



Contemporary  
January 7, 2024

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS Jan. 7—Jan. 13

<b>MONDAY</b>	NO STAFF MEETING
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00am MMO
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00am UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 7:00pm CHOIR
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00am MMO 6:00 pm PRAISE TEAM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00am CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 11:00am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

## PASTOR RICH

We as a church, want to welcome you and your wife, Rebecca to Rapid City and our church. We are very excited you are here. We look forward to getting to know the two of you and sharing in ministry together.

**Mom's Morning out will resume on  
January 9th**

**Children's Church**

**The Wise Men**

**Nursery will be open.**

### Ways to give:

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- send a check to: 629 Kansas City St.
- scan the QR code
- offering box



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- [www.rapidcityfirst.org](http://www.rapidcityfirst.org)
- email: [admin@rapidcityfirst.org](mailto:admin@rapidcityfirst.org)
- call 605-342-4571

### Mark your calendar!!

**Greeters are needed for January at both services. Sign up in the Parlor or call the church at 342-4498, or Margot 343-1832.**

**Primetimers: Luncheon for January 26th will be at the Olive Garden at 11:30am. Sign up in the parlor.**

If you know of a member who is ill or in the hospital, please let the office know.  
605-342-4498

Please share your joys, answered prayers, or concerns with us, so that we may hold you up or celebrate with you in prayer. **Please tear off on perforated line and place in offering boxes.**

Please mark the appropriate box below:

- ☒ **Public prayer**  
(during worship, on the prayer chain, and for staff to pray over during the week)
- ☒ **Private prayer**  
(for pastor only)
- ☒ **Private prayer**  
(for staff to pray over during the week)

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Lay Liturgist

Lennie Symes

#### \*Call to Worship:

Leader: Arise! Shine!

**Congregation: God's light has come to reveal, The Way in this New Year.**

Leader: Arise! Shine!

**Congregation: The Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader: Arise! Shine!

**Congregation: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers he world.**

Leader: Arise! Shine!

**Congregation: Nations shall come to God's light and Kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

**All: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

#### \*Praise Songs

"Glorious Day"  
"God So Loved"

#### Commitments:

**Leader:** Dear friends, today we welcome Richard Bensinger who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our Bishop, Lanette Plambeck.

Pastor Rich, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service, and discipleship of the people of God.

**Pastor:** Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

**Leader to congregation:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning and support and uphold Pastor Rich in these ministries?

**Congregation: We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

Silent Prayer/Prayers of the people/Lord's Prayer

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### Childrens Message

#### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

#### Prayer of Dedication:

#### Scripture:

Matthew 2: 1-12

#### Sermon:

New Beginnings

#### Sharing in Holy Communion:

#### \*Praise Song

"Blessed Assurance"

**Pastor:** From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we gather at the Lord's table. Today we meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God. Let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

**All: Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things.**

**Pastor:** Be satisfied that Christ will give you your place and work.

**All: Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal. I covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall. Through your grace, I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you. Amen.**

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Benediction Song

"You Never Let Go"

\*stand if you are able

### I'm New! (or change of address

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEXT? Yes No

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in: Children or Youth Ministry, Adult Studies, Volunteering, or Prime-timers (55 & up). Please circle one or more.