

### NEWS YOU CAN USE

OCTOBER 16, 2025

### This week's sermon "Joy and Our Spiritual Formation in Christ" John 15:1-17 (NIV)

Pastor Rich continues our series on joy. You can download the order of worship, or the sermon outline <u>HERE</u>, pick up a printed copy on <u>Sunday morning</u>, or open it on phone with this QR code.



#### **Worship Coordinator Job Description Update**

The search committee shifted this role from fully planning services to coordinating the various aspects of the worship service, such as communicating with the AV team, choir directors, and office staff - making sure all the pieces of the service fit together. The liturgy writing and planning will continue to be done by our Worship Planning Team.

Please prayerfully consider stepping up to this new role. See Becky Hughes if you would like to learn more about the new job description.

No adult Sunday School this week to allow people to attend Dr. Joustra's session on Cultural Engagement

# offee Talk

Enjoying a cup of coffee and a cookie with friends after church is a wonderful Rochester CRC tradition. Through the years, we've relied on members and regular attenders to contribute to that fellowship time by providing treats and serving in the kitchen several times a year.

It's a fun and easy way to participate at church and meet new people. But, for a number of reasons, our list of coffee servers is getting smaller and we need help.

Over the next few weeks, we will have a sheet with all the people currently on our list. <u>Please check or add your name(s)</u> if you are able to serve, and let us know any limitations, like professional busy seasons, regular annual travel, or post-service obligations like teaching Sunday School that would change your availability. We are happy to work around them. College students are welcome to join us too!

Please send any questions to the office@rochestercrc.org.



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#### **RCRC Financial Status**

As is typical during a pastoral vacancy, both expenses and donations for RCRC's general operations are less than in typical years, but, as of the end of September, donations are slightly above expenses.

However, the last quarter of the year has some large one-time expenses, so we anticipate about \$100K of remaining expenses. This is less than 1/4 of our original budget, but more than our average quarterly donations so far this year.

Your continued donations are appreciated and contribute to the smooth functioning of our ministries. Contact David Cok if you have any questions about RCRC finances.

Coming Soon!
Information about a shared Thanksgiving Service with Webster CRC.







# Theology Conference 2025

Rochester CRC | October 18-19



With Special Guest:

#### Dr. Jessica Joustra

Jessica Joustra (PhD Fuller Theological Seminary, Vrije Universiteit) is Associate Professor of Religion and Theology and Director of the Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship at Redeemer University (Hamilton, ON) and Associate Researcher at the Neo-Calvinist Research Institute (Theologische Universiteit Utrecht). She and her family are members of Immanuel CRC in Hamilton, ON.

Join us Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19 as we explore what it looks like to imitate Christ in our lives, drawing insight from the works of Herman Bavinck and Abraham Kuyper.

#### **SATURDAY**

Bagels & Coffee 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM A gluten-free option will be

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General Session 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Topic: The Imitation of Christ

Academic Session
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM \*
Topic: Calvinism and the Future

\*Registration is <u>required</u> for Saturday's academic session.

#### SUNDAY

Adult Sunday School 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Topic: Cultural Engagement

Conference attendees are also welcome to join us for our regular Worship Service at 10:00 AM

**Childcare** will be provided for children ages birth - 5 years for Saturday morning's General Session and Sunday after church. Please register for childcare at <u>rochestercrc.org/events</u>.

**Reading Materials** for each session are provided on our website. To find out more, or to register for Saturday's academic session go to <u>rochestercrc.org/events</u>.

