

**“How good it is to sing praises to our God!” (Ps. 147:1)
Welcome to worship, as we join our voices in song.**

Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 12:1-13 (p.1514)

Message: *Eliminating Legalism*

Bethany Home & Beth Haven: Serving at Bethany Home this morning is Elder Art Van Ginkel and accompanist Geri Hekman. At Beth Haven this evening is Elder Tim Bloemhof.

All children ages 3 years old to 2nd grade are welcome to join the Children in Worship service downstairs in the basement during the morning worship service. Today the story is “*Choosing the Twelve Disciples*”.

Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

Scripture Lesson Acts 12 (p.1712)

Teaching: *Unrecognized Answers to Prayer*

Tonight Pastor Lloyd concludes the first half of our study of Acts. We see in this chapter how God works in some very unexpected ways. He answers prayer—always, even when our faith is small.

Announcements

Birthdays this week: 2/5 Clara Schoolland, Pastor Lloyd Wicker 2/8 Janean Heyboer 2/10 Ruben Carrasquel 2/11 Kim McMurray 2/12 Joie Darretta, Ethan McMurray

Thank you for the prayers and support shown to our family. Harry and Rhea Terpstra

Volunteers: Next week you will have the opportunity to volunteer for the many ministries we have at AVCRC. Look for the table in the narthex and you will find signup sheets for all the great opportunities to be involved in.

Prayer Conference: There is a prayer conference at 1st CRC Ripon on Feb. 11 (see Mailbox Messages "Encounter" for details). The Prayer Committee has tickets available that are already purchased. Please contact Randy Eskes if you would like to go.

Food Drive, February 5 & 12! Let's help Interfaith Ministries restock their shelves. You have opportunity to bring your food today and next week. They are looking for peanut butter, rice, flour, sugar, canned fruit, canned tomato products, canned beans/Chili, canned fish/meats, cereal. Please no green beans or corn, they have plenty.

Modesto Pregnancy Center is looking for an AVCRC liaison. This would include keeping Almond Valley informed with what services they offer. Churches are an important part of their ministry and they need your help. Please contact Delores Wolterstorff, 550-5923, if you are interested in helping.

Zumbatomic is Zumba for kids! Kids enjoy dancing to high energy songs, learning different dance techniques, getting some great exercise,

gaining leadership skills, all while having fun with other kids.

Zumbatomic is for all preschool and elementary aged kids, usually 4-8 year olds like it best! Classes begin here at Almond Valley February 15 and will continue each Wednesday until Easter. 4-4:30pm.

Sacred Dance is a dance ministry that will follow Zumbatomic, 4:30-5pm and is open to all preschool and elementary kids as well. We will be learning that we can worship God in many ways, including dance, and will be working on a song to participate in the Easter worship service.

Invite a friend or neighbor to these fun opportunities! Anyone interested in helping out? We could use a few helpers, you don't have to dance, just love kids! Contact Brooke Boersma for more information:

brookeboersma@gmail.com, 209-624-0851.

This Week at Almond Valley

Sunday, February 5

9:30am **Morning Worship** – Rev. Martin Sisneroz

10:45am **Sunday School (K-8)**

10:45am **R in AVCRC Class**

11:00am **Catechism (9-12)**

6:00pm **Evening Worship** – Rev. Lloyd Wicker

Monday, February 6 – Office Closed

6:00pm **GEMS:** Father/Daughter Dinner, Devotions: 6th gr.

Tuesday, February 7

7:00pm **Impact:** Meet at church

Wednesday, February 8

9:00am **WWW**

7:00pm **Group 116**

Thursday, February 9

6:00am **6AM Ladies Bible Study:** Coffee: Lori and Sharon

Friday, February 10

4:00pm **Group 116 Retreat:** Bring \$\$ for dinner on the way up, snacks/drinks to share. Those leaving later need to have their stuff at church by 4pm.

Saturday, February 11

5:00pm **Cadet Pinewood Derby/Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** at Ripon Christian, race starts at 6:30.

Sunday, February 12

9:30am **Morning Worship**

10:45am **Beth Haven B & C**

10:45am **Sunday School (K-8)**

11:00am **Catechism (9-12)**

6:00pm **Evening Worship**

Opportunities for Service		2/5/12	2/12/12
Greeters			Dave & Judy Kamper, Jerry & Jo Terpsma
Ushers	AM	Lloyd Van Dyken, Fred Bunnell, Rich Vanden Akker	Lloyd Van Dyken, Fred Bunnell, Rich Vanden Akker
	PM	Rich Vanden Akker	Rich Vanden Akker
Security	PM	Bill Butterman	Craig Kootstra
Cookies	AM	Thelma Van Otterloo, Sharon Van Zwaluwenburg, Karen Viss, Jane Viss, Sue Visser, Heather Visser	Heidi Wicker, Jalyn Winters, Margie Winters, Stacy Yonker, Cherie Andriese, Doris Anema
Coffee Servers		Rena Goslinga, Loretta Van Ginkel	Loretta Van Ginkel, Katherine Fernandes
Nursery	AM - Infants	Tanya Andriese, Helene De Boer	Shelly Koolhaas, Kelly Tenente
	AM - Toddlers	Doris Anema, Sarah Vanden Akker, Danny Vander Molen	Kim McMurray, Christa Bishop, Jon Vander Molen
	PM	Irene Bishop, Karen Viss	Ericka Hoekstra, Sandy Hekman
Elders	Doors	Brent Hekman, Tim Bloemhof, Jim Van Otterloo	Tim Bloemhof, Jim Van Otterloo, Dave Kamper
	Narthex	Dave Kamper, Cliff Schoolland, Jerry Segaar	Cliff Schoolland, Jerry Segaar, Randy Eskes
	Bethany Home	Art Van Ginkel	
	Beth Haven	Tim Bloemhof	
Children & Worship	Leaders	Amanda Schoolland, Clint Bishop	Ashley Schuller, Bev Maliepaard
	Greeters	Taylor Anema, Ashley Bloemhof, Adela Bulthuis, Kaylin Groen	Courtney Bloemhof, Marcos Bulthuis, Dominic Darretta, McKenna Moret
	Song Leader	Greg Schoolland	Ashley Schuller
Sound		Nathan Hekman	Rod Mora
Video		Jon Vander Molen	Jordan Goslinga
Projection		Heather Visser	Anne Hekman
Bethany Home		Geri Hekman	
Organ	AM		Geri Hekman*
Piano	AM	Tammy Oosterkamp*	Tammy Oosterkamp
Keyboard	AM	Becky Rhoda	Jamie Eskes
Piano/Organ	PM	Geri Hekman	Vivian Roorda
Other Musicians	AM	Matt Frailey, Justin Mora, Joe Darretta	Bill Butterman, Rod Mora, Jack Andriese
Praise Team	AM	Heidi Wicker, Ashley Schuller, Braden Schuller, Joie Darretta	Tim & Connie Bloemhof, Scott Viss, Teresa Vander Veen

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening of Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

The Solid Rock (#30 MFW)

Your Grace is Enough (Screen)

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God.

You wrestle with the sinner's heart.

You lead us by still waters into mercy,

And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, Remember Your children,

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Chorus

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me. (*Repeat*)

Great is Your love and justice, God.

You use the weak to lead the strong.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation,

And all Your people sing along. (*Chorus*)

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.

Your grace is enough for me.

God, I see Your grace is enough;

I'm covered in Your love.

Your grace is enough for me,

For me.

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The Potter's Hand (#40 MFW)

Nothing But the Blood (Anika & Pastor Lloyd Wicker)

Dismiss Children in Worship

Offering: RCTR (Next Week: General Fund)

Prayer of Confession

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Closing of Worship

Grace Alone (Screen)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,

Every difference we will make is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,

Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

(Chorus) Grace alone which God supplies,

Strength unknown He will provide.

Christ in us, our Cornerstone,

We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,

Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,

Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. (Chorus)

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Almond Valley Mailbox Messages February 5, 2012

DEACONS UPDATE

Vehicle: Ruben and Jennifer Carrasquel have been working with YWAM Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Their ministry entails leading mission trips into the Amazon and developing mercy ministries. One of their greatest needs for this ministry is to purchase a reliable vehicle to transport people and supplies for these trips. If anyone would like to give to this cause, please earmark your donations to: Ruben & Jennifer Carrasquel Car Fund, Almond Valley CRC. Thank you. The Deacons

GENERAL MESSAGES

Golden Bear Cadet Council Pinewood Races and Spaghetti Dinner. Saturday, February 11th at Ripon Christian High School. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Student Center, racing starts at 6:30 in the Gym. Come join us for an evening of good food and good racing. Ripon Christian is located @ 435 N. Maple Avenue, Ripon CA 95366. Dinner cost is by donation, all excess monies raised by the Golden Bear Council go to help defray travel expenses for Cadets and Counselors attending the International Camporee.

“Forgiven and Set Free”, a Bible Study for women who are experiencing post-traumatic stress symptoms due to a past abortion, will begin in March at the Modesto Pregnancy Center. This study is free and confidential. For information call 526-1734 and ask for Rose.

“An Encounter” Prayer Seminar by Dr. Terry Teykl – Don’t miss out on this opportunity to be energized and equipped to pray more powerfully and effectively, making a difference in your church, your life and in the lives of those who are yet to find faith in Jesus. Hosted by First CRC, the conference will be held this Saturday, Feb. 11. Registration opens at 8:30am, conference is 9am-2:30pm and includes lunch. Cost is \$25.00 at the door. Important: If you have not registered, please be sure to call the church office – 599-3225 – to make your lunch reservation so that we can plan accordingly. Expect a day of retreat, renewal, fun and refreshment!

PRISON CHURCH’S ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY: The pastor of New Life Prison Church joins the program on that ministry’s one-year anniversary. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection*—a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

RIPON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Cinderella: Announcing the upcoming fourth and fifth grade performance of Roger’s & Hammerstein’s musical Cinderella! Our evening performance is on Friday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. A freewill offering will be taken to help defray expenses. Please come and enjoy the evening.

Ripon Christian School is starting to plan for the 2012-2013 school year and would like to *pre-register any new families* with children starting kindergarten through 12th grade next fall. You will find an admission application and pastoral recommendation on the information table in your church, or you may get one from the elementary office. Once we receive your application and completed pastoral recommendation, the admissions office will send you additional paperwork to complete. Kindergarten Beginner’s Day (an opportunity for your child to get the “feel” of school) is being scheduled for *April 19 and 20*. Should you have any questions, please contact Pam in the elementary office at 599-2155, ext. 205.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH ALIVE NEWS - Sign up for Faith Alive News and get free email updates from Faith Alive Christian Resources about ministry tools that can help you as you live and serve. If you sign up by February 9 you’ll be entered to win a Kindle Fire and other Faith Alive product! Sign up today at FaithAliveResources.org/FANews or [Facebook.com/FaithAlive](https://www.facebook.com/FaithAlive) - or call us at 1-800-333-8300.

The Network - Your Ministry Connection - Feb. 8: The Network is an online destination where you can connect with other CRC members who serve in their local churches. The Network is built on the idea that often the best help comes from people who are doing similar work and have struggled with similar questions. Discover all the resources and connections The Network has to offer; presented by Jonathan Wilson the Community and Content Manager for The Network. Register at www.crcna.org/webinars.

HOPE EQUALS - Summer Hope Equals Team to Israel and the West Bank: Join a team of young adults from June 11 to July 13 to learn about peace and reconciliation in Israel and the West Bank. Contact Mariano Avila at mavila@crcna.org for more details.

GROUNDWORK - How to read the Hard Stories: If you are a long-time Christian, the Bible may be very familiar and comforting to you. Perhaps it’s so familiar that it no longer surprises you. But the Bible ought to startle us—even shock

Almond Valley CRC Evening Worship
February 5, 2012

Opening of Worship

We Gather Together (#27 MFW)

Nicene Creed

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (#501: 1,2,7)

Offering RCTR

Share and Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Focus: Acts 12 (p. 1712)

Parting Blessing

Closing Song

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (#170:1,4,6)

Leading in Worship: Rev. Lloyd Wicker
Accompanist: Geri Hekman

and upset us. Join the Feb. 12 Groundwork conversation on 2 Peter 3:15-18 and you'll see what we mean. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Lucky Lizards: Liz just found \$500.00 in the park, and he can't wait to spend it! Check out what Liz decides to do with the money on this week's Kids Corner. Visit www.kidscorner.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

THE SUMMER ACADEMY AT CALVIN - It's never too early to start exploring college! Calvin College offers the opportunities for current high school students to experience college life firsthand AND earn college credit through Calvin's Summer Academy. Students live on campus, take a college course, meet new friends, gain college readiness skills, and will even earn a grant toward Calvin tuition. For more information, and to apply, go to www.calvin.edu/go/summeracademy. Apply by March 15 to be considered for this selective program!

CRWRC Name Change Discussion - For 50 years, CRWRC has been responding on your behalf to situations of poverty, disaster, and injustice around the world. Thank you for your devoted support. As we look forward to the future, CRWRC is considering changing its name to better communicate who we are and what we do. This is not something that we undertake lightly. We want to make sure our new name continues to reflect you and the ministry you want to do through us. To weigh in on the proposed new name, logo, tagline, and color options, please visit www.crwrc.org/proposedname. If you would prefer to talk to someone over the phone, please call 1-800-730-3490 (Canada) or 1-800-552-7972 (US).