



# SUSSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

*Love God. Love Others.*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 9:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship

*\*"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" CH #213 2x*

*\*"All Creatures of Our God and King" CH #63 v1-3*

\*God's Greeting

Admitting Our Guilt, Receiving His Grace

*"Not What My Hands Have Done" CH #406*

*All Verses*

Congregational Prayer

*\*"Wonderful Words of Life" CH #406 All Verses*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 13:1-16

Sermon: "Unleaved Bread and Firstborn Sacrifice: Rituals of Dependence and Trust"

Prayer

*\*"Thy Word" CH #184 All Verses*

Offerings & Deacon Prayer

\*Benediction

*\*"All Creatures of Our God and King" CH #63 v5*

**Preaching:** Eric Thiessen

**Organ:** Betsy Van Dokkenburg

**Piano:** Terri Garris

*\* Please stand*

*PsH = Blue Psalter Hymnal*

*CH = Green Celebration Hymnal*

*SB = Red Song Booklet*

## OFFERINGS

**This Week:** General Fund, Today's Choice

**Next Week:** General Fund, Tuition Assistance

**January PM Offering:** Today's Choice



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUSSEX CRC

**EVENING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** will meet again Monday, January 19th at 7:30 PM. Led by Rianne Vander Groef and Brittany Bosloper.

**SENIOR BIBLE STUDY** will meet Tuesday, January 27th at 2 PM to study Lesson 2 in the Discover Easter study book.

**MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** will meet again Wednesday, January 21st at 9:45 AM. Led by Tracy Vander Groef and Liz Treiber.

**MEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY** will meet again on Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 pm.

A new session of **GRIEFSHARE** meetings will begin on January 29. 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](https://sussexcrc.org/griefshare).

**BABY BOTTLES BRING HOPE!** For the next few weeks our church is helping to raise the much-needed funds for Today's Choice to reach and serve women considering abortion. Each family is encouraged to EITHER take a baby bottle home today, fill it with a check (made out to Today's Choice) or cash and return the bottle to the **church on collection Sunday, February 1** OR fill a BOTTLE by visiting [friendsoftodayschoie.org](https://friendsoftodayschoie.org) – click DONATE Baby Bottle Campaign + your church name.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUSSEX CRC

**Trivia Night!** Join us **Saturday, February 7, from 7:00–9:00 PM** for a night of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Form a team of up to **8 members** and test your trivia skills. **Bring your own snacks** (water and coffee will be provided) and come ready to laugh and compete. Sign up by filling out a form at the **Connection Center**. For more information, see **Michelle Kuperus** or **Karisa Talen**.

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## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SCS, NCS & VCA Venison Dinner:** Join us on **January 31, 2026**, from **5:00–8:00 PM** in the **SCS Gym** for an evening of fellowship and great food. Enjoy hot and cold appetizers, a **4-course dinner**, dessert, complimentary beverages provided by **Tap Theory**, and fun door prizes. **Limited seating—reserve your spot today!** Tickets still available! Questions? [venison@sussexchristianschool.org](mailto:venison@sussexchristianschool.org) | 973-875-5595

**GOOD NEWS CLUB** began **January 7!** Children from the church attending Wantage School are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors in grades 3–5. Contact **Diane Tassey** for details.

The **SUSSEX HELP CENTER** thanks you for your continued support and donations.

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## CHURCH FAMILY

**Please Pray for:** Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Bill Post, Chris Accettulli, Rosina Byma, Andy Walther, Cheryl Brands, Hank DeVries, Jim Abma, Colleen Fox, the Brands and Yanoff Family, and June Oskamp and family.

## AM Sermon Notes:

God's People Give Up to Show Dependence.

God's People Give Back to Show Trust.

God Redeems His Children from Death.

God's People Practice Ritual to Remember God's Redemptive Work.

## Application Questions:

What of our culture should we give up to break from our old nature?

What practices do we have that demonstrate our dependence on God?

What practices do we have that show our trust in God?

How do we describe our practices to the next generation in a way that points to redemption, not tradition?

Who is "front and center" in your story - you or God?

## Weekly Challenge:

Write down 2-3 of your regular faith practices? How can you describe them in ways that ensure that God, and His redemption of you, are "front and center" in the story?

## PM Sermon Notes:

## Volunteer Schedules

### CHECK-IN DESK

**Today:** Amy Boyd  
**Jan. 25:** Tiffany Jeltema  
**Feb. 1:** Samantha Dykstra  
**Feb. 8:** Erica Kuperus

### CONNECTION CENTER

**Today:** Rena Bast  
**Jan. 25:** Terri Garris  
**Feb. 1:** Lisa Thiessen  
**Feb. 8:** Laura Kuperus

### GREETERS

**Today:** Troy & Rita Yanoff  
**Jan. 25:** Susana Coelho, Sonja Kuperus  
**Feb. 1:** Rick & Judy Vander Ploeg  
**Feb. 8:** Al & Cheryl Brands

### NURSERY & LITTLE PRAISERS (TODAY)

**First Look:** Judy Vander Ploeg, Katrina McCormick  
**First Steps:** Pam Dobben, Donna Zuidema  
**Little Learners:** Karisa Talen, Jada Tallamy  
**Kids Clubhouse:** Emily Kuperus, Kayla De Waal Malefyt

### NURSERY & LITTLE PRAISERS (NEXT WEEK)

**First Look:** Felicia Mann, Laura Kuperus  
**First Steps:** Eden Van Ek, Shelby Van Ek  
**Little Learners:** Skylar Olinger, Dhane Boyd  
**Kids Clubhouse:** Steven Fox, Alexandra Jeltema

### REFRESHMENTS

**Today:** Dan & Laura Kuperus, Andrew & Sarah Moore  
**Jan. 25:** Keith & Karen Niedergall, William & Holly Sytsema  
**Feb. 1:** John & Jen Kuperus, Owen & Steph Valkema  
**Feb. 8:** Rick & Judy Vander Ploeg, Charlie & Cheryl Kuperus

### USHERS

**Today:** Dean Byma, Jim Kuperus, Simon Valkema  
**Jan. 25:** Richard Kuperus, Dave Vander Groef, Will Sytsema  
**Feb. 1:** Caleb Vander Groef, Luke Byma, Matt Kuperus  
**Feb. 8:** Mitch Jurius, Patrick Vander Ploeg, Richard Byma

If you'd like to sign up for or be removed from any lists, let the church office know at [office@sussexcrc.org](mailto:office@sussexcrc.org) or 973-875-5591 or sign up at the Connection Center.



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
18) <b>AM Service:</b> 9:30am  <b>PM Service:</b> 6:00pm	19) <b>Evening La-</b> <b>dies Bible</b> <b>Study:</b> 7:30pm	20) <b>Search Com-</b> <b>mittee Meet-</b> <b>ing:</b> 7:30 pm	21) <b>Ladies Bible</b> <b>Study:</b> 9:45 am  <b>Council Meet-</b> <b>ing:</b> 7:00 pm  <b>Worship</b> <b>Team Re-</b> <b>hearsal:</b> 7:30 pm	22) <b>Men's Bible</b> <b>Study:</b> 6:30 am	23) <b>GEMS:</b> 7:00 pm  <b>Cadets:</b> 7:00 pm	24)
25) <b>AM Service:</b> 9:30am	26) <b>Evening La-</b> <b>dies Bible</b> <b>Study:</b> 7:30pm	27) <b>Senior Bible</b> <b>Study:</b> 2:00pm  <b>Ladies Fit-</b> <b>ness &amp; Fel-</b> <b>lowship:</b> 7:00pm	28) <b>Ladies Bible</b> <b>Study:</b> 9:45 am  <b>Men's Prayer</b> <b>&amp; Bible Study:</b> 7:30 pm	29) <b>Men's Bible</b> <b>Study:</b> 6:30 am  <b>GriefShare:</b> 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm	30) <b>Jr. High Youth</b> <b>Group:</b> 7:00 pm  <b>Cadets:</b> 7:00 pm	31) <b>Cadets Winter</b> <b>Derby:</b> 1:00 pm

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 6:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship

*\*“This Is My Father’s World” PsH #374 All Verses*  
*\*“Children of the Heavenly Father” CH #719 v1-3*

Silent Prayer  
\*God’s Greeting

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: “Ephesians 1:3–14”  
Sermon: “God the Father”  
Prayer

*\*“Abide with Me” PsH #470 v1-3*

\*Apostle’s Creed

*\*“He Is Lord” CH #34 2x*

Congregational Prayer  
\*Benediction

*\*“Glory Be to the Father” PsH #491*

**Preaching:** Eric Thiessen  
**Organ:** Betsy Van Dokkenburg

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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 Service: 9:30am  
1st and 3rd Sunday Evenings: 6pm  
[sussexcrc.org](http://sussexcrc.org) | 973-875-5591

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***Our mission is to grow disciples  
who transform lives for Christ.***