

Opportunities at Rapid City First This Week:

- Monday, 18 March:** 9:30 am, Church Staff Meeting
5:00 pm, Karate Group
6:30 pm, Boy Scouts
7:30 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous
- Tuesday, 19 March:** 9:00 am, Mom’s Morning Out
12:00 pm, Men’s Bible Study, *Mighty Men of Prayer*
5:00 pm, Karate Group
5:30 pm, Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm, Suzuki Music Group
6:30 pm, Narcotics Anonymous
- Wednesday, 20 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, 21 March:** 9:00 am, Mom’s Morning Out
5:00 pm, Karate Group
6:00 pm, Praise Team practice
6:30 pm, Narcotics Anonymous
- Friday, 22 March:** 7:30 pm, Narcotics Anonymous
- Saturday, 23 March:** 9:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Chapel
- Sunday, 24 March:** 11:30-1:30 Ham dinner/silent auction/tickets \$15/\$8/Rapid Valley United Methodist Church

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 will be greatly appreciated. If further details are desired, please see Kotti Wickard.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
March 17, 2024, 11:00 am



Rapid City First United Methodist Church
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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 1 pm or by appointment

Order of Worship

March 17, 2024, 11:00 AM

4TH 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

Prelude

“Cantilina” arr. Robert Lau
Organist: Parker Knox

*Sharing of the Peace

*Call to Worship

Leader: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

People: How wise are God’s commandments!

Leader: Through the Lord’s precepts, we gain understanding.

People: Through God’s wisdom, we find truth.

Leader: The Lord is our God; we are God’s people.

People: God’s word lives within us.

Leader: For it is written on our hearts.

People: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

*Our Mission Statement:

Loving God, Loving People, Making a Difference

*Hymn of Praise: #383

“This is a Day of New Beginnings” vs.1-4

*Opening Prayer:

Lord, hear our prayers as we enter worship today. May our lives be faithful to the new covenant God has established for us through Jesus, who calls us by name to share in his mission of the good news. Send us your spirit to help make us faithful to the covenant as we follow your son. Give us ears to hear, for we marvel at your instruction. Train us in righteousness, grant us patience and persistence, and equip us for every good work. Inspire our faith and give us voices to proclaim your message. Amen.

*Hymn of Faith: #117

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Lord’s 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.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Kay Rypinski, Liturgist

Children’s Message

Pastor Rich

Gift of Music

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Vaclay Nelhybel,
Organist: Parker Knox

Message

A New Covenant Pastor Rich

*Hymn of Commitment: #545

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*Closing Prayer and Benediction

Free us, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs our way to you. Create space in our lives for more kindness, greater generosity, and fewer self-centered needs. Enlarge our heart with a spirit of gratitude this lent. Help us to recognize the simple gifts that lie in abundance all around us. In your sacred name, we pray. Amen

*Benediction Song: #558

“We Are The Church” (verse 1)

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune” arr. Robert Lau
Organist: Parker Knox

The Church Has Left the Building!

Serving This Week

- **Organist:** Parker Knox
- **Choir Director:**
- **Ushers/Greeters:** Jennifer Freyensee
- **Scripture Reader:** Kay Rypinski
- **Sound Board and Worship Slides:** Alan Buehler, Sherri Jacobs, Jenise Higaki, Lance Roberts, Kent Reimann, Lucas Roberts, Bess Golden