

**Opportunities at Rapid City First This Week:**

- Monday, 11 March:** 9:30 am, Church Staff Meeting  
 5:00 pm, Karate Group  
 6:30 pm, Boy Scouts  
 7:30 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous
- Tuesday, 12 March:** 9:00 am, Mom’s Morning Out  
 12:00 pm, Men’s Bible Study, *Mighty Men of Prayer*  
 5:00 pm, Karate Group  
 6:30 pm, Leadership Council Meeting  
 6:30 pm, Suzuki Music Group  
 6:30 pm, Narcotics Anonymous
- Wednesday, 13 March:** 5:30 pm, Church in Action Café Fellowship Meal  
 6:00 pm, Mission Possible – Classes for all ages  
 7:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Thursday, 14 March:** 9:00 am, Mom’s Morning Out  
 5:00 pm, Karate Group  
 6:00 pm, Praise and Worship group practice  
 6:30 pm, Worship Decorating Committee  
 6:30 pm, Narcotics Anonymous
- Friday, 15 March:** 7:30 pm, Narcotics Anonymous
- Saturday, 16 March:** 9:00 am, Prayer Group, Chapel

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 6:30 PM IN THE PARLOR. THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

Please find the update from the Finance Committee on how Rapid City First is doing during these **financially challenging times**:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
January 2024	\$44,894*	\$46,482	\$1,588
	*Income Includes one-time \$20,000 check from Dakotas Conference for Pastor’s health insurance and pension.		
February 2024	\$28,684	\$46,880	\$18,196

If anyone is willing or able to help towards these shortfalls in the Church’s General Fund, it would be greatly appreciated. If further details are desired, please see Kotti Wickard.

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**  
**March 10, 2024 9:00 am**



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*Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 1 pm or by appointment*

# *Order of Worship*

March 10, 2024, 09:00 AM

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

*Services at Rapid City First are livestreamed and recorded for later distribution.*

*\*Stand as you are able.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Rich Bensinger

## Call to Worship

Leader: Joy fills our lives, when we center our lives on Jesus Christ.

**People: Hope fills our hearts, when we focus on our Savior.**

Leader: Comfort fills our spirits, when we believe in the Lord.

**People: Peace fills our souls, when we seek to do God's Work.**

**All: Come, let us celebrate and praise our Lord**

## Our Mission Statement:

*Loving God, Loving People, Making a Difference*

## \*Praise Songs:

*"All the Earth"*

*"At Your Name"*

## Opening Prayer:

**Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is sometimes hard to recognize your love, see your mercy and grace, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might respond to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

## Scripture Readings

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

Maardeena Bentz, Liturgist

*John 3:14-21*

## Children's Message

Lauren Holderfield

## Guest Speakers

Brandi May and Dale Gearhart, Camp Norwesca, NE

## Message

Grace for Everyone (*Ephesians 2 and John 3*)

Pastor Rich

## \*Praise Song

*"Blessed Assurance"*

## \*Closing Prayer and Benediction

**Dear Lord, with hearts full of gratitude, we close this service. Your grace has been abundant in our time together. May your grace continue to shine in our lives as we leave this place. Thank you for the insights gained and the challenges embraced. Guide us in using what we've learned for the betterment of our community and the world beyond. Amen.**

## \*Benediction Praise

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

*The Church Has Left the Building!*

## *Serving This Week*

- **Praise and Worship Group members:** Brady Wichmann, Kevin Ott, Sherri Jacobs, Hannah O'Donnell, Luke Lichtenberg, Ryan McSwain, Trudy Wells
- **Ushers/Greeters:** Rose West, Calvin Luke
- **Scripture Reading:** Maardeena Bentz
- **Sound Board and Worship Slides:** Alan Buhler, Sherri Jacobs, Jenise Higaki, Lance Roberts, Kent Reimann, Lucas Roberts, Bess Golden