First Reformed Church September 14, 2025 9:30 AM

Prelude Welcome Announcements Call to Worship *Greetings

*Song "Who You Say I Am"

*Song "What a Beautiful Name" Children's Message: Niki Netten

Baptism: Swayzie Sue Van Middendorp

Congregational Prayer Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11 *Comfort for God's People*

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

The Word of God Stands Forever

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever

The Greatness of God

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young.

Heidelburg Catechism Q & A Lord's Day 1

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

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Message: "Looking for Comfort"

Prayer

*Song "Jesus Messiah"

*Benediction

*Postlude



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee, cookies & juice in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Calendar of the Day:

9:30 AM Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.
10:40 AM Catechism & Sunday School

Serving Today:

Music: Praise Team

Sound: Bouwman family

Nursery: Gary & Donna Miller

Coffee Servers: Bev & Jenna Vande Vegte

Offering: Church Ministry Fund Family Crisis Center

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Sept. 15: Bernie Rhods (82) Sept. 16: Sandi Ver Steeg (85)

Sept.17: Marlan & Bonnie Hoogendoorn (42)

Sept. 18: Hunter Van Beek Sept. 20: Marcia Landegent

Bernie & Fran Rhods (62)

Sept. 21: Linda Wissink

Paul Groeneweg Brittany Wiebe Matt Vande Kamp

Prayers & Praises:

Dominic Olvera from RVHS who was involved in a car accident. He is in ICU in Sioux Falls.

The family of *Axel De Santos* from RVHS who was tragically killed in the car accident.

For the students and staff at RVHS.

The consistory is looking for more people/families to take a turn running the sound system. If this is something you would like to do, please talk to Kevin Bouwman or Marlan Hoogendoorn.

Next Week:

Monday September 15:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Tuesday, September 16:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Wednesday, September 17:

6:00 PM Awana Meal - Pancakes 6:30 PM Awana – Theme: Nerd

JAM

7:30 PM CLASS

Thursday, September 18:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Sunday, September 21:

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.

Sound: Jerry & Kevin

Pianist: Madelyn Vander Heul

Music: Kids of the Kingdom *Practice at 9am* **Children's Message:** Bobbi Jo Van Kekerix

Nursery: Brian & Kris Vande Hoef

Coffee: Rod & Lil Netten

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

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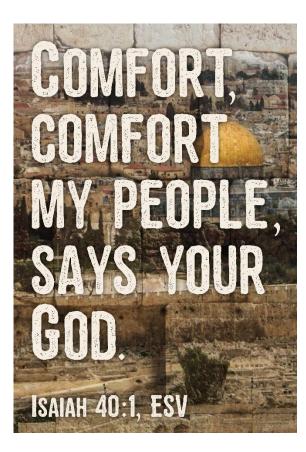
Online offering: https://www.rvfrc.org/give/

Our $\boldsymbol{mission}$ is accepting God's love, growing in the

Word and Spirit, serving others.

Accepting...Growing...Serving

Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and serve all people.



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