

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Joyce Post

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

Worship Team

PRELUDE: *In Excelsis Deo*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – Susan & Karen

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

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

186 – *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAISE MINISTRY: - *Come, Christians Join to Sing* -
Bell Choir

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Deacon's Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Children-Nelly and Raj)

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

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:1-17

p. 1496

MESSAGE: *In God's Perfect Timing*

* HYMN: 479 – *God Leads Us Along*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 472 – *In His Time* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise today on this first Sunday of Advent.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, juice and conversation.

THE PARAMENT SET has been changed to purple this week suggesting hope and a color associated with royalty as the church awaits the newborn king.

DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT, Pastor Gary will be preaching a series of messages called "The Unhurried Christmas".

MISSION FUND: As we wrap up the fiscal year TODAY, November 30, we want you to know that the Mission Fund is behind budget. Thank you for your continued support!

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Tim and Whitney Goetsch Family

Ushers: Bill and Sherry Van Beek

Nursery: Carter Sapp and Shirley Van Duyn

Coffee Servers: Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY.

NEXT SUNDAY (December 7, 2025)

The praise team will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing Christmas praise songs.

The congregational meeting will follow IMMEDIATELY after the service. The Sunday School children that are involved in the program will be dismissed to the fellowship hall for practice. A time of fellowship will follow after the conclusion of the meeting.

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

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. MESA Team

WEDNESDAY : 3 p.m. – Men’s Fellowship
 4:15 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice
 6:30 p.m. – Cadets at CRC
 7 p.m. – Senior High Youth Group
 8:30 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship

SATURDAY: 9 a.m. – Bake Sale at the Volga Beta Psi Gallery of Gifts
 If you are willing to work in the booth, please sign up on the sheet on ‘the ladder’ in the fellowship hall.
 Calling all bakers – you are encouraged to supply baked goods to sell.
 Goodies of all kinds are welcome!
 Please have your items wrapped and packaged attractively and brought to our booth at the school (use south door) **BEFORE** 8:30 a.m. You do NOT have to price the items. If it is more convenient for you, you may bring your items to the church kitchen on Friday from 1-4 p.m. and they will be picked up and delivered for you.
 MESA decided the proceeds from the bake sale will go to Teen Challenge in Brookings.

FUTURE DATES:

December 8.....	Fresh Hope
December 9.....	Junior High Youth
December 11.....	Ladies’ Bible Study
December 12.....	Volga Christian School Christmas Program at FRC
December 15.....	Consistory
December 21.....	Christmas program during the morning service
December 24.....	Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS: Continue to pray for Lenna Weinberg, infant daughter of Jakob and Samantha Weidberg. Pray for continued progress so she can breathe on her own and go home to her parents.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Whitney Goetsch, Lois Kleinjan,**

Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Boone Posey, Joel Schonewill, Carolyn Tucker, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, and Amy Vandermeer.

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center, and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jakob and Samantha Weinberg on the birth of their daughter, Lenna Joy on November 21. Congrats also to the grandparents, Jim and Jen Greene, Aunt Danelyn and great grandmother, Dar Ludwig.

HAROLD BEUKELMAN would like to thank you for the many prayers and support while he is recuperating from his stroke. We are so grateful for our church family.

THANK YOU for your donation and your willingness to help with the needs of those in our community. – The staff of Harvest Table, Brookings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, December 7 IMMEDIATELY following the morning worship service. At the close of the service, the children will be dismissed to the fellowship hall for Christmas program practice. Coffee will be served AFTER the meeting. The agenda will be very basic consisting of a year-end financial report, approving the proposed budget for 2026, and the choosing ceremony of elder and deacons.
 The 2026 proposed budgets are in your mailbox
 Absentee ballots are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

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, Jason Hove, Ron Koerner, Caleb Schaefer, Kelly Vander Wal and Michelle Vander Wal
 Nominees for the office of **deacon** are: Tim Goetsch, Cody Knapp and Allen Van Hoepen.
 Our retiring elders are: Charles Sapp and Scott Vander Wal
 Our retiring deacon is Dean Vander Wal.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 7, 2025

Greeters: The Dan Gerdes Family

Ushers: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn

Nursery: Bev Cotton and Landon Sapp

Coffee:

Offering: General and Building Fund

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