

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Jeffrey Hubers

December 17, 2017

8:30 a.m. Service



Call to Worship

*Greet One Another

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Hymn of Praise

Sacrament of Baptism

daughter of Dustin and Taylor Wheeler

Prayers of God's People

Offering Our Gifts to God

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

Mission fund offering.

Please sign the worship registry during offering time.

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

*Hymn

#141 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture

Isaiah 61

Message

"Ministry of Joy" ~ Pastor Jeffrey

*Benediction

*Parting Song

#144 "How Great Our Joy!"

Andy Mentele family

#136 "The First Noel"

Waverly Anne Wheeler

Brad Zomer, elder

LeRoy Punt, deacon

Scripture reading for December 24th: Luke 1:46-55

11:00 a.m. Service

Greet One Another

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Praise Songs

Prayers of God's People

*Praise Song

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*Benediction

*Ending Song

Mike Geist family

Pastor Jeffrey

****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

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 continues to have tests - pray for good results

Needing our prayers:

*Jay Anderson will have tests at Mayo Clinic on Tuesday, the 19th

*Dave Christenson had back surgery on Thursday, the 14th

*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: Troy & Tammy Wolbrink ~ Florida ~ Global Network Services

Classis Church of the week: Bethany Reformed ~ Canton ~ Al Richardson

Mitchell Church of the week: Northridge Baptist ~ Ben Payne

FRC local mission of the week: Christmas baskets

Persecuted Church of Christ: Mali

***Poinsettias placed in the sanctuary in
memory of:***

- *Maynard Schmidt** by **Delores Schmidt**
***Bill & Wilma Weins**
Nora Larsen by **Gene & Norma Larsen**
***Newt Balding**
Helen Balding
Verla Balding by **Gary Balding**
***Henry & Mary Groen**
Marvin & Mary Vlieger by **Steve & Verla Vlieger**
***Gil & Lois Moller** by **Dan & Joann Moller**
***Tenny & Bregitta VanDam**
Norma Christenson by **Dave & Barb Christenson**
***In memory of our parents** by **Maynard & Betty Hieb**
***In memory of our loved ones** by **Duane & Janet Weisser**
***Judy Windom**
Alan & Alvin Asmus by **Mike & Debbie Asmus**
***Gerb Tolsma**
Dick & Sipkia Tolsma
Peter & Gertrude Punt by **Shirley Tolsma**
***Dwaine Punt**
Gertrude Punt
Joseph Gillespie
Bella Morgan by **Dave & Pam Punt**
***Herman & Gladys Bleeker**
Leonard & Mary Eglund by **Doug & Jeanine Bleeker**
***Lloyd VandenHoek** by **Irene VandenHoek**
*Dean Doorn
Doug Doorn
Karen Nelson by **Loris Doorn**
***Gordon & Beverly Skoglund** by **Alan & Nancy Pretre**
***Dick & Dorothy Houchin**
Laurel Houchin & Dick E. Houchin
Tony & Dorothy Wolf by **Dale & Sharon Houchin**
***Don Star** by **Henrietta Star**
***Marvin VanderPol** by **Judy VanderPol**
***Bob Berkhof**
Baus & Berendina Berkhof
Clinton & Matilda Bowen by **Judy Berkhof**
***Lowell Doorn** by **Mary Doorn**
***Wally and David Baas**
Walter and Eleanor Baas
Edith & Erma VandeBossche by **Shirley Baas**
***Jason Kaemingk** by **Denny & Wyonne Kaemingk**
***Marvin Spaans** by **Rosalie Spaans**
***James Tatum** by **Jeff & Kim Vermeulen**

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

<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Beth Walz/Vicky Graves	Dec. 17
Dennis/Jane Butterfield	Dec. 24
Dale/Sharon Houchin	Dec. 31
John/Karla Koons	Jan. 7, 2018

FELLOWSHIP TIME:

Dec. 17: Donna Appletoft
Dec. 24: No fellowship time
Dec. 31: No fellowship time
Jan. 7, 2018: Judy VanderPol



BASIC INFORMATION:

Attendance December 10: 225
General offering received December 10: \$4,540.15
Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92

NURSERY

NURSERY for babies - 3 yr olds.

Today: 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

December 31: 9:00 a.m. ~ Seth Severtson family

No Sunday School

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

Today: "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.

Thank you for your donations for the college care packages. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send 16 packages to our college/tech kids for finals. We appreciate all the support shown for this project.

Sincerely, the Congregational Care Committee

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:



Sunday, the 24th:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Combined service ~ 9:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or fellowship time

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

DATES & ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Church office will be closed

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

Combined service ~ 9:00 a.m.

No fellowship time or Sunday School

5th Sunday offering for the Abbott House

January 1, 2018: **NEW YEAR'S DAY** - Church office will be closed

January 2: Leadership meetings

January 7: Sunday School classes resume

January 10: Midweek activities & Jr. & Sr. Hi. youth resume

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

followed by annual Congregational meeting



Greetings to all,
WE STILL HAVE MAILBOXES TO USE FOR CARDS!

If you have Christmas cards or greetings you would like to pass along to other members here at First,

-the mail boxes are up and labeled

-the mail boxes are in the fellowship hall on

the north wall

You might have to fight through the temporary nursery to get to the mailboxes but it shouldn't be too disruptive.

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.

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**Love Bible study will begin meeting on January 3rd at 6:15 p.m. Our study will be "Let It Go" by Karen Ehman. "How to stop running the show and start walking in faith". Contact Mavis Anderson if you would like to join the study.**

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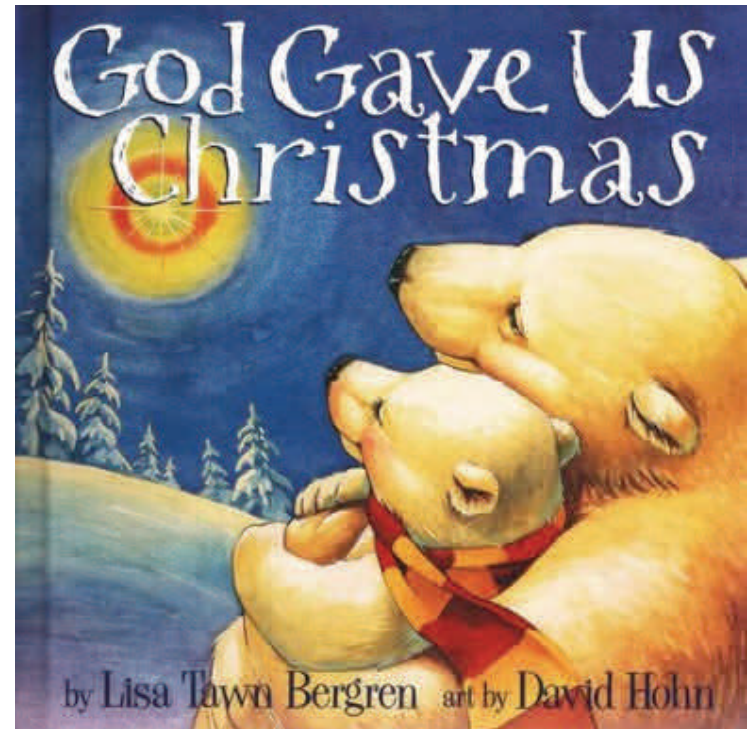
"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

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**



Sunday School Christmas Program

**TONIGHT – Sunday, Dec. 17th
7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited!