



Traditional
January 7, 2024

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS Jan. 7—Jan. 13

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

Ways to give:

- online at www.rapidcityfirst.org
- send a check to: 629 Kansas City St.
- scan the QR code
- offering box



Ways to connect:

- www.rapidcityfirst.org
- email: 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.

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.

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

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

**Children's Church
The Wise Men
Nursery will be open.**

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

Prelude

"I Want to WALK as a Child of the Light"
arr. M. Barnhart

*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 the 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.

*Hymn of Praise #145

"Morning Has Broken"

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

*Hymn of Faith #254

"We Three Kings"

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admin@rapidcityfirst.org

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Prayer of Dedication

*Anthem

"The Potter's Hand"

Darlene Scheeh arr. Lloyd Larson
Matthew 2: 1-12

Scripture:

Sermon:

New Beginnings

Sharing in Holy Communion

*Hymn of Commitment #420

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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 #383 "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

Postlude

"From Heaven above to Earth I Come"

*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.