



CHRISTMAS

BEGINS WITH

*Christ.*



**First Reformed Church**

November 29, 2020

9:00 am

**Worship Service Participants**

	<b><u>This Week (November 29)</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week (December 6)</u></b>
<b>Soundboard</b>	Howard Loomans	John Nyhuis
<b>Power Point</b>	Nicole and Austin Lang	Kelley Van Buren

**November Schedules**

**Hospital:** Steve Perry  
**Flowers:** Decorating Committee (Kim Perry)  
**Library:** Donna Freriks

### Opportunities This Week

**Virtual Sunday School:** Each Sunday at 8:00 am a new video lesson is posted on the church's Facebook page. Families and children can watch it whenever it is convenient for them.

#### **Tuesday:**

**Consistory Meeting:** Deacons will meet at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Elders will meet at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Full Consistory will meet at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Newly elected Elders and Deacons are invited to attend.

### Congregational Care

**Sympathy:** Sympathy is extended to two of our church families:

- ◆ Angie Tank's son, Dennis Veleke, passed away on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Dennis and his wife, Sue, lived in Montello. Sympathy is further extended to his sister, Sharon & Brian Ball. A private family memorial service was held.
- ◆ Tiffany Posthuma's grandmother, Viola Fenske, passed away on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You:** Giving thanks with a grateful heart to my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, food, love, and support during my recent open heart surgery. Thanking God for my healing, comfort, and peace! Keep your faith and eyes on Jesus! JESUS HEALS and JESUS SAVES!! Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart!  
Cheryl Ross.

**Thank You:** Thank you to everyone for your prayers and cards when I had surgery for a knee replacement. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. The surgery went well and I am on the road to healing and recovery. Blessings to you all, Kevin Winter

**Worship Service**

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First Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Kim Perry

Announcements

Call to Worship

Advent Wreath: BJ and Katie DeMaa Family

Ministry of Music: Kaelie & Ellie Perry

\*Song #281: What Child Is This?

Scripture: James 5

Message: Misery, Perseverance, and Praise

\*Song #245: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1 & 4)

Prayer

\*Song #753: Jesus Is Coming Again (verses 1 & 3)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: Kim Perry

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## Congregational Meeting Notes

1. We have put our bylaws on hold for another year and have approved having 7 Elders and 7 Deacons.
2. Arlen Tenpas, Randy Flier and Eugene Lammers were all elected as Elders.
3. Wes Dalka was elected as a Deacon. We have 2 spots left that could possibly be filled by appointment.
4. We put our bylaws on hold regarding the mandatory 3-years-on-3-years-off rule for the 2 open Deacon spots. That means anybody that has served in the last 3 years could be appointed.
5. We approved the 2021 Budget.

## Congregational News

**Mitten Tree Items Due by December 6<sup>th</sup>:** 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Position:** Do you love working with children and their parents and would like to help share the church vision with those in our church and community? We are looking for a part-time Director of Preschool and Elementary Outreach who can help lead our youth programs, whether we can meet in person or virtually. This position will lead our AWANA program, help lead our Sunday School program, put together a Christmas program and help lead a VBS program in the summer. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cindy De Vries, Chairman of Education.

**2020 Christmas Carol Sing:** In the best interests of the performers and guests, the difficult decision was made that this year's Christmas Carol Sing will be a virtual program. A DVD and CD of the program, along with video postings on First Reformed's Facebook page and website at [firstreformedwaupun.com](http://firstreformedwaupun.com) will be available on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. In past years, a freewill offering was collected for various local community programs. This year, please consider making a donation to the Waupun Area Food Pantry, which supports local community members in need, particularly during these uncertain times. Checks can be sent to: Waupun Area Food Pantry; 12 S. Mill Street; Waupun, WI 53963.

**Christmas Resource:** I was looking around at Christmas Resources and noticed that Right Now Media has a series called Advent by J.D. Greear. I watched the trailer. It looks really interesting. Along with the video, it also has a Study Guide, as well as a Family Guide. Check it out; maybe it is something you can do on your own or with others. If you have not signed up yet to Right Now Media for computer, smartphone, or streaming device, talk to Pastor Barry and he will help you get connected.

**Bell Ringing:** If you would like to volunteer for a 1-2 hour shift ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign in Waupun, contact Darryl Navis at 920-346-5236 or [ddnavis@gmail.com](mailto:ddnavis@gmail.com). The bell ringing will take place in Waupun Fridays and Saturdays until Christmas.

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See His moth-er prais-ing His Fa-ther; See His ti - ny eye - lids fall.  
See His moth-er prais-ing His Fa-ther; See the Bless-ed In - fant sleep.

## What Child Is This? 281

*They spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child. Luke 2:17*

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar-y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2. Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas-ant, king to own Him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear, for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing,  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en-throne Him.

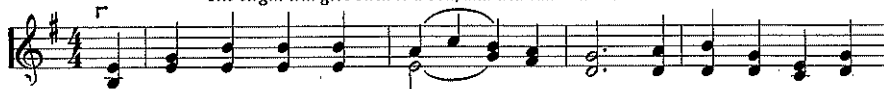
*Refrain*

This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 245

The virgin will give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high And or - der all things,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show  
heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease;



## Refrain



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And death's dark shad - ows 'put to flight.  
And cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



TEXT: Latin Hymn, *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, 1710;  
translated by John M. Neale, stanzas 1,2, altered;  
Henry S. Coffin, stanzas 3,4 altered

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L. M. with Refrain

# 753 Jesus Is Coming Again

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me. John 14:3

1. Mar - vel - ous mes - sage we bring; Glo - ri - ous car - ol we  
 2. For - est and flow - er ex - claim, Moun - tain and mead - ow the  
 3. Stand - ing be - fore Him at last, Tri - al and trou - ble all

sing! Won - der - ful word of the King: Je - sus is  
 same, All earth and heav - en pro - claim: Je - sus is  
 past, Crowns at His feet we will cast. Je - sus is

*Refrain*

com - ing a - gain!  
 com - ing a - gain! Com - ing a - gain, com - ing a - gain!  
 com - ing a - gain!

May - be morn - ing, may - be noon, May - be eve - ning and may - be soon!

Com - ing a - gain, com - ing a - gain! O what a

TEXT: John W. Peterson  
 MUSIC: John W. Peterson

COMING AGAIN  
 7.7.7.7, with Refrain



THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

won-der-ful day it will be— Je-sus is com-ing a - gain!

## Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending 754

*They will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30*

1. Lo, He comes with clouds de-scend-ing, Once for fa-vored sin-ners slain;  
 2. Ev - ery eye shall now be-hold Him, Robed in dread-ful maj - es - ty!  
 3. Now the Sav - ior, long - ex - pect - ed, See in sol - emn pomp ap - pear.  
 4. Yes, a - men! let all a - dore Thee, High on Thine e - ter - nal throne.

Thou-sand thou-sand saints at-tend-ing Swell the tri - umph of His train.  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 All His saints, by man re-ject-ed, Now shall meet Him in the air.  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry; Claim the king - dom for Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial God ap-pears on earth to reign.  
 Deep - ly wail-ing, deep - ly wail-ing, Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 Al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial See the day of God ap-pear.  
 O come quick-ly! O come quick-ly! Ev - er - last - ing God, come down!

TEXT: Charles Wesley and Martin Madan; based on John Cennick  
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart

REGENT SQUARE  
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