


First Reformed Church



Christmas Carol Sing
December 2 at 6:30 pm
at First Reformed Church

Begin the Christmas Season
with family and friends at this special event!

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

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December 2, 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 2)</u>	<u>Next Week (December 9)</u>
Greeters	John & Jan De Vries	Roy & Lori Lemmenes
Ushers	Jordan Hopp Gage Van Buren Chase Van Buren Paige Van Buren	Wes Dalka Jeff Freriks Clayton Jahns
Door Greeters		
Upstairs	Wally Beekman	Howard Loomans
Downstairs East Door	Ray Freriks	Gary & Jan Beek
Nursery	Jill Schumann Molli Steinbach	Krystle Arriens Josie Williamson
Elders Greeting	Bill Eichstadt Elton Ter Beest Steve Towne	BJ DeMaa Ron Schaalma Wayne Tavs
Soundboard	John Nyhuis	Howard Loomans
Power Point	Kelley Van Buren	Amanda and Ryan De Vries

December Schedules

Hospital: Steve Towne

Flowers: Kim Perry

Transportation: Jon & Winky Dobbratz

Library: Donna Freriks

Opportunities This Week

Sunday:

Caring & Sharing Team Meeting: 8:30 am in the Consistory Room.

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

Christmas Carol Sing: 6:30 pm. Bring your family and friends to join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and also enjoying a variety of ensemble and solo performances.

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

Sacraments Requests: If you are interested in requesting baptism, confession of faith or any other membership changes, a couple of the elders will be available to meet with you at 6:15 pm in Pastor Barry's office.

Consistory Meeting: Elders and Deacons will meet separately at 6:30 pm. Full Consistory will meet at 7:30 pm. Newly elected Elders and Deacons are invited to attend.

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. It's **Crazy Sock Night!** Wear your craziest socks and bring a pair to be donated to the Waupun Holiday Help Program.

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.

Christmas Program Practice: 8:30 - 11:00 am for Grades 2 - 8; 10:00 - 11:00 am for 3 year olds thru 1st grade. It is VERY IMPORTANT that all children attend this practice. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kari Loomans at 324-2321.

Sunday Worship Service

December 2, 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. We light these candles as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming Christ.

Prelude: Kim Perry

Greeting

*Hymn #258: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (led by Kurt, Becky, Zander, Carter and John De Vries)

Nicene Creed

Ministry of Music: Jerry Hull - "Joy to the World"

Offering

*Hymn #281: "What Child is This?"

Video: Mary

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 (page 1588)

Message: First Christmas - Mary

Prayer

*Benediction

*Hymn #245: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1 & 4)

Church Contact Information

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Congregational News

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 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.

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.

Birthday Open House: Pastor Barry and Nicole will be hosting a Birthday Open House on Tuesday, December 18, 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.

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.

Christmas Cards: If you are sending Christmas cards to members of the congregation and would like to save on postage, you can place them in the alphabetical card box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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

Children's Christmas Program Information

The Christmas Program will be held during the morning worship service on December 9. All program participants should be in the downstairs Triple Room by 8:45 am.

Program Practice: Practice will be held on Saturday, December 8, from 8:30 - 11:00 am for ALL participants with parts in the skit (2nd grade thru Middle School). The 3 year olds thru 1st grade will join in from 10:00 - 11:00 am. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your children attend this practice. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kari Loomans at 324-2321.

White Gift Offering: Next Sunday the White Gift Offering will be taken during the Sunday School Christmas Program. The offering is being designated to the Noah and McKenzie Mulder family who recently lost their infant child.

Sunday School December Schedule

- December 9: Classes will not meet. Refreshments will be served following the program in Fellowship Hall.
- December 16: Classes will be held.
- December 23 & 30: Classes will not meet.
- January 6, 2019: Sunday School Classes Resume

Congregational Care

Thanksgiving Offering: The Thanksgiving Offering total was \$3,213.00. The offering was designated to Jill & Steve Renner.

Thank You: Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and food brought in. Also thank you to Pastor Barry and Linda for their calls. God is good! Norm Aalsma.

Thank You: A big thank you everyone who helped with decorating to make the church a beautiful place of worship for this Christmas season.

Invitations

Central Wisconsin Christian School Invitations:

- The elementary students will present their Christmas Program "Red Letter Christmas" on Friday, December 7, at 6:30 pm.
- Jr. High and Sr. High Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 pm. The concert will feature, Middle School Band, Middle School Choir, High School Band, Jr. Choir, Sr. Choir and the New Generation Singers.

Cookie Walk: Union Congregational Church (125 Beaver Dam Street, Waupun) will hold a Holiday Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Select your own assortment of homemade cookies and candies for \$7 per pound. Proceeds will support Access 4 Recess, Heroes' Hunt for Veterans, and Camp Hometown Heroes.