

*Lord of Lords* *Morning Star*

**Lord** Alpha and Omega  
Great High Priest

**MESSIAH**

*Jesus*

Holy One SON OF MAN

*The Word* *The Fruit*

Lamb of God  
*Wonderful Counselor*

Good Shepherd

*Messiah*

King of Kings

King of  
*Savior*



Immanuel

*Christ*

*Prince of Peace*

Holy

*Good Shepherd*

# First Reformed Church

December 16, 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 (December 16)</u>	<u>Next Week (December 23)</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Maureen Buteyn and Marilyn Hopp	Ron & Henri Raith
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Beek Josh Damsteegt Randy Flier	Zander Disbrow Bill Eichstadt Kevin Van Buren
<b>Door Greeters</b> <b>Upstairs</b> <b>Downstairs East Door</b>	Randy & Lori Flier Bill & Carol Eichstadt	Larry & Mary Navis John Nyhuis
<b>Nursery</b>	Cindy De Vries Amanda De Vries	Sarah Lemmenes
<b>Elders Greeting</b>	Ray Freriks Keith Jansma Jerry Riel	Bill Eichstadt Elton Ter Beest Steve Towne
<b>Soundboard</b>	John De Vries	Kurt De Vries
<b>Power Point</b>	Nicole and Austin Lang	Nicole and Austin Lang

## December Schedules

**Hospital:** Steve Towne

**Flowers:** Kim Perry

**Transportation:** Jon & Winky Dobbratz

**Library:** Donna Freriks

## 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 with our community.  
(Matthew 28:18-20)

## 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. Class locations are:

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

### Monday:

**AIM:** 9:00 am - noon in the Triple Room. Join us as we make quilts for missions.

### Tuesday:

**Birthday Open House:** Pastor Barry and Nicole will be hosting a Birthday Open House from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the parsonage (512 Taylor Street, Waupun). Anyone celebrating a birthday in December, along with anyone who hasn't been able to attend this year, and their families are invited to stop by for a treat.

### 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

**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER NIGHT!** Kids, wear your ugliest Christmas sweaters to club. Ask mom and dad to look in the attic for a real favorite!! "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samule 16:7

**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.

## Sunday Worship Service

December 16, 2018

9:00 am

**Advent Candle:** A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of the wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power. We light these candles as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming Christ.

Prelude: Kim Perry

Bell Choir Introit: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Greeting

Bell Choir: "He is Born"

Video: Elizabeth

\*Praise Song: "Old Church Choir" (led by the youth)

Lord's Supper

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45 (page 1588)

Message: First Christmas - Elizabeth

Prayer

Offering Song #259: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

\*Benediction

\*Song #753: "Jesus is Coming Again" (verses 1 & 3)

\*Please stand if you are able

## Church Contact Information

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## Congregational News

**Christmas Eve Worship Service:** Will be held on December 24 at 7:00 pm.

**Sunday School:** Classes will not meet on December 23 or December 30.

**Nursery Need:** We are in great need of some leadership and volunteering in our Sunday morning nursery program. We have a sign-up in the entryway if you are interested. This is a vital ministry for our church. We need to make sure we are supporting our young parents by providing a safe space for their young children to go when needed.

**Greeter Needed:** There is one open slot in the 2019 Door Greeter Schedule. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact the church office. You would be asked to greet on Sunday mornings at an entrance door approximately five times throughout the year.

**DVDs Available:** There are DVDs available at the information desk of the Christmas Carol Sing and of the Sunday School Christmas Program. There are also audio CDs available of the Christmas Carol Sing. Enjoy these for yourself or share with someone who wasn't able to attend the programs.

**Prayer Chain Signup:** If you wish to be on the 2019 prayer chain list, please sign-up on the sheet in the entryway by December 23. When you sign-up indicate if you would like to be contacted by phone (either day or evening) or if you would like to be contacted by email.

**Focus Newsletter:** Items for the next Focus are due to the church office by Friday, December 21.

**Fellowship Time:** Many people enjoy a time of fellowship following the worship service. If you would be able to help with serving refreshments during that time, please sign-up in the entryway for a Sunday that fits your schedule. All drinks, cookies and supplies are provided.

**Disability Advocate:** The RCA Disability Concerns Office is looking for a disability advocate at First Reformed. This is a point person within the church that maybe wants to do a little more for those with disabilities. No, it's not a huge commitment. No, it's not super time-consuming. No, you do not need to have all the answers to everything disability-related. Head to <https://www.rca.org/disability-awareness> to find out more about disability concerns in the RCA. If you are interested in taking on this role, talk with Pastor Barry and he will get you in touch with Sonrisa Cortes with the RCA Disability Concerns Office.

**Crop Walk:** The Crop Walk in Waupun has taken place in early October on a Saturday to raise money for the Waupun Food Pantry and for global hunger needs. For 2019 and 2020, First Reformed is being asked to lead it. The main responsibilities would include: 1) Setting a date and notifying other churches, 2) Getting pledge envelopes and event posters to the other churches, 3) Planning the walking route, 4) Have a time of fellowship before and after the walk with coffee and snacks. If you are interested in helping to lead this, let Pastor Barry know or leave a message in the office.

**Contributions:** December 30 is the final Sunday of 2018 and will be your last opportunity to make a tax deductible gift for this year.

**Offering Envelopes:** Your 2019 offering envelopes were placed in your mailboxes. Because your individual number changes from year to year, **it is very important that you do not** use your new (2019) envelopes in 2018. If anyone was missed and you would like to receive offering envelopes, please contact Lori Flier or the church office at 324-2321.

### Congregational Care

**Thank You!** Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant I received. It is deeply appreciated. Thank you again for remembering me and may everyone have a joyous Holiday Season. Eileen Vande Zande.

**Mitten Tree:** First Reformed donated 174 items on the Mitten Tree which were donated to the Waupun Holiday Help Program. Thank you to everyone for your donations!

**Thank You:** The Christmas Carol Sing Committee would like to thank each person who was a part of this year's Christmas Carol Sing. Thank you to the performers, the soundboard and media technicians, the greeters and especially to everyone who came out on a snowy evening to attend the program. The evening was a beautiful way to begin the Christmas Season!

**Thank You:** I would like to thank my church family for all the cards, phone calls and prayers that I received. Special thanks to Pastor Barry, Linda Beekman and Men's Huddle. Things are looking good. Elton Hopp.

### Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering will be divided between three families with medical needs:

- ◆ Travis Mulder (Jeremy Mulder's brother) is undergoing treatments for a rare form of leukemia. He recently suffered a decline with unexplained symptoms and is hospitalized for treatment and testing.
- ◆ Mike Beekman's stepson Dylan (step-grandson of Wally & Linda Beekman) was in a car accident earlier this fall. He has been in a coma since the accident but recently had the ventilator removed. He is being cared for in a specialized care facility.
- ◆ Sheila Wilkum (granddaughter of Don & Ann Boss) was born with congenital heart disease. She was free of any issues for over 30 years, when she collapsed while on vacation and was med-flighted back to the U.S. for emergency surgery and will need further surgery.

### Waupun Food Pantry Fact - Did You Know?

The food pantry accepts used clothing and accessories, which volunteers sort by size and gender. The clothing is then hung in the food pantry basement for those who are in need. In early January, you will learn how we, as a church, can minister to this opportunity.

Why? The Bible says, "I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:36) Furthermore, our vision here at First emphasizes that we make a purposeful effort to meet the material needs of the community by meeting those needs through Christian love.