

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, A.D. 2021
9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Seth Sundstrom

Organ: Joyce Post

Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal

PRELUDE – *Gesu Bambino*
CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

* CAROL: 188 – *O Come, All Ye Faithful* vs. 1, 3 & 4

* INVOCATION

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Chris Mans and Dori Ohm

ADVENT CAROL: 200 – *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vs. 1, 2 & 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Noel* – Hattie Clapp accompanied by
Nate and Nick Clapp

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund) – *Excelsis Deo*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child)

(Children may bring their gifts forward at this time)

(Please sign the friendship folders as the offering is received)

* DOXOLOGY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7 p. 1590

SERMON: *Little Town, Big Mission*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN: 265 – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

PARTAKING OF THE SACRAMENT

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN: 211 – *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING SONG: *Gloria Patri* (words are on the screen)

POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able**

TODAY

WELCOME to all members and guests worshipping at FRC today. As we draw near unto God, may His Word be our guide.

- A extend a welcome back to Seth Sundstrom, our classis pastor.
- You are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for coffee or cold drink and conversation.
- The parament color (purple) is used during the Sundays in the Advent season. Purple is a color associated with royalty as the church awaits the newborn king.
- Sunday School - - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY for Preschool-8th grade. Gene's adult class will NOT be meeting as the sanctuary will be used for Christmas program practice.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Caleb and Emily Schaefer Family

Ushers: Greg Moir and Allen Van Hoepen

Nursery: Marcus Olson and Kaedyn Sapp

Coffee Servers: Edward and Gina Vander Wal

Library: Don Jones

NOON AND AFTERNOON SCHEDULE:

- 12 Noon - Potluck meal – Please bring a hot dish AND salad OR dessert
- 12:45 p.m. – Elder and Deacon candidates meet for a short meeting in the big NE Sunday School
- 1 p.m. – Congregational Meeting
- After the meeting, the consistory as well as the newly chosen elder and deacons are asked to meet for a brief organizational meeting.

The main items on the agenda are the approval of the 2022 budget and the choosing of new consistory members. A detailed explanation of the budget will be given at the meeting.

Absentee ballots for voting on the budget are available on the back table. They must be returned to the ballot box by 1 p.m. TODAY.

The elder and deacon candidates will draw lots to ascertain whom God has chosen to fill the respective offices.

Nominees for the office of elder are: Dori Ohm, Keith Van Duyn, Dean Vander Wal, Roberta Volkers and Kevin Warne.

Nominees for the office of deacon are: Brian Callesen, Howard Lindberg, Nick Vande Weerd, Dean Vander Wal, Michelle Vander Wal, Roberta Volkers and Kevin Warne.

NEXT SUNDAY: TJ Carlson will be our guest pastor. Travis Mans will bring ministry of praise. The Ostrem family will light the third Advent candle.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES
FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

MONDAY: The Worship Task Force **WILL NOT** meet!

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. – Middle School Youth Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Ladies' Bible Study Hebrews 11
Leader – Carolyn; Refreshments - VernaMae

FUTURE DATES

December 16.....	Dakota Sun Fellowship
December 17.....	VCS Christmas Program at FRC
December 19.....	Sunday School Christmas program at 9:30 a.m.

PERSONALS

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please pray for our homebound members **Howard Rozendal and Sheldon Cotton.**

Harold Van Hoepen is a patient at Avera in Sioux Falls. After the swelling goes down in his ankle, he will have a second surgery. Please keep Harold and his family in your prayers.

Bob Olson is making some improvement (is in physical therapy, numbers are good, and started soft food on Friday morning). They thank you for your prayers and ask for your continued prayer support.

Carol Kleinjan returned home from the hospital after having been hospitalized for an infection from a previous surgery. Continue to pray for pain relief as medicines work.

Pastor Gary's mom (Garlene Mulder) is still in Avera in Sioux Falls. She is dealing with low blood pressure, blood clots and the potential of internal

bleeding on any given day. Please pray for stability and a clear path of treatment.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held December 19 (9:30 a.m.) in place of the morning worship service. In preparation, practices will be held today and next Sunday during the Sunday School hour.

You are encouraged to bring a plate of goodies to share for the fellowship time which will follow the program.

VOLGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: VCS will be having their Christmas program, "What Christmas Really Means" at FRC on Friday, December 17 beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY, December 12

Greeters – Dar Ludwig and Kevin and Angie Warne
Coffee Servers – Kevin and Kari Vander Wal
Nursery (for newborns to 4 years of age) – ?????
Library – Michelle Vande Weerd
Offering – General Fund and Volga Christian School

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