



FOR

unto us a

Child

is born. Unto us a

Son is given

And the government shall be

upon His shoulder

And His name shall be called

WONDERFUL

Counsellor

The Mighty God

The Everlasting Father

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH

9:6

First Reformed Church

December 15, 2019

A sincere welcome to all who have come to worship.
*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 (December 15)

Next Week (December 22)

Greeters	Elton & Carol Hopp	Krystle and Chaz Arriens
Ushers	Gary Beek Josh Damsteegt Randy Flier	Zander Disbrow Bill Eichstadt Kevin Van Buren
Door Greeters Upstairs Downstairs East Door	Steve & Nancy Auchtung	Nicole Lang and Family Ron & Henri Raith
Nursery	Kevin Winter Sherry Winter	Kelley Van Buren Chase Van Buren
Elders Greeting	Larry Navis Steve Perry BJ DeMaa	Ron Schaalma Wayne Tavs Ray Freriks
Soundboard	Howard Loomans and Kurt De Vries	Kurt De Vries
Power Point	BJ & Katie DeMaa Family	Nicole and Austin Lang

December Schedules

Hospital: Ray Freriks

Flowers: Kim Perry

Library: Donna Freriks

Opportunities This Week

Sunday (December 15):

Children's Christmas Program: 9:00 am as part of the worship service. Join in a time of fellowship following the program in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School: Will not meet this week. Classes will resume on January 5th.

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

Team Meetings:

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

Wednesday:

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

Awana: This week's theme is RED & GREEN NIGHT! Everyone wear Red & Green to get in the Christmas spirit as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Bring a friend!

◆ 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 pm in the sanctuary.

Saturday:

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

Sunday (December 22):

Choir Cantata "Bethlehem Morning: 9:00 am during our worship service.

Ladies Bible Study: 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

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)

Worship Service

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath: The Advent Wreath reminds believers that our God grants new and everlasting life in Jesus. The wreath is also a symbol of victory, for a garland wreath was often placed on victors in contests or conquests. So naturally, a Christian can think of the crown of life that Jesus has won for us. The four candles in the Advent Wreath emphasize the four-week period of preparation during Advent. The fifth candle placed in the center of the wreath represents the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. This fifth candle is lit on Christmas to remind us of our Savior who brings new life and hope.

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Welcome to the Sunday School Christmas Program!

December 15, 2019

Bell Choir Introit: Song #249: O Come, All Ye Faithful

- ◆ Bell Choir will play once through.
- ◆ Children will sing verse 1
- ◆ **Congregation** join in for verses 2 & 3

Opening and Prayer: Pastor Barry

Welcome to Our Program: Winnie Braaksma

Wee: Natalie Mulder

A Little Bell: Blayne Flier

The Colored Bells of Christmas: Vaeya De Vries, Quinten Thurk, Simon Lemmenes, Arabella Renner and Payten Thurk

Christmas Bells: Austin Lang, Chaz Arriens, Kyan De Vries, Carter Disbrow, Gage Van Buren, Aaron Lang, Brianna De Maa and Ella Lemmenes.

Congregational Song with Children: Song #267 (verse 1)

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Songs: Christmas Bells

We'll Ring Our Bells for Jesus

Come On, Ring Those Bells

Xylophone Solo: Brianna DeMaa

Dance of the Sugar Plum Ferries/

Angels We Have Heard on High/Joy to the World

Ministry of Music: Bell Choir - Ukrainian Bell Carol

Offering:

The Regular Offering will be followed by the White Gift Offering, which is designated to the John & Jody Turnes Family to assist with medical expenses.

Offertory:

- ◆ Kaylin DeMaa, Zander Disbrow with Jon Schmaltz - Joy to the World
- ◆ Kaylin DeMaa, Abbey Lang and Eva Jo Turnes - Mary Did You Know?

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20 (page 1590) read by Amanda and Ryan De Vries

Skit: A Very Opinionated Christmas Tree

Main Cast: Gage Van Buren Brianna DeMaa
Carter Disbrow Aaron Lang
Ella Lemmenes
Tree: Dana Vande Kolk

Ornaments (Each child made their own ornament.)

Bible: Gage Van Buren	Donkey: Aaron Lang
Stable: Carter Disbrow	Oxen: Kyan De Vries
Wreath: Chaz Arriens	Candle: Ella Lemmenes
Manger: Austin Lang	Star: Winnie Braaksma
Mary: Payten Thurk	Crown: Blayne Flier
Joseph: Quinten Thurk	Gift: Natalie Mulder
Angel: Vaeya De Vries	Music Note: Arabella Renner
Candy Cane: Simon Lemmenes	Bell: Brianna DeMaa

Song (children only): Away in a Manger

Congregational Song with Children: O Christmas Tree

Song Finale (children only): We Wish You a Merry Christmas!



Invitation

Following the program, everyone is invited to celebrate with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall located downstairs. The Sunday School children will receive treat bags. There are extra treat bags available for any other children attending the program - please feel free to take one.



Special THANKS goes to many people who have given their time and talents to make this Christmas Program possible:

- ◆ Teachers: Pastor Barry and Nicole Lang, BJ and Katie DeMaa
- ◆ Pianist: Jon Schmaltz
- ◆ Program Support: Becky De Vries
- ◆ Soundboard: Howard Loomans and Kurt De Vries
- ◆ Prop and Costumes: Rose Riel and Ray Freriks
- ◆ PowerPoint: BJ & Katie DeMaa Family
- ◆ Treat Bags for all Children: Sr. High Youth Fellowship
- ◆ Refreshments: Jim & Betty Korte, Steve & Nancy Auchtung, Wilbur & Elayne Van Buren, Shawn & Roxanne Walker, Thelma Dull and Joyce Sturtz

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes to all the parents and teachers for helping the children learn their parts and bringing them to all the program practices. I am especially grateful to my family for all their love and support they have given me. I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Kari Loomans, Children's Director.

Congregational News

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

Christmas Offering: The Christmas Offering has been designated to the Dallas & Alisha Davis Family. They and their 4 children were involved in a car accident. Their 4-year old child died in the accident and several members of the family were injured, including their son Daniel who remains in the hospital from his injuries. Alisha is a sister-in-law of Josiah (son of Nevin & Elissa Webster) & Destiny Webster.

Christmas Dinner: Shawn & Roxanne Walker are hosting a Christmas dinner for anyone that would be alone on Christmas. The meal will be served on Christmas Day at 1:00 pm at 212 Howard Street, Waupun. Please sign-up by December 18th in the entryway if you would like to attend. Any questions, you can call Roxanne at her number that is on the sign-up sheet in the entryway.

Bingo Fun Night at Community Table: Thanks to those who attended and donated pizzas, cookies and bingo prizes for the first of three "Fun Nights" at the Community Table on Friday, December 6th. Great food, fellowship and fun was shared by 8 First Reformed Church members and 22 Community Table participants. If any family or group within the church is willing to sponsor the next fun night in early April, please see Ron Schaalma (920-948-8069) or contact any MOVE Team member. Sponsoring involves a 2-hour time commitment where you would simply serve drinks and pizza as well as call bingo. There is no cost to you and the payback is priceless! Thanks!

RCA Discussion: There will be discussion meeting about the future of the RCA on Tuesday, , January 14th, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Triple Room. (Note: This meeting will contain the same information presented at the discussion meeting held on December 10th.)

Usher and Greeter Need: There is a need for one additional usher and one additional door greeter for 2020. If you are able to help serve in this way, please sign-up in the entryway. If you served this past year but are unable to continue in the upcoming year, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet by Sunday, December 22nd.

Gift Ideas: Do you want a neat Christmas gift for your family to give? Look in the November issues of "RCA Today". Through the Gift of Hope Project with RCA Global Missions, a \$50 donation will feed a refugee family for one month. You can make a donation by sending a check with "Refuge Meals GOH" written in the memo and sending it to RCA; Attention Financial Department; 4500 60th Street SE; Grand Rapids, MI 49512 or by going online to rca.org/giftofhope. Also, for \$40, One With God (mission led by Pastor Bob & Barb James) will feed a child daily for one year. Checks can be sent to: One With God, Inc.; 600 Garret Valley Lane; Arlington, TN 38002.

Focus Articles: Items for the January/February Focus newsletter are due to the church office by Monday, December 23rd.

Contributions: December 29th is the final Sunday of 2019 and will be your last opportunity to make a tax deductible gift for this year.

Congregational Care

Thank You: Thank you for all the prayers and cards for my recent hospitalization. My ability to write this is by God's grace. Praise God for my miraculous recovery. John De Vries.

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 all of those who participated, the soundboard, media, greeters, ushers and to everyone who attended. What a joyous evening to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to begin the Christmas Season! We wish each and everyone a very blessed Merry Christmas! Mary, Sherry & Lori.

Thank You: Over the past few weeks First Reformed members have contributed to several programs to bless others in our community:

- ◆ 95 pounds of items were donated to the Waupun Food Pantry
- ◆ The Christmas Carol Sing offering for Access for Recess was \$1,627.00
- ◆ 167 mittens, gloves, scarves and socks were donated to Waupun Holiday Help

Invitations

Concert: Trinity Reformed of Waupun will be attending the Seibel Family Christmas Concert as a group on Saturday, December 21st, at 1:00 pm at Fond du Lac High School Performing Arts Center. They will travel by bus leaving their church parking lot at noon. There is no cost for the tickets but tickets are limited. Reserve your spot by calling Trinity Church at 324-2400.

Conference: ONE Waupun will host a free half-day conference to wrestle with how God will use us to make the gospel more prevalent in our lives while reaching those in our community who are not actively following Jesus Christ. The conference includes a powerful video message from Francis Chan and David Platt, a time of praise and worship, a meal and snacks and lots of fellowship and prayer. The conference is offered on two separate dates - Saturday, January 18th, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and Sunday, January 26th, 2:00 - 6:30 pm - held at ONE Waupun Facility at W7185 Highway 49. Please RSVP at www.onewaupun.com/emerge or call 920-382-5559.

Blood Drive: The Waupun Community Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, December 26th, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm at Edgewood Church (201 Edgewood Drive, Waupun). For an appointment call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Central Wisconsin Christian School Invitation:

➤ On Tuesday, December 17, the elementary students will present their "Christmas Joy" program. The program will be presented at 9:00 am and again at 6:30 pm.

Waupun Public Library Programs: (held at the library at 123 S. Forest Street, Waupun)

- Book Club meets on December 16 at 10:00 am.
- Storytime on December 18 at 11:00 am. Children of any age and ability, along with their caregiver, are invited to join us for short stories, interactive activities and crafts.
- Movie on December 19 at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Popcorn and water provided. All ages welcome; 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.