

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Jeffrey Hubers
November 26, 2017

9:00 a.m.
Combined Service

Greet One Another

*Hymn of Praise #2 "Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"

Preparatory for Holy Communion

Prayers of God's People Pastor Jeffrey

Offering Our Gifts to God Scott Pietz, deacon

Please sign the worship registry during offering time.

4 yr. olds - 2nd graders dismissed for Children & Worship.

NO Sunday School today

*Hymn #382 "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Psalm 6

Message "Praying Through Pain" ~ Pastor Daniel Brunz

*Ending Song "How Great is Our God"

****To listen to the service on the phone, dial 990-6338 & put in 13201 as attendee number.

****If you would like to hear the sermon again, you can find it on the church's website www.firstreformed.com

Scripture reading for December 3rd: Isaiah 64; Mark 13:24-27

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## CAROLING PARTY

Sunday, December 3rd ~ 4:00 p.m.

Please meet at the church for your caroling routes.

Everyone is invited to joining the caroling, adults & kids. After we are

done caroling we will meet at Mike & Debbie Asmus', 12 Arrowhead Pass to have pizza & treats.

Please bring treats to share!

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:

Pray for individuals & families dealing with serious health issues:

Steve Huber's aunt Scott Appletoft's sister, Lori

Ryan, Shirley Baas' grandson, Vi Davis, Houchins' friend,

Dale Houchin's cousin, Lynn, Jared, Dana Hansen's brother,

Jeff Hoffman Norma Larsen's daughter, Amy,

Loren Menning Gregg Hielema

Vicky Graves' brother-in-law, Brian

Clarice Adema - on new meds to stabilize her white blood count

Jean Marie, Dan Moller's sister, now undergoing a 3rd round of chemo

## Needing our prayers:

\*Jeff Schoenfelder's grandmother, Hilda, as she has entered hospice

\*Donald Rueb is at the Scotland Hospital for recuperation

\*Jay Anderson - for pain management & healing

\*Doug Bleeker returned home last weekend, patience in healing process for both Doug & Jeanine

\*Pray for the military and those fighting against the war on terrorism

\*Pray for our president, his cabinet, our military, and leaders as they combat and discern actions against our enemies

\*Pray for the innocent people who have been killed in random shootings as they went about their daily lives

Pray for the workers on the church's construction site for safety and timely progress in completing the building

\*Pray for Iran and Northern Iraq as they have suffered a devastating earthquake with over 400 dead – pray for rescue efforts and for God's presence to be keenly felt amid chaos

\*Pray for Wyanne Kaemingk & the rest of the DWU mission trip group who are in Uganda for 10 days

\*Pray for families who have lost loved ones to suicide as they deal with death, disease, destruction and depression

\*Continued prayers for all those struggling with cold/flu and other seasonal illness

\*Pray for those killed & injured in bombing in Nigeria

## Mission/Outreach

Continent of the month: Africa

Mission of the week: Hope for Life ~ Watertown ~ Carl VanVoorst

Youth for Christ ~ Blue Earth, MN ~ Aaron Evenson

Classis Church of the week: Zion Reformed ~ Amherst ~ Hal Phoenix

Mitchell Church of the week: Assembly of God ~ Jon Potter

FRC local mission of the week: Food Pantry

Persecuted Church of Christ: Libya

**WELCOME TEAM:** (for both 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services)

| <u>Welcome Team</u>         | <u>Date</u>           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Scott/Nicole Gerlach        | Nov. 26 (only 9 a.m.) |
| Dave/Pam Punt               | Dec. 3                |
| Rosalie Spaans/Judy Berkhof | Dec. 10               |
| Beth Walz/Vicky Graves      | Dec. 17               |

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:**

Nov. 26: Randi Pietz  
Dec. 3: Wyonne Kaemingk  
Dec. 10: Mavis Anderson

**BASIC INFORMATION:**

Attendance November 19: 190

General offering received November 19: \$5,454.00

Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92

Mission fund offering received November 19: \$1,982.00

**NURSERY**

**NURSERY** for babies - 3 yr olds.

Today: 9:00 a.m. ~ Stevens' family

**No Sunday School**

November 29: Judy B. & Shirley B.

December 3: 8:30 a.m. ~ Joann M. & Mavis A.

9:45 a.m. ~ Scott Pietz family

11:00 a.m. ~ Gloria F. & Joseph K.

December 6: Pam P. & Kim V.

December 10: 8:30 a.m. ~ Kim V. & Kobie K.

9:45 a.m. ~ Nancy P. & Teri R.

11:00 a.m. ~ Kathy M. & Mandy S.

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP** for 4 yr. olds - 2nd grade

Today: "Exile & Return" (only combined service today)

1st Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Hannah S.

Dec. 3: "Advent 1: "The Prophets Show the Way"

1st Leader - Randi; Greeters - Sara B.

2nd Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Kathy M.

Dec. 10: "Advent 2: "Mary and Joseph Show the Way"

1st Leader - Taylor; Greeters - Betsy V. & Dawson A.

2nd Leader - April; Greeters - Alyssa & Anthony G.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

Monday, the 27th:

1:30 p.m. ~ Hannah Circle meets

(devotions - Betty B.; hostess - Arlene V.; leader - )

Tuesday, the 28th:

4:30 p.m. ~ Packing party for College Care packages ~ please have donations to the church before then

Wednesday, the 29th:

6:15 p.m. ~ Christmas program practice for kids K - 5th grades

6:15 p.m. ~ Hope Bible study - Betty P.

6:15 p.m. ~ Jr. Hi. youth group

7:30 p.m. ~ Sr. Hi. youth group

7:45 p.m. ~ Senior Choir practice

Saturday, December 2nd:

8:00 a.m. ~ Ladies' Bible study at Klingers

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. ~ CRAFT & BAKE SALE at the church

Sunday, the 3rd:

**First Sunday of Advent ~ Celebration of Holy Communion**

Christmas program practice for kids K - 5th grades

6th grade thru high school & adults meet as usual

3:00 p.m. ~ Matt Howlett's Bible study at the church

**4:00 p.m. ~ Caroling party with pizza & treats following at**

**Mike & Debbie Asmus' ~ 12 Arrowhead Pass**

**Kids to adults are invited to participate!**

**DATES & ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER:**

Dec. 6: 6:15 p.m. ~ Christmas program practice for K - 5th grade

Dec. 8: Food items due for Food Pantry Christmas boxes

**Bell ringing at County Fair**

Dec. 9: Bell ringing at County Fair

Dec. 10: **6:00 p.m. ~ Senior Choir Christmas concert**

Christmas program practice for kids Preschool - 5th grades

6th grade thru high school & adults meet as usual

Dec. 11: Hannah Circle Christmas party - 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 12: 6:15 p.m. ~ Hope Bible study Christmas party at Perkins

\*\*\*Note change of meeting day

Dec. 13: 6:15 p.m. ~ Christmas program practice for K - 5th grade

6:30 p.m. ~ Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth Group Christmas party

Dec. 17: Christmas program practice for K - 5th grade

6th grade thru high school & adults meet as usual

**7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday School Christmas program**

**Adopt a Christmas Food Basket Item.**

We have collected our 500 cans of vegetables already! **We need 10 boxes of brownie/dessert mix yet.**

Thanks everyone for your support of the food baskets so far. We have 2 weeks to finish collecting the brownie mix.



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It's that time of the year when we make an extra effort to show our post-high school students that we are thinking of them and praying for them as they study for their semester tests. The Congregational Care Committee is planning on sending 'care' packages to all our post-high school students before semester tests in December. Please consider supporting our

college kids with this project.

Parents: Please let us know your child's address, even if it's the same, and please let us know if you have a student to add or remove from our list. You can leave this info in the office, e-mail Patty VerSteege at pattyversteeg@hotmail.com or call Patty at 933-0082. Thank you!

We are asking for individual food/treat donations to send in these packages, or you can leave a cash donation. All food or cash donations can be put in the Care Package basket in the lobby. Please have these to the church by **Tuesday, Nov. 28.**

We plan to pack and send the packages on Tuesday, the 28th, at 4:30 p.m. We can use help with the packing. Please join us. It's a lot of fun! Thanks!

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First Reformed Church has committed to ringing bells at County Fair on Friday, Dec. 8th & Saturday, Dec. 9th. If you would like to volunteer your time for 2 hours one of those days, please check the **sign up sheet in the lobby.** You may split the shift with another person if that works better for you.



Hope Bible Study will begin a new study on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. We will be studying "Dwelling in God's Peace" by Sarah Young. In this 8 session study participants explore what the Bible says about the peace God provides, how they can obtain it and why Jesus said that peacemakers are blessed.

If you'd like to be a part of this study please contact Joann Moller at 605-680-4207 or e-mail [djmoller@santel.net](mailto:djmoller@santel.net) so that books can be ordered in time. We meet every other Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We'd love to have you join us.

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Dear First Reformed, Thank you all for your great support to United Blood Services blood drives - on November 17 there was another successful drive. We had 21 people volunteer to give and 17 were able to. We are so thankful for the life giving support you give the patients we serve. Nancy Pretre (The next drive will be March 20, 2018)

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Thank you so much for all the cards, well wishes, and "fun office surprise" for my birthday. I truly feel loved and appreciated here - thank you and may God be given all the glory. Pastor Jeffrey

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This year we will be taking donations to purchase **several large poinsettias** to decorate the sanctuary with. The donations will be combined to get larger poinsettias. The names of your loved ones that you would like to remember will be published in the bulletin.

If you would like to donate, please leave \$5 in the church office with the names of those you would like to remember.

Questions, call Mona at the office 996-5449.

We would especially like the plants to decorate for the Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 10th.