Bulletin for Sunday, November 22, 2026

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Sermon:** Thanksgiving Praise—Join the Joyous Song
- **Scripture:** Psalm 98
- **Guest Pastor:** Rev Scott VanVoorst, pastor of Cornerstone Prison Church in Sioux Falls, will open God's Word.
- **Our first offering each Sunday** is for the **General Fund. Our second offering** today will be for **Katelyn's Fund**. Katelyn's Fund supports vulnerable children and families through its ministry, including adoption grants that help families with the financial costs of adoption.
- **Offerings for the remainer of November**:
  - **November 25/ Thanksgiving Eve:** Special offering*
  - **November 29**: Christian Education
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00pm at the Intermediate School gym. Dave Mulder will give the message. Please note, a nursery will not be provided.

***Thanksgiving Offering:**

During our Thanksgiving service, we will receive an offering to support organizations and ministries connected to Bridge of Hope. While we will not be providing a matching donation this year, we invite you to prayerfully consider giving to one or more of the following ministries close to Bridge of Hope that serve others and share Christ's love.

- **Katelyn's Fund:** Supports vulnerable children and families through its ministry, including adoption grants that help families with the financial costs of adoption. Katelyn's Fund helps make adoption more accessible while supporting the needs of children and families.
- **Royal Family KIDS Camp:** Provides a safe, fun, and encouraging camp experience for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or difficult family circumstances. The camp helps children build confidence, develop healthy relationships, and experience love and hope.
- **ATLAS of Sioux Center:** A Christ-centered ministry that walks alongside individuals and families facing life challenges. ATLAS provides personal development and practical support while helping meet emotional, physical, and spiritual needs in our community.
- **Bridge of Hope Youth Group:** Gifts will help fund future youth group trips and support organizations and causes that are important to our youth. This provides opportunities for our students to grow in faith, serve others, and put their faith into action.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** A Christ-centered recovery program that helps individuals find freedom from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Through biblical principles, worship, fellowship, and small groups, Celebrate Recovery provides a supportive environment for people seeking healing and lasting change.

Giving Instructions: If you would like to designate your gift to a specific organization, please write the organization's name in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share Christ's love with others! We are thankful for the opportunity to support these ministries and the work they do in our church, community, and beyond.

Next Sunday, November 29, begins the season of Advent. Our sermon series will be entitled, "A Child Is Born." Series Description: Have you ever found yourself anticipating something? A summer vacation as a kid, a date with someone special, a call back from the doctor, or the excitement of moving somewhere new? Life is full of waiting, longing, and expectation. Sometimes those expectations are met; other times, they're left unfulfilled.

For Christians, Advent is a season of anticipation. The word *Advent* means "coming" or "arrival." It remembers the arrival of Jesus in a barn in Bethlehem, and it looks forward to his promised return, when He will one day bring an end to our waiting and fulfill the deepest longings of all creation.

This Advent, join us as we explore the ancient titles given to the promised child in Isaiah 9:6: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Through these names, we will bear witness to who Jesus is and discover the hope we have in his coming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHILDREN:

- A **NURSERY** is provided for children from birth through 2 years old. **Nursery is held in the school's music room. It's to your left and down the hallway when exiting the gym. Look for the banner!**
- **PROMISE LAMBS** is for children 3 through TK. They are dismissed part-way through the service and can meet their teachers by the gym door.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for TK/K through high school immediately following the worship service.

CONNECT & UNITE *(Youth Group for 6th-8th grade {CONNECT} and 9th-12th grade {UNITE})*

- *November 22: CONNECT Small Group Week*

Serving Opportunities – Media and Livestream Teams

Are you looking for a place to serve at Bridge of Hope? We would love for you to join our media or livestream teams! The media team is about a once-a-month commitment. This involves downloading song lyrics, rehearsing with the worship team on Sunday morning before the service, and running slides during the service. We will train you! If you have questions or would like more info, contact Becky R at becky@bridgecrc.org. The livestream team is down to 2 members and could use a third! For more information, contact Jay Ouwinga at ouwinga5@gmail.com.

Sioux Center Christian School Trustee Nominations 2026.

The board is seeking to fill three open Trustee positions for the 27-28 school year. Any member of the SCCS Society can submit nominations. Trustees must meet all the requirements in order to serve in this role. You are encouraged to submit nominations by November 28, 2026. Go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Connect With Us > SCCS News to submit nominations & learn more about the requirements & qualifications.

The Unity Christian Board of Trustees ***has extended the deadline*** for accepting

nominations for the new At-Large Board Trustee position until **Monday, November 30**. This position is designed to identify individuals whose gifts, experience, and perspective can strengthen the Board's work. As the Board considers its current needs, we are particularly interested in individuals with experience in construction or facilities management, institutional advancement, executive leadership, and strategic planning. We invite members of the Unity Christian Society to nominate individuals who may bring strengths in these areas. For information about the process and a link to the nomination form, email secretary@unitychristian.net.

Hear the Stories of Ukrainians in Sioux County

As part of our commitment to *Living Toward 2030* and humbly engaging all of our neighbors, we invite you to attend a community forum to hear the stories and experiences of Ukrainians living in Sioux County.

You'll also learn more about the Ukrainian Adjustment Act, which would provide Ukrainians who have fled the war with a pathway to permanent residency and greater stability in the United States.

This is an opportunity to listen, learn, and consider how we can stand alongside our neighbors near and far.

Saturday, December 5 | 4:30 PM
Bethel CRC Lighthouse
42 3rd Street SW

We hope you'll join us!





Would you like an announcement made on a Sunday morning before or during the worship service? If so, please fill out the Sunday morning announcement form. Please submit the form by the Thursday before the Sunday you would like the announcement made, preferably earlier if possible. The form can be found here. If at the last minute there's an unexpected announcement that needs to be made, please contact Pastors Gail or Sam, or our worship coordinator, Becky.

Each week, additional announcements can be found in the Community Activities Sheet, a weekly publication of activities pertaining to churches in our community. It originated because of the repetitive nature of common announcements. A link to it can be found on our website under What's Happening/Bulletin.

Koinonia Prayer Requests: Prayer requests on Sunday mornings at Bridge of Hope have historically been taken verbally during worship. To help make sharing requests more accessible to all, a google form has been created so that people can share requests at a different time and method than verbally on Sunday morning. Prayer requests submitted this way will be included in the email that gets sent to the body each week on either Monday or Tuesday. ***(Please note: Any prayer request submitted after the Koinonia Prayer email has been sent that week, or after Tuesday, will wait to be emailed out until the following week. Also, requests made here will not be verbalized on Sunday mornings by the Pastoral Shepherd leading Koinonia Prayer.)*** Follow the QR Code to submit an online prayer request.

Scan me!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bridge of Hope, I just want to say a heartfelt thank you to our church family for all the prayers, meals, and love shown to me and my family after my surgery. The meals were so appreciated while I was recovering. We are so blessed to be a part of Bridge of Hope. Thanks again - you all mean a lot to us! Heidi Ouwinga and family

Bridge of Hope, Thank you for the many ways you support Winter Warm Up—through donations, promoting, serving at the event, and on His Hands His Feet Sunday. We appreciate the support with helping spread Christ's love to others in our local communities. May the Lord continue to bless you and give you strength as you do His work. Blessings! The Winter Warm Up Team

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of United Reformed and Pastor Jon Bushnell.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sunday Worship • 9:30am • Intermediate School Gym • 950 4th Ave NE
Offices/Ministry Center address ● 43 2nd Street NE (Offices located 1 block south & ½ block east of the downtown stoplight)
Office Hours ● Tuesday and Thursday 9-12 & 1-4
Website ● www.bridgecrc.org Like us at www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry
Please note: Our worship services are recorded each Sunday and shared on Facebook

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today, November 22	**Sunday, November 29**
Nursery: Avery D, Reese M, Zach P	**Nursery:** Kristen O, Kinzie VM, Leyton D
Promise Lambs: Kristen O, Joel VP, Carson D	**Promise Lambs:** Justine B, Jayce VM, Arabella P
Coffee Service Setup *(before church)***:** Jena D	**Coffee Service Setup** *(before church)***:** Cindy G
Coffee Service Cleanup *(after church)***:** Postma, S&R	**Coffee Service Cleanup** *(after church)***:** Bowar, J&A
Shepherd Duties: Daren D, Koty VG	**Shepherd Duties:** Henry VP
~~**Outside door greeter**~~**:**	**Outside door greeter:** Sawyer O
Additional Mic Runner: Aimee VM	~~**Additional Mic Runner**~~**:**
Check-ins: Jena D, Di M, Aimee VM	**Check-ins:** Cindy G, Carla VDZ, Jena D

BRIDGE CONNECTION GROUPS

The body is divided alphabetically (by last names) into groups with an assigned Pastoral & Service Shepherd to offer care and support. Feel free to contact your Shepherd should a need arise. The groups are as follows:

	Pastoral Shepherd	Service Shepherd
A-B	Angela Perigo	Reggie Hostetler
C-G	Christina Postma	Brandon Huisman
H-M	Daren Dieleman	Jay Ouwinga
N-T	Henry Vander Pol	Koty Vande Griend
U-Z	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

GIVING BACK / WAYS TO TITHE

- **Online:** go to Bridge's website (www.bridgecrc.org) and hit the "give" button on the home page; or go to https://bridgecrc.churchcenter.com/giving
- **Giving App:** Instructions on how to use the online giving app: https://pcogiving.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217380608-Give-Online-with-Church-Center
- **Text-to-give:** First time users: Text 84321. Click on the link sent back to you, select Bridge of Hope, add an email address, and enter your payment information. Or follow these instructions: https://bridgecrc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general-fund. After the initial set up, just text 84321, enter in the amount you would like to give and hit send. (Only the dollar amount is needed if it is to the General Fund. If it's to the second offering indicate dollar amount and "second" {i.e., $10 second}; if it's to the Building Fund indicate amount and "building" {i.e., $10 building}.)
- **Drop off at or mail to:** Bridge of Hope; 43 2nd Street NE; Sioux Center

STAFF & LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Pastor of Preaching & Community Engagement	Sam Ashmore	
Pastor of Preaching & Discipleship	Gail Ashmore	
Administrative Assistant	Ruth Ruter	
Congregational Caregiver	Mark Borger	
Worship Coordinator	Becky Ringsby	
Youth Director	Kira Ouwinga	
Treasurer	Cindy Groeneweg	
Council	Daren Dieleman, Chair	
Pastoral Shepherds	Christina Postma, Chair	
Service Shepherds	Reggie Hostetler, Chair	



NOTE: At the Intermediate School, near the entrance to the building, a FIRST AID KIT can be found on a small table; an AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR) can be found on the wall in that same area.