



# SUSSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

*Love God. Love Others.*

## OFFERINGS

**This Week:** General Fund, Missions Fund

**Next Week:** General Fund, Benevolence Fund

**PM Offering:** Today's Choice



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 9:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

\**"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"* PsH #393 v1-3

\**"Beautiful Savior"* PsH #373 v1-3

\*God's Greeting

Admitting Our Guilt, Receiving His Grace

Responsive Reading: 10 Commandments

*"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"* SB #32 v1-3

Congregational Prayer

\**"Ancient Words"* SB #1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 17:1-9

Sermon: "Reasoning from the Scriptures"

Prayer

\**"I Love to Tell the Story"* CH #444 v1-3

Offerings & Deacon Prayer

\*Benediction

\**"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"* PsH #325 v2

**Preaching:** Pastor Kendall Everett

**Organ:** Betsy Van Dokkenburg

**Piano:** Terri Garris

\* Please stand

PsH = Blue Psalter Hymnal

CH = Green Celebration Hymnal

SB = Red Song Booklet

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUSSEX CRC

**IF YOU'RE NEW, WELCOME!** We invite you to check out the Connection Center to learn more about Sussex CRC. Join us for refreshments after the service! More information can be found at [sussexcrc.org](http://sussexcrc.org) and on the back of the bulletin.

Don't forget to pick up your **CHRISTMAS CARDS!** Please check the card table downstairs in the Fellowship Hall to see if you have any Christmas cards.

The new session of **MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** starts this Wednesday at 9:45am-11:45am. You can sign up at the Connection Center or by contacting the office. For questions, contact Tracy VanderGroef at 862-266-5844.

**SENIOR BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Tuesday, January 14, at 2pm to study Lesson 3 in the Discover Comfort Booklet.

There is still time to register for the **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** class! First class will meet on Thursday, January 16, at 7pm in the SCS Science Room. Speak to Rick or Judy to get registered today! Learn more at [sussexcrc.org/fpu](http://sussexcrc.org/fpu).

A new session of **GRIEFSHARE** meetings will begin on January 30. There will be an Afternoon Group meeting at 2:30pm and an Evening Group meeting at 7pm. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, we encourage you to attend. You can learn more and register for either group at [sussexcrc.org/griefshare](http://sussexcrc.org/griefshare).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Chris Accettulli, Jean Thiessen, Rosina Byma, Ed Brands, Andy Walther, Cheryl Brands, and the Sytsema Family.

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS:** In the event that services are cancelled due to winter weather or an emergency, you can get notified through email, Church Center App notifications, or by following us on Facebook/Instagram. More information and links can be found at [sussexcrc.org/communications](http://sussexcrc.org/communications).

Sussex CRC members can now create their own account on **RIGHTNOW MEDIA!** RightNow has a digital library of video Bible Study resources, including more than 20,000 videos on a variety of topics, such as marriage, parenting, personal finances, mental health, and more. There is also a video library just for kids! You can register by texting the code SUSSEXCRC to 49775 or through the QR Code.



If you haven't already, we encourage you to check out our **PUZZLE LIBRARY!** You can share or borrow puzzles from the shelf in the downstairs hallway. Happy puzzling!

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### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sussex Christian School located at 51 Unionville Avenue in Sussex, will be having an **OPEN HOUSE** on Tuesday, January 14 beginning at 6:30 pm. SCS offers classes for Pre-school 3 through 8th grades. There will be a chance to explore the campus and learn more about their Christ-centered curriculum. They will also share information about their school community, why they love parent involvement, and how they help make Christian education affordable for all families. Although not required to attend, they do ask for those coming to register at: [sussexchristianschool.org/admissions/campus-visits/](http://sussexchristianschool.org/admissions/campus-visits/) If you have any questions, please contact the school at 973-875-5595 ext. 232.

### **AM Sermon Notes:**

The Church must clearly know and teach the message of Jesus

Understanding our audience is key to discussing the truth

Faithful witnesses must be willing to respond to resistance with grace

### **Questions for application:**

How well do you feel prepared to talk about Jesus with others? What holds you back?

How can you intentionally get to know someone deeper who doesn't yet believe in Jesus?

What can the example of Jesus and the early church teach us about how to respond to resistance against Jesus today?

### **PM Sermon Notes:**

**Volunteer Schedules**

<p><b>CHECK-IN DESK</b>  <b>Today:</b> Samantha Dykstra  <b>Jan. 12:</b> Erica Kuperus  <b>Jan. 19:</b> Karen Miedema  <b>Jan. 26:</b> Michelle Kuperus</p>	<p><b>CONNECTION CENTER</b>  <b>Today:</b> Laura Kuperus  <b>Jan. 12:</b> Kim Sytsema  <b>Jan. 19:</b> Rena Bast  <b>Jan. 26:</b> Rich Sytsema</p>
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**GREETERS**

**Today:** Pam Dobben  
**Jan. 12:** Sonja Kuperus, Tina Moyle  
**Jan. 19:** Rick & Judy Vander Ploeg  
**Jan. 26:** Craig & Lisa Van Wyk

**NURSERY & LITTLE PRAISERS (TODAY)**

**First Look:** Amanda Armstrong, Summer Boyd  
**First Steps:** Nicole Kuperus, Cadence Boyd  
**Little Learners:** Ashley Miedema, Felicia Mann  
**Kids Clubhouse:** Rachel Kuperus, Caleb Kuperus

**NURSERY & LITTLE PRAISERS (NEXT WEEK)**

**First Look:** Hannah Jurius, *Volunteer Needed*  
**First Steps:** Tracy Vander Groef, Shelby Van Ek  
**Little Learners:** Breann Sytsema, Annette Kuperus  
**Kids Clubhouse:** Amy Everett, Caleb Kuperus

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Today:** Jeff & Tracy Vander Groef, Rick & Judy Vander Ploeg  
**Jan. 12:** Charlie & Cheryl Kuperus, Keith & Karen Niedergall  
**Jan. 19:** Howie & Teri Kuperus, Owen & Stephanie Valkema  
**Jan. 26:** Daniel & Laura Kuperus, Will & Holly Sytsema

**USHERS**

**Today:** Mitch Jurius, Patrick Vander Ploeg, Simon Valkema  
**Jan. 12:** Miles Kuperus, Dave Vander Groef, Dean Byma  
**Jan. 19:** Troy Yanoff, Richard Kuperus, RJ Vander Ploeg  
**Jan. 26:** Jim Kuperus, Steven Fox, Luke Byma

If you'd like to sign up for or be removed from any lists, let the office know at Rachael@sussexrc.org or 973-875-5591 or sign up at the Connection Center.



<p><b>5)</b>  <b>AM Service:</b>          9:30am  <b>PM Service:</b>          7pm</p>	<p><b>6)</b>  <b>Search Com-</b>  <b>mittee Meet-</b>  <b>ing:</b> 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>7)</b>  <b>Ladies' Fit-</b>  <b>ness &amp; Fel-</b>  <b>lowship:</b> 7pm</p>	<p><b>8)</b>  <b>Ladies' Bible</b>  <b>Study:</b> 9:45am  <b>Men's Prayer</b>  <b>&amp; Bible</b>  <b>Study:</b> 7:30pm  <b>Worship</b>  <b>Team Re-</b>  <b>hearsal:</b>          7:30pm</p>	<p><b>9)</b>  <b>Men's Bible</b>  <b>Study:</b>          6:30am,          Yetter's Diner</p>	<p><b>10)</b>  <b>Cadets:</b> 7pm  <b>GEMS:</b> 7pm</p>	<p><b>11)</b></p>
<p><b>12)</b>  <b>AM Service:</b>          9:30am  <b>Hope Thru</b>  <b>the Valley:</b>          1pm  <b>PM Service:</b>          7pm</p>	<p><b>13)</b></p>	<p><b>14)</b>  <b>Senior Bible</b>  <b>Study:</b> 2pm  <b>Ladies' Fit-</b>  <b>ness &amp; Fel-</b>  <b>lowship:</b> 7pm</p>	<p><b>15)</b>  <b>Ladies' Bible</b>  <b>Study:</b> 9:45am  <b>Council:</b> 7pm</p>	<p><b>16)</b>  <b>Men's Bible</b>  <b>Study:</b>          6:30am,          Yetter's Diner  <b>FPU Pop-Up</b>  <b>Class:</b> 7pm,          SCS Science          Room</p>	<p><b>17)</b>  <b>Jr. High</b>  <b>Youth Group:</b>          7pm</p>	<p><b>18)</b></p>

See more events and meeting dates at [sussexrc.org/calendar](http://sussexrc.org/calendar)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 7:00 PM

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Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\**"O Praise Ye the Name of Jehovah"* PsH #281 v1,2,3,10

\*God's Greeting

\**"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"* PsH #399 v1-5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 3

Sermon: "Responding to Violence"

Prayer

\**"How Vast the Benefits"* PsH #386 v1-3

\*Apostle's Creed

\**"Lead On O King Eternal"* PsH #484 v1-2

Congregational Prayer

\*Benediction

\**"Lead On O King Eternal"* PsH #484 v3

**Preaching:** Pastor Kendall Everett

**Piano:** Terri Garris

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## SCRC SUNDAY MORNING KIDS MINISTRIES

Jesus loves kids and so do we! We look forward to connecting with your kids and family!

- **Child Check-In:** Visit us in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level before the morning service to check your child(ren) in.
- **Nursery** for ages 0-1 is on the lower level.
- **2-3 yr olds and Pre-K 4** dismiss to their classes during the worship service right before the sermon begins. They meet with the teachers at the front of the sanctuary.
- **Sunday School** (Grades K-6) meets after the morning service (10:40am-11:30am) in the sanctuary and are dismissed downstairs.
- **Catechism** (Grades 7-12) meets after morning worship service at Sussex Christian School.

If you have any questions, please visit us at the Connection Center in the back of the sanctuary!

**Other Student Ministries:** GEMS | Cadets | Jr. High Youth Group | Sr. High Youth Group |  
Learn more at [sussexcrc.org/youth](http://sussexcrc.org/youth)

### About Sussex CRC

Sunday Services: 9:30am & 7pm  
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***Our mission is to grow disciples  
who transform lives for Christ.***