

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Jeffrey Hubers  
December 3, 2017



## 8:30 a.m. Service

### Call to Worship

"Christmas Introit" Arr. Douglas Wagner

Senior Choir

### \*Greet One Another

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kevin Adams family

### \*Hymn of Praise

#124 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

### Prayers of God's People

Steve VanGenderen, elder

### Ministry of Music

Senior Choir

"How Great Our Joy" Arr. Jack Schrader

### Offering Our Gifts to God

Philip Van't Haaff, deacon

Please sign the worship registry during offering time.

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

### \*Hymn

#371 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

### Scripture

Isaiah 64

### Message

"Beginning with Hope" ~ Pastor Jeffrey

### Celebration of Holy Communion

### \*Benediction

### \*Parting Song

#134 "Emmanuel"

Scripture reading for December 10th: Isaiah 40; Mark 1:1-8

## 11:00 a.m. Service

### Greet One Another

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Stevens' family

### \*Praise Songs

### Prayers of God's People

Pastor Jeffrey

### \*Praise Song

*4 yr. olds - 2nd grade are dismissed for Children in Worship.*

### Scripture

### Message

### Celebration of Holy Communion

### \*Benediction

### \*Ending Song

\*\*\*\*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](http://www.firstreformed.com)

## 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

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

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

Mike Ligtenberg will be undergoing tests

### Needing our prayers:

*\*Norma & Gene Larsen's daughter, Amy, had successful surgery on Tuesday but has a long recovery ahead of her*

*\*Loren Menning was hospitalized at McKennan with a blood clot*

*\*Donald Rueb is at the Scotland Hospital for recuperation*

*\*Jay Anderson - for pain management & healing*

*\*Doug Bleeker 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 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 the tragedies going on around the world - terrorist attacks, suicide bombers, earthquakes, disease and famine*

### Mission/Outreach

Continent of the month: Africa

Mission of the week: Brian & Elizabeth Bruxvoort ~ Alaska

Classis Church of the week: Grandview Reformed ~ Armour, vacant

Mitchell Church of the week: Mitchell Christian School ~ Dr. Cookson

FRC local mission of the week: Christmas baskets/Salvation Army

Persecuted Church of Christ: Malaysia

*The "First" family extends our sympathy to Jeff & Jed Schoenfelder's families in the passing of their grandmother, Hilda, on the 23rd.*

*Congratulations to Philip & Kelly Tschetter on the birth of their son, Kaine David, on November 18th.*

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

<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dave/Pam Punt	Dec. 3
Rosalie Spaans/Judy Berkhof	Dec. 10
Beth Walz/Vicky Graves	Dec. 17
Dennis/Jane Butterfield	Dec. 24

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:**

Dec. 3: Wyonne Kaemingk  
Dec. 10: Mavis Anderson  
Dec. 17: Donna Appletoft  
Dec. 24: No fellowship time

**BASIC INFORMATION:**

Attendance November 26: 177

General offering received November 26: \$4,811.55

Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92

**NURSERY**

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

Today: 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.

December 13: Gary VR. & Dina VW.

December 17: 8:30 a.m. ~ Janet K. & Emily A.

9:45 a.m. ~ Amy A. & Angie V.

11:00 a.m. ~ Seth Severtson family

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

Today: "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.

Dec. 17: "Advent 3: "The Shepherds Show the Way"

1st Leader - Kari; Greeters - Jarrett B. & Erin S.

2nd Leader - Gloria; Greeters - Amber N. & Sean P.

Dec. 24: "Advent 4: "The Magi Show the Way"

1st Leader - Carolyn; Greeters - Mandy S.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

December 3rd ~ TODAY:

4:00 p.m. ~ **CAROLING PARTY**

Please meet at the church for your  
caroling routes.



Everyone is invited to joining the caroling, adults & kids.  
After caroling is done, we will meet at Mike & Debbie Asmus',  
12 Arrowhead Pass to have pizza & treats.

Please bring treats to share!

Monday, the 4th:

5:30 p.m. ~ Book Club meets at Wesley Acres

("A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman)

Wednesday, the 6th:

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

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

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

7:45 p.m. ~ Senior Choir practice

Friday, the 8th:

Bell ringing at County Fair

Saturday, the 9th:

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

Bell ringing at County Fair

Sunday, the 10th:

Second Sunday of Advent

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

**DATES & ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER:**

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 & place

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

Dec. 24: Combined service ~ 9:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight service

Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

Church office will be closed



We will be taking donations to purchase **several large poinsettias** to decorate the sanctuary with. 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.



Thank you to those who have signed up to ring bells at County Fair on Dec. 8th & 9th. We still need individuals for the 2-4 p.m. shift on both Friday & Saturday. Sign up sheet is in the lobby.



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.



Thanks to all of you who donated so generously the food for the Salvation Army food baskets. Our goals were reached faster than usual. Great job. Thanks again, Mona



**PASTORAL**  
SEARCH COMMITTEE

A pastoral search committee has been established. The members are Wayne Klinger & Brad Zomer (co-chair), Bob Polly, Bev VanderPol, Shirley Tolsma, Gregg Bleeker, Erin Stevens, Dwayne Nydam, Molly Schladweiler, Carter Koons, Scott & Randi Pietz, Aaron Moller. They had their first meeting last

Sunday and will be passing out a questionnaire to the congregation soon for opinions & thoughts.



**Sunday, Dec. 10th**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Invite friends, neighbors, relatives to enjoy the Christmas joy shared by First Reformed's music department.

*Please bring bars & cookies to share for fellowship time following the concert.*

