

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
PALM SUNDAY**

**April 2, 2023 9:30 A.M.  
Pastor Gary Mulder**

**Organ:** Joyce Post

**Keyboard:** Michelle Vander Wal

**TODAY**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: 234 – *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*Please remain seated while the children proceed into the sanctuary.*

MINISTRY OF PRAISE: *Hosanna, Hosanna* – Sunday School

\* OPENING PRAYER

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

\* HYMN: 3 – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-40

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MESSAGE: *Are the Stones Crying Out?*

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child)

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

\* DOXOLOGY

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN: 322 - *I Love to Tell the Story*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING SONG: 35 – *We Will Glorify* (verse 1)

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

**WELCOME** to all members and guests worshiping with us at FRC today. We are thankful for the children as they are helping us to rejoice in the Lord by waving their palm branches.

Please join us in the fellowship hall after the morning service for a time of fellowship.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Today we receive Stanley and Joan Bruinsma and Tim and Whitney Goetsch along with their children Russell and Eliot as new members of FRC. We want to welcome them and celebrate that God has led them to our congregation.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We have classes for ALL ages. The children (pre-primary-5<sup>th</sup> grade) will have a time of singing at 10:45 in the sanctuary. Instruction in the classroom will be from 11-11:45 a.m.

We have two adult classes: (1) Pastor Gary will be leading a class on the Gospel of John with Tony Evans leading the video portion; (2) Pastor Frank is leading a study on the book of Revelation in the consistory room.

**SERVING THE LORD TODAY:**

Greeters: Tom and Carol Kleinjan

Ushers: Jim and Karen Janssen

Coffee: Sako and Wiekie Vandermeer

Nursery: (For newborns – 4 years of age) - any volunteers?

Library: Michelle Vande Weerd

**WORSHIP TEAM** will meet briefly in the conference room off the kitchen IMMEDIATELY after the morning service to finalize details for the Easter breakfast.

**PRAYER TIME** will NOT be held this week.

**VALET SERVICE** is available by driving 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.

**OUR COMBINED LENTEN SERVICE** will be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church this evening 7 p.m. Interim Pastor Jack Gray from the Christian Reformed Church will speak on “Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit” in the series on Jesus’ 7 last words on the cross. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

**NEXT SUNDAY – April 9)** is EASTER SUNDAY!  
**COME HUNGRY!** That is the theme for our Easter celebration this year. We invite you to join us for Easter breakfast at 8:30 a.m. supplied by the youth group and Worship Team. This is a fundraiser to support our youth going to Rocky Mountain High.  
The praise team will begin our EASTER CELEBRATION at 9:30 A.M. with some Easter praise songs.  
Pastor Gary’s message will focus on the appearing of the Risen Christ on the Road to Emmaus.  
Bill Van Beek will be directing a walk-up choir.  
Invite a friend to worship with you.  
There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

A group will be going to Dakota Sun at 11 a.m.

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

**WEDNESDAY:** 3 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship Group  
6:30 p.m. – Cadets at CRC  
7-8:15 p.m. – Senior High Youth Group  
8:30 p.m. – Men’s Evening Discipleship Group

**THURSDAY:** 7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service  
As part of this service, we will be celebrating communion by intinction (coming forward and dipping the bread in a cup). We will have cut pieces of bread rather than tearing from a loaf to keep things more sanitary. Also, we will end our service with a Tenebrae service which involves the extinguishing of candles while the passion narrative is read. If you have never experienced a Tenebrae service, you will want to attend. It is rich with meaning and very memorable.  
**Within your bulletin today, you will find an insert to prepare your heart this week for the Lord’s Supper.**

**FRIDAY:** 7 p.m. – You are invited to attend the Good Friday service with communion at the Christian Reformed Church.

**SATURDAY:** 9 a.m. – The Worship Team will be setting up for the Easter breakfast.

**FUTURE DATES**

April 10.....	Fresh Hope Consistory
April 11.....	MESA Team
April 12.....	Senior High Youth Group 8:30 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship Group
April 13.....	Ladies Bible Study
April 19.....	Afternoon Men’s Discipleship Group Sr. High Youth Group 8:30pm—Men’s Discipleship Group
April 20.....	Dakota Sun Fellowship

**PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**  
Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Marv Bleeker, Carolyn Cotton, Jenn Greene, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Dar Ludwig and Rich Vande Weerd.**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sam and Tiffany Zenner on the birth of their second son, Zeke Samuel born on March 27. Congrats also to grandparents Gene and Michelle Bjorklund and extended family. *Sons are a heritage from the Lord.....* Psalm 127.3a

THANK YOU! Dear Friends at First Reformed, We are so thankful for your ongoing support of the ministry here at Option 1. Having the support of local churches is more encouraging than you know.

We praise God for His provision through the local church – and we ask Him to bless all of you today. – Thank you, The Option 1 team

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for a few volunteers to drive Bill Ward back to Brookings after Sunday morning worship. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact Beth Clapp, Gene Bjorklund, Kevin Warne or someone on the Congregational Care Team.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THE SERVICE PROJECT FOR APRIL is office supplies for the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. Some of the items needed are: #10 envelopes in peel and seal type, reams of colored paper (all colors are welcome), 3 5/8 x 6 1/2 envelopes, white card stock. You may take a card from the pockets on the display board in the fellowship hall. Items and cards should be returned to the tote provided by April 30. Your support of this project is appreciated.

### NEXT SUNDAY, April 9

Greeters: Don and Laurie Jones

Ushers: Jim and Karen Janssen

Coffee: Brian and Nichole Franklin

Nursery: Kaedyn Sapp and Mathew Olson

Library – Don Jones

Offering – General Fund and Volga Christian School

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