



A New  
Beginning  
with  
God

Be made new in the attitude of  
your minds; and to put on the  
new self, created to be like God

*Ephesians 4:23-24 (NIV)*

# First Reformed Church

December 29, 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 29)

### Next Week (January 5)

#### **Greeters**

Rick & Karen Beek

#### **Ushers**

Youth Group

Chase Van Buren  
Gage Van Buren  
Paige Van Buren

#### **Door Greeters**

##### **Upstairs**

Wally Beekman

Elton & Betty Ter Beest

##### **Downstairs East Door**

Gary & Jan Beek

Bill & Carol Eichstadt

#### **Nursery**

Katie Flier  
Christina Graves

Jean Tenpas  
Josie Williamson

#### **Elders Greeting**

Keith Jansma  
Jerry Riel  
Larry Navis

Steve Perry  
Mike De Vries  
George Scheuers

#### **Soundboard**

Howard Loomans

John Nyhuis

#### **Power Point**

Katie and Brianna DeMaa

Kelley Van Buren

### 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)

### Opportunities This Week

#### Sunday:

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

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

#### Thursday:

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

#### Saturday:

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

### January Schedules

**Hospital:** Steve Perry  
**Flowers:** Jane Van Buren  
**Library:** Roxanne Walker

## **Worship Service**

December 29, 2019

9:00 am

Prelude: Jon Schmaltz

Call to Worship

Worship Songs:

1. Glory to God
2. Here I am to Worship

Ministry of Music: Elton Ter Beest

Scripture: Galatians 1:6-10 (page 1809)

Message: Getting Back to the Gospel - Eric Lammers

Prayer

Offering

\*Benediction

\*Song #196: O Come, Let Us Adore Him (Verses 1 - 5)

\*Postlude: Jon Schmaltz

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*All songs will be led by the Praise Team

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## Congregational News

### Consistory Updates:

1. We will have ordinations and installations for elders and deacons on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. At our Consistory meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Consistory Agenda Items:** The next consistory meeting will be January 7. If team leaders or consistory members would like an item discussed at the meeting, please contact the church office with that information by noon on Thursday, January 2, so it can be placed on the agenda.

**Prayer Chain Sign-Up:** If you wish to be on the 2020 prayer chain list, please sign-up in the entryway by December 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>.)

**Contributions:** If you need verification of your contributions for 2019 taxes, please contact the church office (324-2321) with your **name and envelope number** by January 31, 2020.

**Fellowship Time:** Enjoying some refreshments following the worship service is a special time of fellowship each week for our church family and visitors. If you would be available to help with serving the drinks and cookies, please sign-up in the entryway for a week that fits your schedule. All supplies are provided. If you have any questions of what is involved with serving, please contact the church office.

**New Adult Sunday School Class:** Plans are being made for studies to encourage and enlighten in the early weeks of 2020. Initially, starting January 5<sup>th</sup>, we will focus on prayer. What better way to recharge for the New Year God has given us than to be refreshed in our prayer lives? Then for several weeks, we will be using Laura Story's new book I Give Up. This study on "the secret to surrendering to God" is sure to guide us into greater faith-structured living. We'd love for you to join us in 2020 - the doors of the Consistory Room classroom are open to all adults who would like to grow and enhance relationships with fellow believers.

**AIM:** Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am - noon. Join us as we make quilts for missions.

## Congregational Care

**White Gift Offering:** The White Gift Offering, which was designated to the John & Jody Turnes Family, was \$746.00.

**Thank You:** Thank you to all who sent cards and also for the beautiful poinsettia plant. It is so good to be remembered. God bless you all, George & Betty Posthuma.

**Thank You:** A very heartfelt thank you to all of First Reformed for the cards, visits and continued prayers for Jim while he went through his procedures the past months. It's been a tough road, but your prayers and kind words helped all of us power through. When we have Christ as our foundation, He can get us through anything! Blessings to you all in the coming year!  
Jim Korte and Family.

**Thank You:** We are thankful for the gift offering that came in for us this past Thanksgiving. All praises are with humbleness and sincerity and we are so thankful. Everyone has been so supportive to us at First Reformed and we are grateful to have you all as our kind backbone support network too. We have had struggles over this past year with not working yet. The doctor has told us it would take 1-2 years for us to feel better. While Steve and I are getting back on our feet, we are reminded of this verse: "May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:17). Steve is going to be going back to work in February. We are trusting he will find work in his retail niche. I am going to be working in my dream field again as Life Coach and because of the books I put forth in 2013 and again in 2015, I recently won an award for Professional Organization of Women of Excellence recognized for my work as an author. God is good all the time! Even at our lowest of times, He pulls us up when we keep our eyes on Him. Thanks again to everyone who has prayed for us, hoped for the best for us and for all your financial support. We cannot thank you enough. God Bless you all, Steve & Jill Renner.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 6:30 pm - held at ONE Waupun Facility at W7185 Highway 49. Please RSVP at [www.onewaupun.com/emerge](http://www.onewaupun.com/emerge) or call 920-382-5559.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Union Youth Center from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. We welcome all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jess@badgerlandyfc.org).