

SERMON NOTES



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TWO KINGS  
THREE CHOICES

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

*Christ Be Magnified*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*Only A Holy God  
In Christ Alone  
Take My Life And Let It Be*

Offering

*Thank You Jesus For The Blood*

Prayer & Message

“Two Kings, Three Choices”  
Matthew 2:1-12 (p.807)  
Rev. James Karsten

Response

*All Glory Be To Christ*

Closing Blessing

*There is no KidLife Worship today. Nursery is available for kids K and under.*

**January 5 – Ordination/installation of elders and deacons:** Seth Clayton (elder), Lora Jenema (elder), Larry Sakala (deacon), Rob Bergman (deacon). Thank you to our outgoing elders, Pat Verburg and Eric Ringnalda, and outgoing deacons, Steve Katsma and Brandon Mueller.

**Blood Drive:** Wednesday, January 29, 2:30-7pm. We are partnering with Versiti Blood Center to host a mobile blood drive on January 29 to address the very high need for blood in our community. Please consider signing up for an appointment time (see website or this morning’s email for link). Walk-ins will be accommodated.

**A Praying Life Seminar:** Friday-Saturday, February 7-8. Thousands of people have already experienced the movement of A Praying Life – from reading the bestselling book by Paul E. Miller or attending a seminar at a local church. This seminar is not for victorious Christians, but Christians defeated in the trenches, asking... How do I focus when I’m distracted with so much to do? How do I pray longer than five minutes? How do I ask when I’ve tried it before and it doesn’t work? Cost: \$10 per person. Childcare will be provided. See our website or this morning’s email for more info or to register.

ADULTS

**Sermon Discussion Class** (resumes January 12)  
Sundays following the service until noon, Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

**Prayer Partners Online**  
Mondays, 7pm via zoom (link emailed on Mondays)

**Focal Point** (resumes January 15)  
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm

We will be offering a **Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University** Class as one of the Focal Point options for 2025. Registration is \$59 and includes the class workbook and a membership to the FPU site. Scholarships may be available. Childcare will be available if needed, please let us know if you need this when registering. For questions or to register, please contact Melissa Cool (fpu@rockfordrc.org).

MEN

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast** (resumes Jan 7)  
Tuesdays, 7-8am, Fireside Room

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/29	12/30	12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4
Worship Service	7p - Prayer Partners		Happy New Year!			
1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11
Worship Service  Ordination/ Installation of Elders and Deacons	7p - Prayer Partners	7a - Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a - Women’s Bible Study 7p - YA Bible Study				
1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18
Worship Service Sunday School 6p - Youth Group	7p - Prayer Partners	7a - Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:30a - Women’s Bible Study	6p - KidLife Club 6p - Financial Peace U 6:15p - Focal Point 6:15p - Women’s Bible Study			

WOMEN

**Women’s Tuesday Bible Study** (resumes Jan 7)  
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:15am, Fireside Room  
**New study starting January 7:** Becoming a Woman of Prayer. In this 11-session small group study, Cynthia Heald will encourage you to respond to God’s invitation to deeper intimacy with Him. Study Book Written by Cynthia Heald. Discussion Groups led by Joan Moore & Pam Jacobs. Worship/Hymns led by Margaret Buffum. **There is still plenty of time to sign up!** Study books can be found in a basket next to our new bookshelf area. Just leave your name and grab a book. If you would like to make the \$5 suggested donation, bring it to the first meeting.

**Women’s Wednesday Bible Study (during Focal Point)** (resumes January 15)  
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm, Room 247

YOUNG ADULTS

**Bi-monthly Bible Study**  
Tuesdays, 7pm, See Tim VanderZwaag for location

YOUTH

**Sunday School** (resumes January 12)  
**Sundays following the service until noon**

- Middle School - may join either the Family Sermon Discussion or the Catechism Class
- High School - Catechism Class, Room 246

**Youth Group** (resumes January 12)  
Sundays, 6-7:30pm, Youth Room

CHILDREN

**During Service**

- Nursery - 6 weeks to 3 years, Room 241
- KidLife Worship - 3 years to 2nd grade, Fireside Room (not meeting today)

**Sunday School** (resumes January 12)  
**Sundays following the service until noon**

- Preschool to 1st grade meet in the Fireside Room
- 2nd to 5th grade meet in Room 250 for a Family Sermon Discussion

**KidLife Club** (resumes January 15)  
**Wednesdays, 6-7:15pm, Room 101**  
For kids preschool through 5th grade. Our focus this fall is the Fruit of the Spirit.