

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

First Reformed Church

November 24, 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 24)

Next Week (December 1)

Greeters

Kurt & Becky De Vries

Ron & Claraine Buteyn

Ushers

Zander Disbrow
Bill Eichstadt
Kevin Van Buren

Chase Van Buren
Gage Van Buren
Paige Van Buren

Door Greeters

Upstairs

Larry & Mary Navis

Kevin Van Buren

Downstairs East Door

John Nyhuis

Jeff Freriks

Nursery

Jill Schumann
Kaylin DeMaa

Cheri Jansma
Sarah Lemmenes

Elders Greeting

Jerry Riel
Larry Navis
Steve Perry

BJ DeMaa
Ron Schaalma
Wayne Tavs

Soundboard

Howard Loomans

John Nyhuis

Power Point

Nicole and Austin Lang

Kelley Van Buren

November Schedules

Hospital: Wayne Tavs

Flowers: Ellen Decker

Library: Donna Freriks

Opportunities This Week

Sunday (November 24):

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
- ◆ Adults in the Consistory Room. We begin a new study on "JOY" today.

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

Wednesday:

Thanksgiving Worship Service: 7:00 pm.

Decorating the Church for Christmas: Following the Thanksgiving worship service.

Saturday:

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

Sunday (December 1):

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

Congregational Care

Sympathy: Congregational sympathy is extended to Jean & Arlen Tenpas. Jean's sister, Irene Van Doren, passed away on November 17.

Thank You: First Reformed members donated 46 packed shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to each person who donated to this program to reach children around the world.

Worship Service

November 24, 2019

9:00 am

Prelude: Jon Schmaltz

Call to Worship

*Opening Song: Sing, Shout, Clap

Prayer

Ministry of Music:

Choir - Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King with Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture: Romans 1:18-32 (page 1747)

Message: All of Mankind

*Song #170: Give Thanks

Prayer

Offering

Announcements

*Benediction

*Song #786: Count Your Blessings

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

**All songs will be led by the Praise Team

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Congregational News

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: There will be **NO CLUB** on Wednesday, November 27th. Please join us at our Thanksgiving Service starting at 7:00 pm. The December 4th Theme Night is Mitten Tree Night! Bring a pair of mittens, gloves or a scarf to help children in need in the Waupun area.

Consistory Agenda Items: The next consistory meeting will be December 3rd. If team leaders or consistory members would like an item discussed at the meeting, please contact the church office with that information by **Tuesday, November 26th, at noon**, so it can be placed on the agenda. (NOTE: This is an earlier date due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)

Early Bulletin Deadline: All items for the December 1st bulletin need to be turned into the church office by Tuesday at noon. Thank you.

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.

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.

Ushers and Greeter: If you would like to serve as a new volunteer in these areas in 2020, please sign-up in the entryway. Also, if you are a current volunteer but unable to do so in 2020, please sign-up as well. If you have served this past year and are able to continue there is no need to sign-up – your name will be included in the 2020 schedule. A BIG THANK YOU to each person who shares their gifts to serve in these areas of ministry. You are very much appreciated!

Food Pantry: First Reformed donated 55# of items to the Waupun Food Pantry. Items needed at this time are: elbow macaroni, spaghetti, canned pineapple, oatmeal, syrup, and granola bars. Donated items can be placed in the box in the upstairs coat room.

Congregational Meeting:

- The First Reformed Church's Value Statements were presented to the congregation
- The recommendation from Consistory to set aside our bylaws for 1 year and reduce the Consistory size to 14 (7 elders and 7 deacons) was approved.
- We are excited to welcome our new elders and deacons who will begin serving in 2020. Elders elected were Mike De Vries and George Scheuers. Deacons elected were Adam Lemmenes and Wilbur Van Buren.
- The 2020 General Fund and Benevolent Budgets were approved.

Additional Congregational News

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.

Children's Christmas Program will be held during the morning worship service on December 15th. PARENTS please keep working with your children on their program parts and songs. Practice is held each Sunday during Sunday School and full dress rehearsal will be held on Friday, December 13th, from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Please mark your calendars for this practice. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child be present. Thanks!

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 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.

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.

Women's Ministries: We will have a Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 10th, at 11:30 am in the chapel. Please bring a \$5 gift exchange and a dish to pass. Table service will be provided. All women are invited!

Avenue of Angels: Our choir will be taking part in the Avenue of Angels Mixed Blessings Concert on Thursday, December 5th, at 6:00 pm held at Waupun City Hall. Additional activities will be held each evening starting with the parade on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Needed: Our first sponsored Fun Night with pizza, bingo, prizes and good fellowship at the Community Table Room (16 S. Mill Street, Waupun) will be held Friday, December 6th. Pizza will be served from 5:30 - 6:00 with bingo to follow until 7:30 pm. We need help from you in two ways: First, sign up to attend at the table in the entryway. We would like to encourage 10 more people to attend. Secondly, please consider donating 1 or 2 frozen pizzas with any toppings you desire, and place them in the frozen section of either refrigerator in the church basement by Wednesday, December 4th. Thanks Much, The MOVE Team.

Community Table Opportunities: Congregation, you are encouraged to sign up for the new opportunities to be held at the Community Table; namely bingo fun nights, crafts, canning, gardening and book club. If you wish to continue with the original opportunities you provided service to in 2019, you need not do anything. If you wish to sign up this year but did not serve last year, you may sign up for the opportunities on the empty lines below the original list of names. If you have any questions, you can contact Ron Schaalma.