through the waters,
I will be there with you.
You are my witnesses, created for my glory.
Tell the nations I am the Savior. Tell them I am the Lord."

Lord God Almighty, Savior, Redeemer,
only true God to be worshiped and praised:
How can we tell you how much we love you?
Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.

Shout for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth!
Into joyful shouting let the mountains break forth!
For the Lord will comfort his people,
Show compassion to those afflicted.
He will not leave to shame those who trust in his Word.

Father, we praise you; Jesus, we love you;
Spirit, we thank you for the gifts of new life.
How can we tell you how much we love you?
Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshipped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and with one another. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Titus 3:4-7)

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Song of Entrusting: “Not What My Hands Have Done” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #624

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours, no other blood will do;
no strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:14-17, 37-39

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, *“Abba,* Father.” **16** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. **17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Message: “I Am Not Alone”

Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #1:

Q. *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #348

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Blessing

*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #946

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Postlude

*Please stand

Children's Message: Jeff Kopaska
Message: Rev. Jerry Worrel
Musicians: Andrew Friend, Rex De Bruin, Amelia 't Hoen

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SMALL GROUP, AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **By the Fire, In the Word** meets on Sundays at 8:15 am in the fellowship hall for scripture reading and discussion. All are welcome! Contact Joel Copley for details.
- **Children and Worship** (age 3–2nd grade) meets during the service, after the children's message.
- **Sunday School Classes** for all ages meet weekly at 10:50 am.
- **Areopagus** meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm for scripture reading and a meal in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Roots Youth Group** (grades 6-12) meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm.

- **Pub Theology** meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is Nov 29 at 7:00 pm.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets monthly on Monday mornings at the Ames Sixty Forward Center; next meeting is Dec 7 at 9:00 am. See Pam Voss for details.
- **Breakfast Club** meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 am.
  Contact Mary Kuyper for details.
- **Young Adult Ministry** meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year.
  Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.
- **Intergenerational Sunday School and Potluck Lunch** on Sunday, November 22.
- **Regular Council Meeting**: December 9 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, we welcome Rev. Jerry Worrel with a message titled "I Am Not Alone," from Romans 8:14–17, 37–39. In these verses, Paul speaks of our relationship with God as His children and reminds us that nothing can separate us from His love in Christ.

The special offering next week is for Tyler and Christina Helfers at Stellenbosch International Fellowship (SIF) where Tyler serves as pastor to an international church in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The church exists to be a global family in Christ, serving students, migrant workers, and refugees from around the world. Please consider a gift in support of Tyler and Christina's work to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel, and to disciple Christians to be witnesses to Christ and the Kingdom in all areas of life.

Peter Fish have been distributed. Please help the children of Trinity collect change for the World Renew World Hunger Campaign: Fish for Change. Please return the filled Peter Fish by November 22nd (next week ☺).

Adult Sunday School will meet this Sunday (Nov. 15) to discuss the Gospel of Mark, chapter 14. We meet in Room 8/9 at 10:50 a.m. Rev. Tom Niehof will lead this class. All are welcome.

Intergenerational Sunday School—November 22. Sunday School for all ages will meet in the Fellowship Hall next week for an engaging, table-style discussion with hands-on activities for everyone. Come connect with one another as we continue exploring God's Word together and stay for the potluck lunch afterward!

Potluck Lunch on November 22. Following our Sunday School time, we will continue to fellowship together over a potluck lunch. Please bring something to share, based on your last name: A-H bring salads; I-S bring a main dish; T-Z bring desserts.

There will not be Sunday School on Nov 29 for Thanksgiving break. Adult and youth classes will resume on December 6.

Pastors Tom, Lora, and Dan extend their sincere thanks for the generous Pastor Appreciation gifts and the many expressions of kindness and encouragement. They feel blessed to be part

of this congregation and are grateful for the care, support, and generosity shown to them and their families.

A note from Carl Ploegstra: I wish to thank everyone who came to move my belongings to my new apartment. I truly appreciate the sacrifice in time and effort all of you made to help me. Thank you very much, Carl.

It's that time of the year again! Help us celebrate the Advent/Holiday season with a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary. The cost is $12 for a 6.5" potted poinsettia. To donate a plant, please sign up on the list on the table by the church office beginning this Sunday. Please pay for your plant at time of order with a check to TCRC and place in the collection basket with "poinsettia" noted the memo line, or place cash in an envelope with your name and "poinsettia" noted on the envelope. (Flowers cannot be paid for online.) Last day to order is Sunday Nov 22. Poinsettia may be taken home after the Dec 27 service. Questions? Contact: Pam Voss.

UFO is a group that works on their UnFinished Objects–quilting, knitting, mending, organizing recipes, preparing class work, relaxing, etc). We have devotions, prayer, and refreshments. UFO meets 6:30 - 8:30ish on the 3rd Monday of the month. Persons can host, share devotions, or bring refreshments if they wish. You are invited to join us and/or ask questions about UFO! NOTE: UFO will take a break from meeting Nov - Feb so meet with us in March 2027! See you then! Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

Dear TCRC Congregation: We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the support, prayers, generosity, and love you have shown us throughout this time. Our prayers are that God's abundant blessings, grace, and peace will overflow in your church and in the lives of every member of your congregation. May God richly bless you all. – SJ's wife and son, Young and Joshua Kim

Are you connected? Stay up to date with what's happening at Trinity through our church email list and printed directory. From church news and upcoming events to helpful reminders, these are easy ways to stay in the loop and stay connected with one another. If you'd like to be included or update your contact information, please reach out to the church office (office@amestrinity.org).

Please submit announcements 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 include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>ReFrame Ministries</u>

Kids Corner Devotions: What Does It Mean to be Holy? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "What Does It Mean to be Holy?" at www.kidscorner.net. This week, we talk about how

holiness is God's amazing gift to help us shine God's light wherever we go. We don't have to be perfect to be holy. We just have to keep trying, loving, and trusting God. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Prayer and Human Need - Jesus teaches and invites us to pray about our needs, to ask God for healing, protection, or provision. But what happens when an answer doesn't come? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 6:5-8; Matthew 7:7-12; Mark 11:22-25; 2 Kings 19:14-16, 19; and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 to explore what Scripture teaches about praying for our human needs and why we can approach God with honesty, confidence, and trust. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The Faith5 framework is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Try this practice with your family, spouse, or roommates this week. Check out Faith5.org for more. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Chaplaincy Sunday - November 22 - Churches throughout the CRCNA take time to pray for, support, and encourage the frontline work of chaplains today. Thrive's work with chaplains involves professional endorsement, training, and providing care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings. Learn more about Thrive and their work with chaplains at: crcna.org/Chaplaincy

World Renew

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Launch - You are invited to join World Renew for the launch of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. This global virtual gathering will take place on Tuesday, November 24 at 9:00 AM EST. World Renew's 2026 theme, "Courageous Faith! Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, and End Impunity" calls us to stand with others around the world working to end gender-based violence. Through prayer, Scripture, stories from around the world, and practical actions, we will explore how courageous faith can help us build communities where all people can flourish in dignity. Please register to attend this event: worldrenew.net/events

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VOLUNTEERS

Sound:	Bryan Van Belle
Greeter:	Oltman
Nursery:	Jessica and Brianna
Children's Message:	Jeff Kopaska

Congregational Prayer: Joel Copley

Sound Tech

Nov 15	Bryan Van Belle	Dec 13	Bryan Van Belle
Nov 22	Tom Whitney	Dec 20	Rex De Bruin
Nov 29	Rex De Bruin	Dec 24*	Tom Whitney
Dec 6	Brian Sterenberg	Dec 27	Brian Sterenberg

Greeters

Nov 15	Oltman	Dec 27	VanDyk
Nov 22	Saldaña	Jan 3	Verkade
Nov 29	Sanders/Bassham	Jan 10	Voss
Dec 6	Sterenberg	Jan 17	Whitney
Dec 13	‘t Hoen	Jan 24	Yoder
Dec 20	Ten Pas	Jan 31	Barnes

Nursery

Nov 15	Jessica and Brianna	Dec 27	Sue and Mary
Nov 22	Donna and Natalie	Jan 3	Rachel and Pam
Nov 29	Sue and Kathlyn	Jan 10	Jessica and Kenzie
Dec 6	Mindy and Alisabeth	Jan 17	Melody and Elizabeth
Dec 13	Megan and Kristy	Jan 24	Donna and Brianna
Dec 20	Lyndee and Cassie	Jan 31	Sue and Natalie

Children’s Message

Nov 15	Jeff Kopaska	Dec 27	Jeff Kopaska
Nov 22	Christopher ‘t Hoen	Jan 3	Christopher ‘t Hoen
Nov 29	Rex De Bruin	Jan 10	Rex De Bruin
Dec 6	Derek Ten Pas	Jan 17	Derek Ten Pas
Dec 13	Lora Copley	Jan 24	Lora Copley
Dec 20	Laura Hufford	Jan 31	Laura Hufford

Congregational Prayer

Nov 15	Joel Copley	Dec 27	Jeff Kopaska
Nov 22	Lora Copley	Jan 3	Joel Copley
Nov 29	Paul Kleinwolterink	Jan 10	Melody Franje
Dec 6	Mark Voss	Jan 17	Lora Copley
Dec 13	Rex De Bruin	Jan 24	Paul Kleinwolterink
Dec 20	Tom Niehof	Jan 31	Mark Voss

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L-S = Mark Irvin; T-Z = Brian Sterenberg

Deacons: A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Mindy Nikkel;
L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z = Laura Hufford

Committee Chairs: Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Christopher ‘t Hoen; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Outreach and Enfolding – Mindy Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford