



CELEBRATE THE
Gift of Jesus

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!
2 CORINTHIANS 9:15 (NIV®)



First Reformed Church

December 20, 2020

9:00 am

Worship Service Participants

	<u>This Week (December 20)</u>	<u>Next Week (December 27)</u>
Soundboard	John De Vries	Kurt De Vries
Power Point	Katie and Brianna DeMaa	Katie and Brianna DeMaa

December Schedules

Hospital: Steve Perry
Flowers: Decorating Committee (Jane Van Buren)
Library: Donna Freriks

Christmas Eve Worshp Service

Thursday, December 24th, at 7:00 pm

The Christmas Offering is designated to Jay & Sharolyn Hofman.
Sharolyn is Sharon Groy's daughter and Jody Turnes' sister.
She has been struggling with her health over the last month.

Upcoming Opportunities

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.

Women's Bible Study Coming in January! First Reformed invites all women of the church and community to join in a virtual Bible Study beginning January 10th at 6:00 pm for 5 weeks. We will be meeting virtually, so you can join the group safely from your own home. Our study will be "Free of Me" by Sharon Hodde Miller. Sharon invites us into a bigger, Jesus-centered vision - one that restores our freedom and inspires us to live for more. Based on her book "Free of Me", this study unveils our deepest insecurities and equips us to focus on God and others instead of ourselves. Discover a purpose bigger than "project me" and experience freedom from the burden of self-focus. Contact Cindy De Vries with any questions or for more information of how to virtually join in the study as it gets closer.

Congregational Care

Sympathy: Sympathy is extended to several of our church families:

- ◆ Carol Hopp's brother, Ken Kamphuis, passed away on December 3rd.
- ◆ Norm Aalsma passed away on December 14th. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Mary, his sister, Thelma & Vern Dull, and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Bev & Bob Frank and Betty & Elton Ter Beest.

Thank You: Thank you to our wonderful church family for the prayers, cards, phone calls and all expressions of your sympathy in the passing of our loved one. Wilbur & Elayne Van Buren.

Thank You: Thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls during and after my knee replacement surgery. Jim Levey.

Thank You: A very sincere thank you to everyone who has helped with scheduling the Ministry of Music for our worship services over this past year and also to those who have shared their talents to provide the ministry of music each Sunday. It is a blessing to be able to have this as part of our weekly worship. If you would like to be a part of the Music Team or help with scheduling the Ministry of Music, contact Steve Perry at 920-210-8075.

Worship Service

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Kim Perry

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Song #249: O Come All Ye Faithful

Advent Wreath - Week 4: Zimmerman Family

Ministry of Music: Cara Schmitt - Behold Him

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Message: Born

*Song #272: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Lord's Supper

Prayer

*Benediction

*Song #271: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Postlude: Kim Perry

*Please stand if you are able.

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The Lord's Supper

If you would like to take the Lord's Supper at home, and do not have access to Facebook or Youtube, you can read the words below or you can give Pastor Barry a call and we can do it over the phone. You will need to provide your own bread and juice.

Welcome to the feast of the Lord. All who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to join in this meal.

We thank you, our Lord, for the hope this meal gives us, that Jesus will return as triumphant King, that the dead will be raised, and that all people will stand before his judgment. We face that day without fear, for you, our Judge, are our Savior. May our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present his people to the Father and God will be shown to be true, holy, and gracious.

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Take, eat, remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

(at this time eat the bread)

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

(at this time drink the cup)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen

Congregational News

Virtual Christmas Carol Sing Is Now Available! Many local musicians shared their talents in order to make this year's Carol Sing possible. Even though this year's program was done virtually, it is a wonderful way to enjoy the beautiful music of the Christmas Season! The Christmas Carol Sing is available on the church's Facebook page and on the church's website. There are also DVDs and CDs of the Carol Sing available in the "Bulletin Box" outside the church entrance (there is no charge). If you or someone you know would like a DVD or CD mailed to them, please contact the church office and we would be happy to send that. Enjoy this special program throughout the Christmas Season!

Sign Up Today for the 2021 Prayer Chain: If you wish to be on the 2021 prayer chain list, please sign-up in the entryway by December 20th. You can either sign-up in the entryway or call Marilyn Hopp at 346-2233. When your sign-up indicate if you would like to be contacted by phone or if you would like to be contacted by email.

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.

Contributions: December 27th is the final Sunday of 2020 and will be your last opportunity to make a tax deductible gift for this year.

Contributions: If you need verification of your contributions for 2020 taxes, please contact the church office (324-2321) with your **name and envelope number** by January 31, 2021.

Weather Announcement: If worship services would be cancelled due to winter weather, please listen to the following radio/TV stations for the cancellation announcement: WFDL AM 1170, WBEV AM 1430 & WXRO 95.3, TV Channel 6 and TV Channel 4. Cancellations will also be posted on the church's Facebook page and website. You can also call the church office at 324-2321 and if services are cancelled, there will be a recorded cancellation announcement.

CWC Virtual Elementary Christmas Concert: You are invited to gather around your TV or computer screen from your home on Tuesday, December 22nd, at 6:30 pm for the Central Wisconsin Christian School Elementary Christmas Program. The pre-recorded concert will air on the CWC Facebook page beginning at 6:30 pm. Let's celebrate the birth of the KING together!

249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. Luke 2:15

> 1. O come, all ye faith - ful; joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
> 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O sing,
> 3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold Him -
all ye bright hosts of heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
sus, to Thee 'be all glo - ry giv'n: Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
glo - ry in the high - est! O come, let us a - dore Him! O
now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

come, let us a - dore Him! O come, let us a - dore Him - Christ, the Lord!

Optional choral or extended ending

Joy - ful now our hearts are lift - ed, Joined in won - der, love, and praise.

The end of REJOICE WITH EXCEEDING GREAT JOY! - A Worship Sequence

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 272

There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. Luke 2:8

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed
 2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread Had seized their
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day Is born, of
 4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man
 5. "All glo - ry be to God on high And to the

on the ground, The an - gel of the Lord came down,
 trou - bled mind, "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring
 Da - vid's line, The Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord;
 view dis - played, All mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands,
 earth be peace. Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men

And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.
 To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind.
 And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign:
 And in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid.
 Be - gin and nev - er cease, Be - gin and nev - er cease!"

TEXT: Nahum Tate

MUSIC: George Frederick Handel; from Weyman's, *Melodia Sacra*, 1815

CHRISTMAS
 C.M with Repeats

Optional transition to "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

R. H. slight accel.

271 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth! For the Lord comforts His people. Isaiah 49:13

> 1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore You, God of glo - ry, Lord of light;
> 2. All Your works de - clare Your glo - ry; All cre - a - tion joins to sing.

An - gels lift - ing praise be - fore You Sing thro' - out this ho - ly night.
Praise re - sounds as earth re - joic - es In the birth of Christ, the King.

In a man - ger lies a Ba - by - Child of Mar - y, Son of God.
Shep - herds kneel be - fore the In - fant. Trum - pets sound and an - thems raise

Voic - es joined in joy - ful cho - rus Praise You for Your gift of love.
As with joy our hearts are lift - ed, Joined in won - der, love, and praise.

TEXT: Linda Lee Johnson

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; adapted by Edward Hodges; Choral ending by Eugene Thomas

HYMN TO JOY

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