

## FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022 9:30 A.M.

Pastor Gary Mulder

**Organ:** Carol Kleinjan

**Keyboard:** Michelle Vander Wal

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

HYMNS: 299 – Amazing Grace!

565 – Saved by Grace

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE: Preston Vander Wal &  
Susan Vander Wal

\* ADVENT HYMN: 187 – *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\* APOSTLES' CREED

BAPTISM

PRAISE MINISTRY: Hattie Clapp

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

\* HYMN: 315 – *The Solid Rock*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 24:36-44

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MESSAGE: *The Hope of Advent*

#### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (General Fund and Mission Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child)

*(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* DOXOLOGY

\* HYMN: 567 – *Jesus Is Coming Again*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING SONG: 279 – *My Hope is in the Lord*

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## TODAY

WELCOME to all members and guests joining us at FRC today. May you experience the HOPE of the LORD as we worship together.

We will be receiving Marv and Kayleen Bleeker and Nicole Vande Weerd and her daughter, Ruby Replogle, who will be receiving the sacrament of baptism.

#### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY.

THE PARAMENT SET has been changed to purple as this color suggests HOPE. Purple is associated with royalty as the church awaits the newborn king.

#### SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Wayne and Deb Ulvestad

Ushers: Jake and Roberta Volkers

Coffee: Larry and Barb Dyer

Nursery: Deb Ulvestad and Ruth Sapp

Library: Susan Vander Wal

#### NEXT SUNDAY (December 4):

Pastor Gary will be preaching on peace that comes through Jesus' birth. We will also be celebrating the sacrament of communion. The insert in the bulletin is meant to help you prepare to come to the table.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following the morning worship service.

Children will be dismissed to go to program practice at the far west end of the fellowship hall.

The main items on the agenda are the approval of the 2023 budget (which can be found in your mailboxes today) and the choosing of new consistory members. A verbal explanation of the budget will also be given at the meeting.

Absentee ballots are available on the back table. That ballot (which enables you to vote on the proposed budget) must be returned prior to the meeting. The elder and deacon candidates will draw lots to determine whom God has chosen to fill the respective offices.

Nominees for the office of **elder** are: Bev Cotton, Pastor Frank Feltis, Bruce Lucas, Charles Sapp, Keith Van Duyn, Dean Vander Wal, Scott Vander Wal, Jake Volkers and Roberta Volkers.

Nominees for the office of **deacon** are: Brenda Ferguson, Cody Knapp, Bruce Lucas, Shirley Van Duyn, Allen Van Hoepen, Nick Vande Weerd, Dean Vander Wal and Jason Volkers.

Retiring elders are Tom Kleinjan and Kelly Vander Wal. The retiring deacon is Don Jones. Please thank them personally for their service.

### THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 7 p.m. – Fresh Hope

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. – Junior High Youth Group

THURSDAY: 3:45 p.m. – GEMS at CRC

SATURDAY: Bake Sale at the Beta Psi Gallery of Gifts  
FRC will again have a baked goods table at the Gallery of Gifts at Sioux Valley Schools. We encourage all of you to supply baked goods to sell. Goodies of all kinds are welcome!  
Please have your items wrapped and packaged attractively and bring to our booth at the school (use south door) **BEFORE** 8:30 a.m. If it is more convenient for you, you may bring your items to the church kitchen on Friday afternoon. (Susan will be at the church from 1 – 3 p.m.)

**The proceeds of the bake sale will be going to the Hamlin Reformed Church to help them rebuild after a fire destroyed their building.**

#### FUTURE DATES

December 7.....	Senior High Youth
December 8.....	Ladies' Bible Study
December 14.....	Junior High Youth
December 15.....	Fellowship at Dakota Sun
December 16.....	Volga Christian School Program at CRC
December 18.....	Sunday School Christmas Program
January 1.....	No Sunday School

### PRAYERS AND PRAISE

#### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Your on-going prayers for those in need of healing and those taking treatments would be appreciated:

**Harold Beukelman, Jen Greene, Tom Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Megan Sinner and Edward Vander Wal.**

Please continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at Homestead Assisted Living in Lake Norden.

#### THANK YOU TO:

those who made **quilts** for the Linus project this past year;  
those who enjoyed mild temperatures while ringing the **Salvation Army bells** on Monday night;  
and the donors of 55 **shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.**

WITH HEARTS FULL OF GRATITUDE, FCA thanks YOU for your partnership to reach coaches and athletes for Christ.

Thank you for your generous donations throughout our FCA year. You are doing great things for FCA. Thank you!

God Bless, Sincerely, Sydney H., SV FCA leader

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FUNDRAISER: Fifty calendars have been purchased/sold and we ran out!! We plan to order more so if you are interested in purchasing a calendar(s), there is a sign-up sheet posted by the bulletin board. Please sign up by Sunday, December 4. The proceeds from this fundraiser help support next year's Rocky Mountain High trip. Calendars are priced at \$10 each or if you are buying Christmas gifts, you may purchase 5 for \$40!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held December 18 (9:30 a.m.) incorporated into the morning worship service. Practices will be held during the Sunday School time on December 4 and 11.

VALET SERVICE will begin next Sunday for anyone who would like their car parked for them and returned to them when the service is over. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please drive up under the car port and let the greeters know you would like to use this service. The greeters will pass the request on to a Congregational Care Team member.

FUND RAISER for Jen Greene - Spot On Printing is doing a fund raiser for Jen Greene. Here is the link – orders are due December 4<sup>th</sup>.  
<https://jen22.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

A SPECIAL OFFERING will be received from now until January 8 for the Hamlin Reformed Church to help them rebuild after a devastating fire in October. You may use the offering envelopes and write ‘GIFT TO HAMLIN REFORMED CHURCH’ on the outside.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 4

Greeters: James Vande Weerd Family

Ushers: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn

Coffee: Jason and Laura Hove

Nursery: Marcus Olson and Kaedyn Sapp

Library –

Offering – General Fund and Building Fund

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POINSETTIAS: Would you consider donating a poinsettia to grace the sanctuary this year? If so, you may still bring them to the church this week. Thank you in advance!