

# First Reformed Church



## Our Vision

Seeking God - Nurturing One Another - Reaching Others For Christ

## Our Mission

Our mission as a body of believers is to grow God's Kingdom through spiritual growth, loving and caring fellowship and sharing the hope and joy of God's grace

# First Reformed Church

November 25, 2018

A sincere welcome to all who have come to worship.  
May the incomparable blessings that come from God alone touch each of us.

A nursery is available in the lower level of the church.

Children's bulletins, children's activity bags and large print bulletins  
are available at the back of the sanctuary.

## Worship Service Participants

	<u>This Week (November 25)</u>	<u>Next Week (December 2)</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Howard & Kari Loomans	Jon & Jan De Vries
<b>Ushers</b>	Zander Disbrow Bill Eichstadt Jim Levey Kevin Van Buren	Jordan Hopp Gage Van Buren Chase Van Buren Paige Van Buren
<b>Door Greeters</b>		
<b>Upstairs</b>	Nicole Lang and Family	Wally Beekman
<b>Downstairs East Door</b>	Ron & Henri Raith	Ray Freriks
<b>Nursery</b>	Stephanie Levey Paige Van Buren	Jill Schumann Molli Steinbach
<b>Elders Greeting</b>	Ray Freriks Keith Jansma Jerry Riel	Bill Eichstadt Elton Ter Beest Steve Towne
<b>Soundboard</b>	Kurt De Vries	John Nyhuis
<b>Power Point</b>	Nicole and Austin Lang	Kelley Van Buren

## December Schedules

**Hospital:** Steve Towne

**Flowers:** Kim Perry

**Transportation:** Jon & Winky Dobbratz

**Library:** Donna Freriks

## Opportunities This Week

### Sunday:

**Prayer Time:** Please join Pastor Barry 15 minutes before the service for prayer. We would love to have you join us for a brief time of prayer before the service. We will meet in the chapel by the grandfather clock at 8:45 am.

**Sunday School:** 10:15 - 11:00 am for ages 3 years old thru adults.

- 3 year olds - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade meet downstairs in the Worship Center Room
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Triple Room
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Coffee Room
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Youth Room
- Adults meet in the Consistory Room

### Wednesday:

**XYZ:** 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Triple Room.

**Awana:** 5:45 - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Grades K-5. This week's theme is MUSTACHE NIGHT! Clubbers - wear fake mustaches and bring a friend!

**Jr. High Youth Group:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Youth Room for Grades 6-8.

**Sr. High Youth Group:** 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Youth Room for Grades 9-12.

**Sr. Choir Practice:** 7:15 pm in the sanctuary.

### Thursday:

**Bell Choir Practice:** 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the sanctuary.

### Saturday:

**Men's' Huddle:** 7:00 - 8:00 am at Helen's Kitchen in Waupun.

## Upcoming Dates

- December 2 - Christmas Carol Sing at 6:30 pm at First Reformed
- December 9 - Children's Christmas Program as part of the Worship Service at 9:00 am
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7:00 pm

## Sunday Worship Service

November 25, 2018

9:00 am

**Advent Candle:** A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. We light this candle as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming Christ.

Prelude: Jon Schmaltz

Greeting

\*Songs:

1. "Glory to God"
2. Hymn #259: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (verses 1, 2 & 5)

Prayer

Sr. Choir: Tell Me the Story of Jesus with I Love to Tell the Story

Offering

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 (page 1497)

Message: First Christmas - Joseph

\*Benediction

\*Hymn #266: "That Beautiful Name" (verses 1, 2 & 4)

\*Please stand if you are able

\*\*All songs led by Jon Schmaltz, Katie DeMaa, Cheryl Ross, Jerry Riel, Mary Schoenfeld and Amanda De Vries

## Church Contact Information

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Facebook Page: First Reformed Church Waupun

## Congregational News

**Consistory Agenda Items:** The next consistory meeting will be December 4. If team leaders or consistory members would like an item discussed at the meeting, contact the church office with that information by Wednesday, November 28, so it can be placed on the agenda.

**Caring & Sharing Team Meeting:** Will be held Sunday, December 2, at 8:30 am in the Consistory Room.

**Sunday School Teacher Needed:** We are currently looking for a teacher for Sr. High Sunday School. Kristin is available to work with a volunteer in a rotation or cover when you are unable to be there. This is a great opportunity to get to know and teach some of our youth about your love for God. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Braaksma.

**Director of Preschool and Elementary Outreach Position is Still Available:** Kari Loomans has agreed to take this position on as an interim to keep our programs going. She is willing to train anyone who may be interested in taking it on but was a little unsure about getting started. The individual will focus on areas such as Sunday School, Awana, Vacation Bible School and the Christmas Program. The position is being targeted at 15 hours per week.. If this position interests you or someone you know feel free to get in touch with a member of the Education Team. A complete job description is available in the office.

**Ushers, Door Greeters and Nursery Volunteers:** If you currently serve in any of these areas, sign-up in the entryway if you are unable to serve in 2019. New volunteers are always welcome too! If you are interested in serving as a new volunteer in any of these areas, please also sign-up in the entryway. If you have served this past year and would like to continue in 2019, you do not need to sign-up. Your name will be included in the 2019 schedule. A BIG THANK YOU to each person who shares their gifts to serve in these areas of ministry. You are very much appreciated!

**Nursery:** There is a particular need for additional nursery volunteers for 2019. If you are able to help provide childcare in the nursery during Sunday worship services, please sign-up in the entryway. Thank you to all who serve in this important ministry for our young families.

**Food Pantry:** First Reformed donated 36 pounds of items to the Waupun Food Pantry. Items needed at this time are: mashed potatoes, peas, jams, cereal, paper towel, Jello and pudding. Donated items can be placed in the box in the upstairs coat room.

**AIM:** Our next meeting will be Monday, December 3, from 9:00 am - noon. Come join us as we make quilts for missions.

**Missions Note:** An update from Roger & Sue Scheenstra is available at the information counter in the entryway.

**Mitten Tree:** First Reformed is collecting hats, mittens, scarves and socks for the Waupun Holiday Help Program. These items will be distributed to children in need in the Waupun area. Please place your items under the Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary by Sunday, December 9.

## Christmas Season Events

**Christmas Carol Sing:** First Reformed will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 2, at 6:30 pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections. A free will offering will be taken for C.A.R.E. of Dodge County which provides resources to community members trying to bridge the gap between substance abuse disorder and recovery. There are posters available in the entryway. Please help promote this event by taking one or more to display at your place of work or an area business.

**Children's Christmas Program:** Will be held during the morning worship service on December 9. If you are willing to help with the program, please contact Kari Loomans.

**Christmas Program Information:** Practice will be held the morning of Saturday, December 8. Please watch for the times when your child should attend. The kids will also be working on their parts during Sunday School each week until the program. It is **very** important that your children are present for **all** of these practice opportunities.

**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:** On Tuesday, December 11, you are invited to a Christmas party. We will meet at church at 12:45 pm to go Christmas Caroling at the Christian Home. We will then return to church for a Christmas Party! Please bring a \$5 gift to exchange. Hostesses are Jane Van Buren and Wilma Van Buren. Please sign-up in the entryway if you are planning to attend.

## Invitations

**REACH Invitation:** Still looking for an opportunity to give to those in need on Giving Tuesday? Then please consider a donation to REACH Waupun. Donations received will continue our work in the community through the REACH One Mentor program, Mission Backpack, Family Night and REACH Relief. As our way of saying thank you for your continued support, we invite you to join us for a free community luncheon on Tuesday, November 27, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Werner Harmsen Event Center (201 E. Jefferson Street). Donations can be made online at [www.reachwaupun.org/donate](http://www.reachwaupun.org/donate) or at the luncheon. Help REACH make a difference for families in the Waupun community with your gifts!

### **Central Wisconsin Christian School Invitations:**

- Giving Tuesday is November 27. Gifts made online, in person or by phone on Tuesday will be multiplied through the gracious support of a group of donors who are providing matching funds. These funds help fill the gap between cost of tuition and actual cost of education.
- The elementary students will present their Christmas Program "Red Letter Christmas" on Friday, December 7, at 6:30 pm. There will be an offering to support the musical department.

**Yarn Donations:** Inmates at Waupun Correctional crochet hats and mittens for Head Start children and also crochet baby blankets for a domestic abuse center. If you have yarn (any color, weight, scrap or otherwise) to donate to this project, please contact Karen Erickson at 324-5571 ext. 1219 and arrangements will be made to pick-up your donation.