

# WELCOME

First Reformed Church

December 16, 2018

## Welcome to First Reformed Church

We are so glad that you are here with us this morning. We want you to know the love and Joy of Christ this Christmas season. Christmas can be a joyful time of year. But that's not always the case. Sometimes the holiday season can become stressful, the worry builds and the added work can tear you down. God wants to give you joy this Christmas. That's a part of what the good news is all about, the Joy that Jesus brings. In the month of December we invite you to join us for our "Joy to the World" sermon series as we explore how the birth, life and work of Jesus brings joy to our lives. I am excited to see what God gives.  
Chet Carlson - Sr. Pastor

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a place where God is seen, Love is felt, and Lives are transformed.

**"We are So Glad You Are Here"**

**Please fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate.**

**Want to take the next step in your faith or ministry here at FRC?**

Contact Pastor Chet to sign up for the Welcome & Next Step Orientation coming in January.

## CONTACT US

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put in attendee #13201

## WEEKLY EVENTS

December 16-23, 2018

### SUNDAY – the 16th

Worship 8:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
Fellowship time following  
Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY – the 19th

Youth group 6:30 p.m.  
Christmas party at 'The  
Cornerstone'  
Love Bible study 6:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY – the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worship 9:00 a.m.



**KIDS' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - TONIGHT – 7 P.M.**  
Children will practice during Sunday School time.

**COMBINED SERVICE – DEC. 23 – 9 A.M.**  
No Sunday School

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE –  
DEC. 24 – 6 P.M.**

**COMBINED SERVICE – DEC. 30 – 9 A.M.**  
Special 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering for Center of Hope  
No Sunday School

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JAN. 19**  
immediately following worship service at  
**8:30 a.m.**

**RightNow Media** is a resource to help you grow in your faith. FRC is giving you free access to this new tool and resource. Fill out your connection card to receive access. You can also send an invite to a friend or family member as a way to give them the gift of faith.

**Prayer Partners** will be available at the front of the sanctuary after each service to pray for your individual needs.

**Mailboxes** are set up for Christmas card exchanges. They are located near the youth room.

## OTHER INFO:

Attendance Dec. 9: 252  
General offering Dec. 9: \$4,140.00  
Weekly offering needed: \$6,582.46

## PRAYERS FOR:

Clarice Adema, Betty Anderson,  
Brooklyn Hansen, Gregg Hielema,  
Esther Pietz, Sharon Ligtenberg

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Chet Carlson

December 16, 2018

“Joy to the World” series

## 8:30 a.m. Service

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Lyndon Overweg family

**\*Welcome and Greet One Another**

Pastor Chet

**Gift Opening**

**\*Hymns of Praise**

#31 “Great Is The Lord”

#132 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

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

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

We will receive the General fund offering first this morning followed by the

Mission fund offering.

**Please sign the Connection Card during this time.**

**Scripture Video**

Luke 1:57-80

**Message**

“The Joy We Share” ~ Pastor Chet

**\*Prayer and Benediction**

**\*Parting Hymn**

#206 “There Is A Redeemer”

## 11:00 a.m. Service

**Prelude by Praise Band**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Nicole Hansen family

**\*Welcome and Greet One Another**

Pastor Chet

**Gift Opening**

**\*Singing led by Praise Team**

“The First Noel”

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**Prayer**

**\*Worship in Song led by Praise Band**

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Sanctus Real)

“Glory to God Forever”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude played by Praise Band**

**MESSAGE NOTES**  
**“JOY TO THE WORLD” SERIES**  
**“The Joy We Share”**  
**Luke 1:57-80**