

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 14, 2025 9:30 A.M.**

**Pastor:** Gary Mulder  
**Organ:** Carol Kleinjan  
**Keyboard:** Dori Ohm  
**Mixed Quartet**

PRELUDE  
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT – Paisley, Brenna and August Raml

ADVENT HYMN: 209 – *Away in a Manger*

CHRISTMAS HYMNS: 192 – *How Great Our Joy*

\* 219 – *As With Gladness Men of Old*

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

If you feel more comfortable during the cold/flu season not shaking hands, you may greet someone with a ‘soft’ fist bump, wave of the hand or just a verbal Good Morning!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

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

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

\* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 p. 1048

MESSAGE: *Christmas Simplified*

\* HYMN: 10 – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING HYMN: 620 – *Gloria Patri*

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 third Sunday of Advent.

As we gather as a body of believers, may the Lord richly bless us as we worship together and celebrate the Lord’s Supper together.

Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service. The family of Charles and Ruth Sapp is serving cake in honor of their parents’ 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The Sunday School program participants will be practicing in the sanctuary . Senior high, junior high and Daniel’s class of Adult Sunday School WILL BE MEETING in the respective rooms.

**DAKOTA SUN ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE** is at 11 a.m.

The following are encouraged to attend and worship with the residents there. Dori Ohm, Chr., Justin & Michelle, Gene & Michelle, John Cotton, Marv & Kayleen, Brenda Ferguson, Jim & Jen, Jim & Karen, Don & Laurie, Vern & Shirley, Gary Mans, Bernice Mullett, Bryon & Tammy Mullett, Bill & Deanna, Joel Schonewill, Wayne & Deb, VernaMae Van Maanen, Marlys Vander Wal

**SERVING THE LORD TODAY:**

Greeters: Jerry and Cam Heier

Ushers: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn

Nursery: Deb Ulvestad and Cade Leinen

Coffee Servers:

**NEXT SUNDAY (December 21, 2025)**

The Sunday School children will be presenting their Christmas program during the morning service. Pastor Gary will also have a short meditation. You are asked to bring a plate of Christmas ‘goodies’ to enjoy during the fellowship time.

5 p.m. – Prayer Time in the consistory room

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

**MONDAY:** 7 p.m. Board of Elders  
7:15 p.m. Deacons’ meeting  
7:30 p.m. Consistory

WEDNESDAY : 3 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship Group  
 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

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Christmas Program/Fellowship at Dakota Sun  
 Please consider joining the group this time.  
 The residents like company!  
 Leader – Sally Refreshments – Betty B .

**FUTURE DATES:**

December 22..... Fresh Hope  
 December 24..... Christmas Eve  
 Service at 6 p.m.  
 January 4..... Installation and  
 ordination of new  
 consistory members

**PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

PRAYER CONCERNS: **Lenna Weinberg** was able to go home from the hospital on Wednesday. Continue to pray that this transition is good for Lenna and Jakob and Sam.  
**Larry Dyer** will be having a stent installed on Wednesday. Please pray that all goes well with the procedure.  
**Kayleen Bleeker** will be having shoulder replacement reversal surgery on Tuesday. Pray for minimal discomfort and a quick recovery time.  
**Bill Van Beek** has been transferred to the Good Samaritan Home in De Smet for therapy.  
**Marilyn Kleinjan** is now at The Neighborhoods, Room B-8, in Brookings receiving therapy.  
 Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gloria Egeberg, Danelyn Greene, 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 Esteline Nursing and Care Center, and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

CAROLYN TUCKER would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and concerns during and following her knee surgery.

TO OUR DEAR PASTOR AND CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you so much for the overwhelming love and support during the loss of our dear sister, Anna Johanson. Your sympathy cards, phone calls, texts, constant prayers meant the world to us and helped carry us through this difficult time. We are blessed to be a part of a wonderful church family. With deepest gratitude from the Vande Weerd Family.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of the bake sale at the Beta Psi Gallery of Gifts. We are able to send a \$796 check to Teen Challenge in Brookings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DAILY DEVOTIONALS RELATED TO THE UNHURRIED CHRISTMAS SERIES are available at: <https://arc21.org/unhurried> and then click on “Daily Devotional Subscription” button.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS: Jason Hove and Michelle Vander Wal were chosen as elders and Allen Van Hoepen was chosen as deacon, all for a 3-year term. They will be ordained and installed into their prospective offices on Sunday, January 4. The congregation unanimously approved the 2026 proposed budget.

REMINDER TO TEAM CHAIRS: Your end-of-the-year reports are due to Susan NO LATER than DECEMBER 22. Please get your team replacement names to Susan and call a meeting by January 12 to select your team chair and secretary. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 21, 2025  
 Greeters: Jason and Laura Hove Family  
 Ushers: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn  
 Nursery: Any Volunteers??  
 Coffee Fellow: Education Team  
 Offering: Building Fund

**December 14, 2025 bulletin)**

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD for Christmas letters and a special concert at Faith Reformed Church on Sunday, December 21 at 3 p.m.

