

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
Rev. Luke Baehr

Help us have quiet and joyful spirits as we
worship you, our loving Creator.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US
Advent Candle Lighting Middle School Class
*Opening Praise Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Angels, from the Realms of Glory
He Shall Reign Forevermore

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Welcome & Peace
Refrain of Thanks Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

GOD SPEAKS TO US
Prayer of Illumination
Children’s Message
Scripture Luke 24:36-48
Sermon “The End: Best Glimpse of Heaven”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND
Announcements
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
Special Music-Ani Reed & Liana VanBeek Christmas Hallelujah
Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT
*Sending Song #128 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (1,2,4)
*Benediction
*Doxology

Next Week’s Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Those Serving Today
Pianist: Mary Paul
Nursery: Lydia VanBuren

Kids Church
Leader: Jacqui Hollander
Helper: Bryelle Hollander & Harold Baneck

Coffee Hour

Those Serving Next Sunday
Kids Church – December 14
Leader: Lydia VanBuren
Helper: Annika Reed & Emma Grieger

Coffee Hour – December 14

Sunday School
Sunday School will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m. for ages 3yrs-3rd grade.

Christmas Program Practice today for grades 4th-12th until 11:00 a.m. The younger classes will have Sunday School as normal.

Today
2026-27 Consistory Nominations - Upon prayer and deliberation, the Consistory is happy to present the following slate of Consistory nominees:
Deacon: Nick Leystra, Justin Parks, Aaron Retzlaff, Kyle Roberts, John Weaver
Elder: Brian Anderson, Deb Cupery, Ken Ireland, Randy Paul, Amy Vredevel
Three elders and three deacons will be chosen by lot at our Congregational Meeting TODAY If there is a concern regarding any nominee presented, please contact a member of the current Consistory. Thank you to all who spent time discerning nomination this year.

Sunday, December 7
6:15 p.m. – CS/RCYF Christmas Worship

This Week’s Activities
Monday, December 8
6:30 p.m. – Elder’s Meeting – Anyone wishing to request baptism, make Profession of Faith or join our church by transfer of membership is invited to attend.
7:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, December 9
8:30 a.m. – Ephesians Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10
3:30 p.m. – Catechism

Sunday, December 14
9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Communion
Organist: Darlyn DeYoung
Nursery: Bryelle Hollander
5:00 p.m. – Cornerstone: Christmas Caroling
3:00 p.m. – RCYF: Cascade Ski/Tube Event

Announcements
December Messenger – The latest edition of the Messenger is now ready for pickup on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

Missing a Dish or Jacket – There is an abundance of miscellaneous glass dishes, Tupperware, baking pans, jackets and gloves displayed on a table in the narthex. Look and see if one of them might be yours.

OCC Shoeboxes – We appreciate everyone who contributed a Christmas Shoebox for children worldwide. Together, First Reformed and New Life delivered 94 boxes to Aurora, IL, for processing. These shoeboxes are sure to be a blessing to the children who receive them, sharing both joy and the love of God.

Thank You – We appreciate everyone who attended the Harvest Soup Supper in November. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$1,467.00 for the Fox Lake Food Pantry.

Youth Group Carwash – The Youth Group is offering more car wash coupons for Tidal Wave Carwash in Beaver Dam at \$10.00 each. If you'd like to purchase one, please put your cash or a check made out to RCYF in Ron & Shirley Schueler's mailbox. She will make sure your coupons are delivered to your mailbox. Thank you for supporting our youth groups.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Concert – The Salvation Army invites you to a free show on TODAY at 4:00 p.m. at Beaver Dam High School, supporting the Dodge County Salvation Army. Free will donations are welcome. Enjoy performances by the Beaver Dam Area Community Choir, Men's Choir, Women's Choir, Grace Presbyterian Choir, Kiwanis Choir, Trinity Handbells, pianists, brass musicians, and special guests—the Salvation Army Brass Band.

Christmas Carol Sing - First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on TODAY, at 6:00 pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a wide variety of special musical selections performed by area musicians. A free will offering will be received for the Waupun Holiday Help Program.

You're Invited! Come join the students at the Randolph Christian School as they present "The Carols of Christmas". This Christ-centered Christmas program will be held in the RCS gym on Friday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

January New Member Group - Starting on Jan.18, there will be a group for adults interested in reaffirming their faith as members at First Reformed Church. This will be a 2-3 week group covering an understanding of membership, background to the church and an opportunity to share some of your own faith story. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Luke.

RCS Tree of Lights - Help Us Light the Christmas Tree at Randolph Christian School Tree of Lights Memorial. At this joyous Christmas time, let us help you remember a loved one. Each light will be available for a suggested donation of \$3. These lights will illuminate a tree at our school during the Christmas season. Forms are available in several area churches, or you may stop at the school office for one. They are also available at Covenant Christian Resource Center and Simply Thrift. Either drop off your form and donation at the school office or mail it to Randolph Christian School 457 2nd Street, Randolph, WI 53956. The deadline is Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The names of those you wish to honor will be published in the RCS Christmas program and The Reflector.

Candlelight Service - Bethel CRC (410 S. West St, Waupun) will be hosting its annual Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 21 at 7pm. All are welcome to join us for a night of special music and singing as we prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Second CRC Candlelight Service – How Great Our Joy!: A Candlelight Carol Service. It's time to dim the lights and raise our voices. Our deepest joy comes from the depths of God's love. Let's celebrate together! Sunday, December 21, 5:30pm at Second CRC, Randolph. Singing, narration, special music, candles, and treats. A rousing celebration of the incarnation. Bring your friends and neighbors!