

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Jeffrey Hubers
December 10, 2017



8:30 a.m. Service

Call to Worship

#88 "Fairiest Lord Jesus"

Senior Choir

*Greet One Another

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Philip Van't Haaff family

*Hymn of Praise

#155 "Once in Royal David's City"

Prayers of God's People

Brad Zomer, elder

Ministry of Music

Senior Choir

"O Night Divine" John S. Dwight, Jeremy Walton

Signing - Kathy Wire; viola - Debbie Asmus

Offering Our Gifts to God

Gary VanRoekel, deacon

Please sign the worship registry during offering time.

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

*Hymn

#139 "I Wonder as I Wander"

Scripture

Isaiah 40

Message

"God's Love Letter" ~ Pastor Jeffrey

*Benediction

*Parting Song

#123 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Scripture reading for December 17th: Isaiah 61

11:00 a.m. Service

Greet One Another

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Scott Pietz 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

*Benediction

*Ending Song

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****If you would like to hear the sermon again, you can find it on the church's website 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 had tests on Dec. 7th - pray for good results

Needing our prayers:

*Norma & Gene Larsen's daughter, Amy, as she has a long road to recovery after surgery

*Loren Menning is home & needs to gain strength

*Donald Rueb is out of the hospital & staying with his daughter

*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

*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 disastrous fires burning again in California

*Prayers for all those struggling with grief and loss in holiday season - may the peace of Christ dwell over this and all communities and may God's Spirit comfort those who mourn

Mission/Outreach

Continent of the month: Europe/Asia

Mission of the week: Joshua & Nicoly Vis ~ Israel/Palestine

Classis Church of the week: Faith Reformed ~ Brookings ~ vacant

Mitchell Church of the week: New Home Lutheran ~ Daryl Schubert

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

Persecuted Church of Christ: Maldives

I just wanted to say thank you to all those involved in donating and packaging the college care packages! You truly have no idea how much they mean to us! Thanks again! - Kaitlyn Asmus



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Seasons greetings to First Reformed as the Christmas season has arrived. As we all celebrate the coming of our Savior into the world, it is our hope that you will experience God's love with your family and friends again this year. We think of you daily and remember the conversations, emails, texts, the high five's, and worship services with you all. Our thoughts bring smiles and tears because of our love for you all. We pray for you often and hope your future is filled with the joy of Christmas each day in the coming year.

Several people have asked for our new address which is 411 North 6th St. #4809, Emery, SD 57332-2124.

We also have set up a blog site for those that want to follow our travels at <https://hittingtheroad18.wordpress.com>.

Finally, may God's richest blessings be to all of you now and forever! Pastor Dean and Wanda

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

<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rosalie Spaans/Judy Berkhof	Dec. 10
Beth Walz/Vicky Graves	Dec. 17
Dennis/Jane Butterfield	Dec. 24
Dale/Sharon Houchin	Dec. 31

FELLOWSHIP TIME:

Dec. 10: Mavis Anderson
Dec. 17: Donna Appletoft
Dec. 24: No fellowship time
Dec. 31: No fellowship time



BASIC INFORMATION:

Attendance December 3: 197

General offering received December 3: \$4,955.00

Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92

NURSERY

NURSERY for babies - 3 yr olds.

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

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

11:00 a.m. ~ Kathy M. & Hannah 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

December 24: 9:00 a.m. ~ Bonnie A. & Angie V.

No Sunday School

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

Today: "Advent 2: "Mary and Joseph Show the Way"

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

2nd Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Erin S.

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 - Kari; Greeters - Randi P.

Dec. 31: "Christmas: Meeting the Christ Child"

1st Leader - Carolyn; Greeters - Mandy S.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Monday, the 11th:

Church office will be closed due to no electricity or heat -
construction workers will need it turned off for the day

NO HANNAH CIRCLE Christmas party today

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

("A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman)

Tuesday, the 12th:

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

6:45 p.m. ~ Executive board meeting

7:00 p.m. ~ Elders & Deacons meetings

8:00 p.m. ~ Leadership meeting (lunch - Bleeker)

Wednesday, the 13th:

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Jr. Hi. & Sr. youth group Christmas party
attending free showing of "The Star" at Logan Luxury
Theatre

Saturday, the 16th:

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

Sunday, the 17th:

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas program practice for kids K - 5th grades

6th grade thru high school & adults meet as usual

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

DATES & ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER:

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

No Sunday School or fellowship time

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

Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Church office will be closed

Dec. 31: **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Combined service ~ 9:00 a.m. or fellowship time

5th Sunday offering for the Abbott House

January 1, 2018: **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Church office will be closed

January 2: Leadership meetings

January 21: 8:30 a.m. Combined worship service

followed by annual Congregational meeting



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 signed up to ring bells at County Fair on Dec. 8th & 9th: Bernita McFarland, Kathy Matthews, Betty & Maynard Hieb, Debbie Asmus, Rosemary Menning, Shirley Tolsma, Martha Weg and Pastor Jeffrey & Carly Hubers.



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 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.



Bernita McFarland, Henrietta Star and residents at Countryside Living would like to thank the carolers that stopped and sang for them last Sunday. Bernita said no one had ever done that for her before & she was thrilled that they stopped.



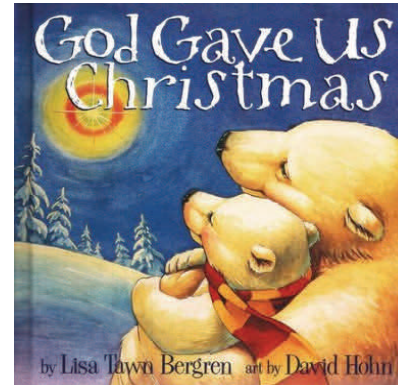
The RCW would like to express their sincere gratitude for all the items donated to the Craft Fair/Bake Sale. Your support in attendance and giving will be a blessing to many. They raised a total of \$905.00.



Tonight, 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.



Sunday
School
Christmas
Program



Sunday, Dec. 17th
7:00 p.m.

