

First Reformed Church



**Be a missionary where you live.
Church-wide service at the Waupun Food Pantry.**

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)

First Reformed Church

November 17, 2019

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

*Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him! (Psalm 147:1)*

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.

An usher would be happy to assist you with these items.

Worship Service Participants

This Week (November 17)

Next Week (November 24)

Greeters

Vince & Ellen Decker

Kurt & Becky De Vries

Ushers

Gary Beek
Josh Damsteegt
Randy Flier

Zander Disbrow
Bill Eichstadt
Kevin Van Buren

Door Greeters

Upstairs

Elton & Betty Ter Beest

Larry & Mary Navis

Downstairs East Door

Bill & Carol Eichstadt

John Nyhuis

Nursery

Cindy De Vries
Ryan De Vries

Jill Schumann
Kaylin DeMaa

Elders Greeting

Wayne Tavs
Ray Freriks
Keith Jansma

Jerry Riel
Larry Navis
Steve Perry

Soundboard

BJ DeMaa

Howard Loomans

Power Point

Katie and Brianna DeMaa

Nicole and Austin Lang

November Schedules

Hospital: Wayne Tavs

Flowers: Ellen Decker

Library: Donna Freriks

Opportunities This Week

Sunday (November 17):

Prayer Time: Meet in the chapel area by the grandfather clock at 8:45 am for a short time of prayer with Pastor Barry before the worship service.

Sunday School: 10:15 - 11:00 am

- ◆ 3 year olds - 2nd Grade downstairs in the Worship Center Room
- ◆ 3rd - 5th Grade downstairs in the Triple Room
- ◆ 6th - 12th Grade upstairs in the Youth Room
- ◆ Adult Sunday School Class will not meet this week

Annual Congregational Meeting: In the sanctuary following the worship service.

Tuesday:

Team Meetings:

- Worship Planning Team: 6:00 pm in the Consistory Room
- Missions Team: 6:00 pm in the Chapel
- All Other Teams: 6:30 pm in the Triple Room (Caring & Sharing Team will not meet)

Wednesday:

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

Awana: This week's theme is THANKS NIGHT! Bring to Club a list of things you are thankful for.

- ◆ Cubbies meet 6:00 - 7:00 pm downstairs in the Preschool Rooms
- ◆ Grades K-5 meets 5:45 - 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

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.

Adult Choir Practice: 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday:

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

Saturday:

Men's' Huddle: 7:00 am at Helen's Kitchen.

Sunday (November 24):

Ladies Bible Study: 6:00 pm in the Chapel. All women are invited to attend!

Worship Service
November 17, 2019
9:00 am

Prelude: Kim Perry

Call to Worship

*Opening Song: Bell Choir - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Bell Choir will play once thru; the congregation then join in to sing all 3 verses of Hymn #11

Prayer

Ministry of Music: Bell Choir - Holy Manna

MOVE Team Mission Update - Food Pantry

*Song: Oceans (led by the Youth)

Offering

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 (page 1818)

Message: Be A Missionary Where You Live

Announcements

*Benediction

*Song #368: He Lives

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Church Contact Information

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Congregational Care

Thank You: Thank you to Alton Klumpers for stepping up to fill the custodian position here at First Reformed these past months. Your willingness to do so and your care of First Reformed is very much appreciated.

Congregational News

Elder/Deacon Nominees: The nominees for elders and deacons to begin serving in 2020 are as follows: Elder nominees are Mike De Vries and George Scheuers. Deacon nominees are Adam Lemmenes and Wilbur Van Buren. Absentee ballots are available in the entryway. All absentee ballots must be signed and can be placed in the ballot box in the entryway.

RCA Discussion: The RCA Classis of Wisconsin has had five churches leave in the last two years. Right now, there are a lot of questions about the future of our denomination. Come to listen and discuss the future of the RCA with Pastor Barry on one of our upcoming dates. We will discuss what has been proposed and where it is at right now. Both proposed meetings will share the same content, so if interested you would only need to come to one of these meetings. The dates are: Tuesday, December 10th, or Tuesday, January 14th. Both meetings will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Triple Room.

Christmas Carol Sing Posters: Posters for the upcoming Christmas Carol Sing are available in the entryway. Please help promote this event by taking one or more to display at your place of work or at an area business.

Open Staff Position: We are looking for someone who might be interested in being a part-time janitor here at First. Contact the office at 324-2321 or office@firstreformedwaupun.com and let us know if you are interested. We would be glad to get you the details.

AIM: Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 16th, from 9:00 am - noon in the Triple Room. Come join us as we make quilts for missions.

Sunday School Invitation: JOY is a vital part of the Christmas message - indeed, the Christian life. Please join us in Adult Sunday School for a check-up on the JOY factor in your life, for three Sundays (November 24, December 1 and December 8). Come with your comments, questions and experiences of JOY to share in conversations on this worthwhile and timely subject.

Awana: The Awana theme for November 20th is THANKS NIGHT! Bring to Club a list of things you are thankful for. Bring a friend and tell them why you are thankful for them too. See you on Wednesday! Awana is for kids ages 3 years old through 5th Grade.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm

- During the service, we will highlight what we are thankful to God for. If you have any videos or pictures that highlight what you are thankful for, you can drop them off with Pastor Barry or email them to pastorbarry@firstreformedwaupun.com by Sunday, November 24th.
- You will have the opportunity to participate during the Thanksgiving Service by using the text feature on your phone. So, please bring your phone. If you don't text, we will have an alternative way for you to participate that night.
- There will also be a food drive for the Waupun Food Pantry. Items needed are: canned items (not green beans or pumpkin), pasta, pancake mix, syrup and rice side packets.
- The Thanksgiving Offering will be shared with two families:
 - ◆ Jill & Steve Renner (daughter and son-in-law of George & Liz Scheuers) to help with ongoing medical expenses.
 - ◆ Isaac Van Buren (great-grandson of Wayne & Wilma Van Buren): Alexis Van Buren (Wayne & Wilma's granddaughter) struggles with addiction. Because of this, her mom (Shelly) has custody of her son Isaac. Alexis is currently living with her mom and learning how to be a mom for Isaac. The family covets your prayers that this would be a turning point for Alexis. The offering would help with the care of Isaac.

Christmas Season Activities

Christmas Program: Parents of children 3 years old - 5th grade, watch for your child's Christmas program pieces to come home today. Please take some time to look it over and start reviewing their parts with them until they have it memorized. The Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 15th, at the 9:00 am service. Full rehearsal time will be announced next Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Kari Loomans. Thank you!!

Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections, including the Waupun High School Choir. There will be a freewill offering to support the Access for Recess adaptive playground at Meadow View Primary School in Waupun.

Christmas Decorating: Following the Thanksgiving Worship service on November 27th, everyone is invited to lend a hand in decorating First Reformed for the Christmas Season. Many hands make light work and all assistance is very much appreciated.

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 8th.