

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, A.D. 2021

9:30 A.M.

Pastor: TJ Carlson

Organ: Joyce Post

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

Praise Team: Gene Bjorklund, Dean Vander Wal, Polly Vander Wal

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE: *Come Now is the Time to Worship/O Come All
Ye Faithful • Little Baby Jesus
Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

* INVOCATION

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE – Dan and Heidi Ostrem family

ADVENT CAROL: 197 – *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Mary, Did You Know?* – Travis Mans
accompanied by Dori Ohm

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

* HYMN: 508 – *There is Joy in Serving Jesus*

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:1-23 p. 1831

SERMON: *J.O.Y. = Jesus, Others, You*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

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

* CAROL: 194 – *Joy to the World!*

* 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 to TJ Carlson, SDSU campus director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- 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.
- Sunday School Christmas Program Practice at 11 a.m.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD TODAY:

Greeter: Brian Callesen

Ushers: Greg Moir and Allen Van Hoepen

Nursery: ??

Coffee Servers: Kevin and Kari Vander Wal

Library: Michelle Vande Weerd

DAKOTA SUN SERVICE at 11 a.m. The following are encouraged to attend: Jim & Karen, Chr., Wayne & Chris, Marv & Joyce, Dan & Melanie, Gary Mans, Allen Van Hoepen, Howard & Loretta, Bernice Mullett, Darin & Megan, Bob & Joan, Dar Ludwig, Rollyn & Beth, Larry & Barb

NEXT SUNDAY: The pre-school – 8th grade children will be presenting the program “An Old-Fashioned Christmas”. The high school class will light the fourth Advent candle.

The General Fund and Building Fund offering will be taken during the program.

You are asked to bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share during the fellowship time which will follow the program.

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

MONDAY: 12:45-2:45 p.m. VCS will be practicing for their program.

WEDNESDAY: The consistory will NOT meet this week.
6:30 p.m. – Cadets at CRC

THURSDAY: 8:30-10 a.m. – VCS practice at FRC
2 p.m. – Dakota Sun Christmas program and fellowship
Susan – program and refreshments
Come and enjoy singing Christmas carols and visiting with
the residents. Be prepared to wear a mask!

3:45 p.m. – GEMS Christmas Social at CRC

FRIDAY: 7 p.m. VCS Christmas program “What Christmas Really Means”
Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

FUTURE DATES: December 24 – Christmas Eve Service (time will be
announced)

PERSONALS

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

Harold Van Hoepen is still a patient at Avera in Sioux Falls. Please keep Harold and his family in your prayers.

Bob Olson was moved to the Brookings Hospital on Wednesday for more recuperation and therapy. We praise God for improvement.

THANK YOU to those who organized, worked, donated and purchased baked goods and snacks at the bake sale held at the Beta Psi Gallery of Gifts on Saturday, December 4. Net profit was \$637.50.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Plans have changed – FRC WILL BE having a Christmas Eve service led by Pastor Frank Feltis. The time will be announced this morning.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS: The congregation approved the 2022 proposed budget. Dori Ohm was chosen as elder while Howard Lindberg and Kevin Warne were chosen as deacons. Ordination and installation will take place in early January.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY, December 19

Greeters – Harold and Betty Beukelman

Coffee Servers – EDUCATION TASK FORCE

Nursery (for newborns to 4 years of age) – no one is scheduled

Library – Susan Vander Wal

Offering – General Fund and Building Fund

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