

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 26, A.D. 2021
9:30 A.M.

Lay Pastor: Bert Rogness

Organ: Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

CHRISTMAS CAROL: 192 – *How Great our Joy*

* CHRISTMAS CAROL: 194 - *Joy to the World!*

* INVOCATION

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

RESPONSIVE READING: 654 - *The Church*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Silent Night* – Brian Franklin,
Nate Clapp, Nick Clapp

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

* HYMN: 196 – *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-18 p. 1524

SERMON: *Who do YOU say Jesus is?*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (General Fund and Mission Fund)

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: 203 – *Ring the Bells*

* 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 Bert Rogness, a lay pastor from the Astoria area.
- You are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for coffee or cold drink and conversation.
- The parament color (white) is used on Christmas Eve and Day and two Sundays following Christmas. The color white is calling to mankind the purity of the newborn Christ, and our light and joy in him.
- Sunday School - - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY
See you again on January 2.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: George and Bev Cotton

Ushers: Greg Moir and Allen Van Hoepen

Nursery:

Coffee Servers: Susan Vander Wal and Marilyn Kleinjan

Library: Michelle Vande Weerd

NEXT SUNDAY:

Pastor Gary Mulder will begin his ministry at First Reformed Church in Volga. Dori Ohm will be ordained and installed as elder while Howard Lindberg and Kevin Warne will be installed as deacons. The Clapp will bring ministry of praise.

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

Spend the week celebrating the joy of Christmas and the promise of a new year filled with hope, love, joy and peace!

FUTURE DATES:

January 5 Senior High Youth Group
January 8..... Worship Task Force taking down Christmas
Decorations
January 9..... Dakota Sun Service – Keith & Shirley, Chr.

January 12..... Junior High Youth Group
January 13..... Ladies Bible Study Hebrews 12

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 waiting for a suitable swing bed to become available. Please keep Harold and his family in your prayers.

Bob Olson is recuperating at home. Please pray for an appetite for Bob so he can gain his strength back.

CONGRATULATIONS to Austin and Vanessa Vander Wal, Adrian, MN on the birth of their daughter, Eloise Jean on Friday, December 17. She joins a brother, Brantley and sister Piper. Grandparents are Scott and Michelle Vander Wal and great grandparents are Edward and Gina Vander Wal. Praise God for the gift of new life!

WITH ALL THE CHANGE AND DECISIONS OF THE PAST YEAR, the consistory would like to thank the church family for your prayers, cooperation, patience and financial support. This has made for a successful and rewarding year for First Reformed Church. May God continue to bless First Reformed Church!

THANK YOU, DEAR FELLOW CHRISTIANS, If you have yet to hear, I want to tell you that Living Stone Church is the greatest thing to come to MDSP in the last ten years! Thank you so much for your support and belief that the gospel message can reach us behind the razor wire. It's because of your support that we can hand out Bibles, have a live praise and worship team, participate in Bible studies and have specific Christian books to read. You have given all of us an opportunity to grow in our faith. Again, thank you very much for your prayer and financial support. I pray that God continues to bless you in your ministry. God Bless, XXXX (inmate)

FROM COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL: Dear Friends, The children in Compassion's program depend on caring friends like you to provide them the life-changing assistance they need to be released from poverty. That's why we are so grateful for your recent gifts of \$75.89 to Compassion's Survival Program and \$123.99 to Compassion's Un-sponsored Children's

Fund!....Thank you again for embracing children in need through Compassion and transforming their lives, in Jesus' name! – Rich Van Eaton, Sponsor and Donor Relations Director, Compassion International

THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, phone calls and the food provided during my recent surgery. – Carol Kleinjan

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:

Dori Ohm was chosen as elder while Howard Lindberg and Kevin Warne were chosen as deacons.

Ordination and installation as elder for Dori Ohm and installation for Howard Lindberg and Kevin Warne will take place on January 2.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY, January 2

Greeters – Harold and Betty Beukelman

Coffee Servers – Darin and Megan Sinner

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

Library – Don Jones

Offering – General Fund and Building Fund

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