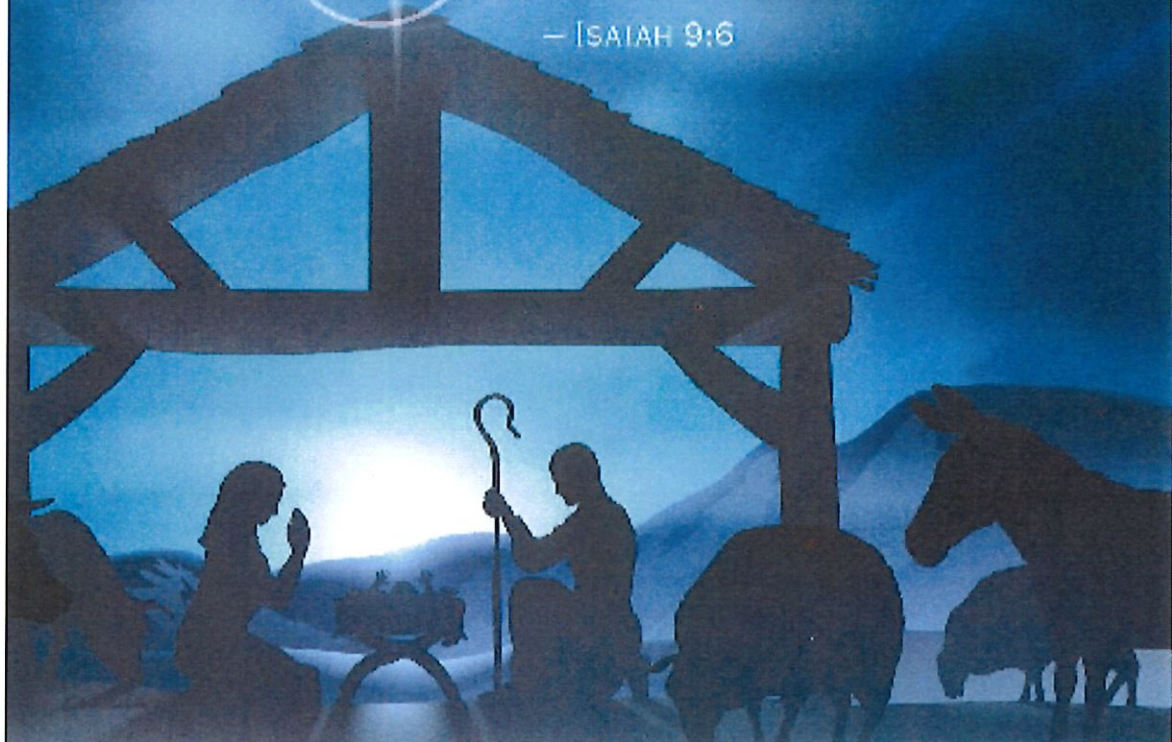


A child is

Born

TO US, A SON
IS GIVEN TO US.

— ISAIAH 9:6



First Reformed Church

December 22, 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

	<u>This Week (December 22)</u>	<u>Next Week (December 29)</u>
Greeters	Krystle and Chaz Arriens	Bob & Bev Frank
Ushers	Zander Disbrow Bill Eichstadt Kevin Van Buren	Youth Group
Door Greeters		
Upstairs	Nicole Lang and Family	Wally Beekman
Downstairs East Door	Ron & Henri Raith	Gary & Jan Beek
Nursery	Kelley Van Buren Chase Van Buren	Katie Flier Christina Graves
Elders Greeting	Ron Schaalma Wayne Tavs Ray Freriks	Keith Jansma Jerry Riel Larry Navis
Soundboard	Kurt De Vries	
Power Point	Nicole and Austin Lang	Nicole and Austin Lang

December Schedules

Hospital: Ray Freriks

Flowers: Kim Perry

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)

Worship Service

Fourth

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

Opportunities This Week

Sunday:

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

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

Tuesday:

Christmas Eve Worship Service: 7:00 pm

Saturday:

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

Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

9:00 am

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Song: In Christ Alone

Scripture: Acts 16:25-34 (page 1721)

Baptism: Hudson James Towne

Apostles Creed

Song #185: Jesus Loves Me

Prayer

Offering

Choir Christmas Cantata - *Bethlehem Morning*

Announcements

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

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Choir Christmas Cantata
December 22, 2019

Bethlehem Morning

Joy in Bethlehem! Medley
Bethlehem Morning *with* Joy to the World!

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Bethlehem Manger Medley
O Little Town of Bethlehem *with* I Come to the Manger

Come, Let Us Worship Medley
O Come, All Ye Faithful *with* Here I Am to Worship

Bethlehem Morning

This Must Be the Place *with* We Are the Reason
Soloist: Jon Schmaltz

The Reason for Joy! Finale
We Are the Reason *with* Joy to the World!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this program possible:

Pianist: Colleen Miles

Narrator: BJ DeMaa and John Nyhuis

Soundboard: Kurt De Vries

Power Point: Nicole Lang and Sherry Winter



Congregational News

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.

Consistory Updates:

1. We will have ordinations and installations for elders and deacons on January 5th.
2. At our Consistory meeting on January 7th, we will be thinking critically about our teams. If you have any input on our teams or team structure, please talk to Pastor Barry or a consistory member.
3. We will work on team leadership and membership in early January after our meeting.

Prayer Chain Sign-Up: If you wish to be on the 2020 prayer chain list, please sign-up in the entryway by December 29th. When your 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.

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 two additional door greeters 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 as an usher or a door greeter, 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 refuge 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.

Offering Envelopes: Your 2020 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 (2020) envelopes in 2019. 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

Baptism: This morning we celebrate in the sacrament of baptism of Hudson James Towne. Hudson is the son of Aaron & Lindsey Towne.

Thank You: Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant I received. It was truly appreciated. May you all have a Blessed Holiday Season. Eileen Vande Zande.

Thank You: Thank you to the church for all you do for me - and for the poinsettia plant and all the visits. Barbara Plum.

Thank You: Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia plant you gave me and all the greeting cards I got. Also, thank you, Linda Beekman, for coming to see me, sure enjoy the nice visits we have. All is appreciated much. Seasons Greetings and may the Lord bless you all. Phyllis Plum.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who remembered us with cards and kind words during our time of loss. From the Larry Van Buren Family.

Invitations

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.

Union Event: Youth for Christ has switched to First Fridays in replacement of the dance to increase the quality of our ministry to students. Mark your calendar for January 3rd at the Union Youth Center from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. We welcome all 7th & 8th graders to join us. Our January event is FREE! We will play the game, Jumanji, while we watch the 1995 version of our first ever interactive movie night! Snacks will be provided. If you have questions, contact Jess Niemeyer at jess@badgerlandyfc.org.