

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, A.D. 2022 9:30 A.M.

Pastor Gary Mulder

TODAY

Organ: Joyce Post

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

HYMN: 613 – *Another Year is Dawning*

* HYMN: 614 – *God of Our Life*

* INVOCATION

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

NEW CONSISTORY

Apostles' Creed

Ordination of Elder Dori Ohm

Installation of Dori, Howard Lindberg and Kevin Warne (deacons)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Behold Our God* – Praise Band

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

* HYMN: 17 – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:18-19 p. 1127

SERMON: *A New Thing*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (General Fund and Building 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

* GOD BLESS OUR PASTOR (insert) sung to the tune of 149 –

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able**

WELCOME to all members and guests worshipping at FRC today. We do not know what we will face in the year 2022. One thing we do know for certain: God has been faithful, and in His faithfulness, we will find our strength for the year to come.

- A extend a WARM welcome to Pastor Gary and wife Robyn to the FRC fellowship! It is our prayer that we will all learn and grow as we work and serve together for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom.
- Dori Ohm will be ordained and installed as elder while Howard Lindberg and Kevin Warne will be installed as deacons.
- 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 - We have classes for all ages. The children (pre-primary – 5th grade) will have a time of singing (at 10:45 a.m.) in the sanctuary before going to their classes at 11 a.m. There are two adult classes (1) Gene Bjorklund leads a discussion from a series by David Jeremiah *Where Do We Go from Here* (sanctuary) (2) the other adult class meets in the conference room off the kitchen and will be discussing topics from the book of Isaiah.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Harold and Betty Beukelman

Ushers: Jake and Roberta Volkers

Nursery:

Coffee Servers: Darin and Megan Sinner

Library: Don Jones

NEXT SUNDAY:

A praise team will begin the service with praise songs.

Ellie Koerner will bring ministry of praise.

A group will be going to worship with the residents at Dakota Sun Assisted Living at 11 a.m. The following are encouraged to attend: Keith & Shirley, Chr., Bruce & Dawn, Drew Bielke, Marcia Carver, Jan Clapp, Rollyn & Beth, Larry & Barb, Dan & Melanie, Adriana Kleinjan, Ron & Karen, Bernita Kooima, Patricia Mast, Dave Nettleton, Bob & Joan, Doug & Ruth,

Caleb & Emily, James & Missy, Brad Vander Wal, Kyle & Allyson, Sako & Wiekie

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 p.m. – Cadets at CRC
NO SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK

SATURDAY: 9 a.m. – Worship Task Force will be taking down the Christmas decorations

FUTURE DATES:

- January 10..... MESA Task Force
 - January 12..... Junior High Youth Group
 - January 13..... Ladies Bible Study Hebrews 12
 - January 19..... Consistory
 - January 20..... Dakota Sun Assisted Living Fellowship
- Any volunteers to share a devotion and/or serve a snack?**

PERSONALS

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

Harold Van Hoepen has been moved to a swing bed at Milbank Area Health Care where he is receiving physical therapy. The address is: 301 Flynn Drive, Room 206, Milbank, SD 57252.

Bob Olson is recuperating at home. Please pray for an appetite for Bob as he is very weak.

Gina Vander Wal had foot surgery on Tuesday and is recuperating at home.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Pastor Gary, Robyn and family on the death of Pastor Gary's mom, Garlene Mulder on Thursday, December 30.

May the God of all comfort be near the family.

Visitations for Garlene Mulder will be at Jurren's Funeral Home (1207 Park Drive) in Rock Rapids, Iowa on Wednesday night, January 5 from 5-7:30

p.m. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa (512 S. Union Street).

WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE who helped move us in. Your hard work allowed us to get moved in early enough so we could see my mom one last time while she was still responsive. It was greatly appreciated. – Pastor Gary and Robyn

THANK YOU! I have had a lot of folks thank me for leading the Christmas Eve service. I, in turn, would like to thank all who made it happen: the musicians, sound/camera people, scripture readers and to Susan for doing the bulletins and much of the behind-the-scenes stuff. You made Christmas special! – Pastor Frank

I WOULD LIKE TO EXEND MY SINCERE APPRECIATION to the consistory and congregation for the Christmas gift. This has been a challenging year with a transition of denominations and pastors. Thank you for your cooperation in making deadlines, reading all the information that has been disbursed to you, AND for your prayer support, which makes my job as FRC secretary much easier. - Susan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY, January 9

Greeters – Larry and Barb Dyer

Coffee Servers – Jason and Laci Volkers

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

Library – Susan Vander Wal

Offering – General Fund and Volga Christian School

(January 2, 2022)

Bless Our Pastor

(sung to the tune of 149 – Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me)

Bless our pastor, Lord we pray
Give him strength along the way.
Bless him in his every need
As Thy flock he comes to feed.
Bless us, this our earnest plea
That we all may live for Thee.

Let our prayers arise to Thee
For Thy servant so that he
May be by the gospel stirred
And guide us only by Thy Word.
Bless us this our earnest plea
That we all may live for Thee.

Bless our church and let it be
Filled with service, Lord for Thee
Keep us in Thy tender care
Bless us in the joys we share.
Bless us, this our earnest plea
That we all my live for Thee.