

*The true  
light*

*that gives light  
to everyone  
was coming into  
the world.*

JOHN 1:9 (KJV)

# First Reformed Church

December 8, 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

## 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 Participants

	<u>This Week (December 8)</u>	<u>Next Week (December 15)</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill & Carol Eichstadt	Elton & Carol Hopp
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Freriks Jordan Hopp Clayton Jahns	Gary Beek Josh Damsteegt Randy Flier
<b>Door Greeters</b>		
<b>Upstairs</b>	Arlen Tenpas	Steve & Kim Perry
<b>Downstairs East Door</b>	Jon & Winky Dobbratz	
<b>Nursery</b>	Lori Lemmenes Liz Scheuers	Kevin Winter Sherry Winter
<b>Elders Greeting</b>	Ray Freriks Keith Jansma Jerry Riel	Larry Navis Steve Perry BJ DeMaa
<b>Soundboard</b>	Howard Loomans	John De Vries
<b>Power Point</b>	Amanda and Ryan De Vries	Katie and Brianna DeMaa

## Opportunities This Week

### **Sunday (December 8):**

**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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade meet downstairs in the Worship Center Room
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Triple Room
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Coffee Room
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Youth Room
- Adults meet in the Consistory Room. We will complete our series on "JOY".

**Ladies Bible Study:** 3:00 pm (note the different time) in the Chapel.

**Christmas Carol Sing:** 6:00 pm. Enjoy an evening of singing and listening to your favorite Christmas Carols! A free will offering will support the Access for Recess adaptive playground at Meadow View Primary School in Waupun.

### **Tuesday:**

**Women's Ministries Christmas Gathering:** 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!

**RCA Discussion Group:** 6:30 pm in the Triple Room.

### **Wednesday:**

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

**Awana:** This week's theme is NEON NEON NIGHT! Jesus is the Light of the World! Wear bright florescent colors! 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.

### **Friday:**

**Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal:** 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Parents - please be sure that your children attend this very important practice.

### **Saturday:**

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

### **Sunday (December 15):**

**Children's Christmas Program:** 9:00 am during our worship service.

## Worship Service

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2019; 9:00 am

**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.

Prelude: Jon Schmaltz  
Call to Worship

\*Opening Song #271: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You  
Prayer

Ministry of Music: Choir - Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Video: Away in a Manger - Wise Man  
Scripture: Micah 5:1-5 (page 1445)  
Message: From the Least

\*Song #272: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Offering

Lord's Supper

Announcements

\*Benediction

\*Song #259: Angels, from the Realms of Glory (verses 1, 2 & 5)

\*Postlude: Jon Schmaltz

\*Please stand if you are able. \*\*All songs will be led by the Praise Team.

## Church Contact Information

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## Congregational News

**Children's Christmas Program** will be held during the worship service on December 15<sup>th</sup>. **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 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Please mark your calendars for this practice. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child be present. Thanks!

**Mitten Tree Collection Ends Today:** Place donated hats, mittens, scarves and socks under the Christmas Tree at the back of the sanctuary. These will be donated to the Waupun Holiday Help Program for children in need in the Waupun area.

**Time of Fellowship:** Thank you so much to those who have volunteered to help serve for fellowship time. Please consider serving on a Sunday that fits your schedule. All supplies are provided and with the addition of the refrigerator and larger sink there is no need to have to go downstairs. There is currently a need for someone to serve on December 22, December 29 and into January. Many people enjoy this time of fellowship following the worship service.

**Sunday School Invitation:** JOY is a vital part of the Christmas message - indeed, the Christian life. Please join us in Adult Sunday School in the Consistory Room as we complete this series.

**RCA Discussion:** There will be two discussion meetings about the future of the RCA. They will both have the same content, so feel free to pick whichever one works best with your schedule if you would like to attend. The dates are: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, or Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Triple Room.

**AIM:** Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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 serves in this way. You are very much appreciated!

**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](http://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.

## November Schedules

**Hospital:** Ray Freriks

**Flowers:** Kim Perry

**Library:** Donna Freriks

### Congregational Care

**Sympathy:** Larry Van Buren passed away on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sympathy is extended to his brother Kevin & Linda Van Buren, his sister, Betty Zellner, and his step-mother, Minnie Van Buren.

**Thank You:** A big thank you everyone who helped with decorating to make the church a beautiful place of worship for this Christmas season.

**Thanksgiving Offering:** The offering was \$3,122.00 and will be shared with Jill & Steve Renner and Alexis and Isaac Van Buren.

### Consistory Updates from December 3, 2019 Meeting

1. Dave and Marchell Syens officially transferred their membership to First Reformed, Waupun. We are excited that they have decided to become a part of our church!
2. Profession of Faith classes will be offered during Lent. They will be on three or four Sundays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in March. More information to come.
3. We congratulate Missionary Ryan Hull. He was recently married to Argene Belicano in the Philippines.
4. There will be two offerings at the December 15<sup>th</sup> worship service - one will be the regular offering and the second will be to add to the Sunday School White Gift Offering.
5. Consistory Officers for 2020 are as follows: Vice President - Ray Freriks, Clerk of Consistory - Jerry Riel, Clerk of Records - Keith Jansma, Chairman of Deacons - Roy Lemmenes, General Treasurer - Adam Lemmenes, Benevolent Treasurer - John De Vries, and Memorial Treasurer - Kyle Braaksma.

## **Invitations**

**Concert:** Trinity Reformed of Waupun will be attending the Seibel Family Christmas Concert as a group on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**Invitation:** If you would be interested in joining The United Men of Praise men's choir, practices are held at the Methodist Church in Waupun on Mondays at 7:00 pm. All men are welcome! Contact Roy Lemmenes if you have any questions.

**Cookbook Fundraiser:** The Bethel Reformed Church Youth Group is holding a cookbook fundraiser. Funds will support their mission trip to Minnesota next spring. Cost is \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Judi Post at 346-5810 or can be picked up at Bethel Reformed (305 W. Main St., Brandon) Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm or Friday 9:00 am - noon.

**Christmas Meal:** Celebrate the birth of Jesus in a special way. You are invited to join in a delicious homemade dinner at 12 noon on December 25th at the Wesley Center in Waupun. There is no charge for the meal, but please make reservations by calling 920-928-3310. Transportation is available in the Waupun area.

**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.

### **Central Wisconsin Christian School Invitations:**

- Christmas Concert on December 12 at 6:30 pm. The Middle School Band, Middle School Choir, High School Band, Jr. Choir, Sr. Choir and the New Generation Singers will all be a part of this concert.
- The Sophomore Class will hold a fundraiser meal on Friday, December 13, from 4:30 - 7:00 pm in the commons. The girls and boys basketball teams will also have games that evening. A freewill donation will support the sophomore class trips and events.
- 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.