

## Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church

December 28, 2025  
Rev. Luke Baehr

*Our Christmas celebrations are now a memory, Lord, but help us know Christmas joy all year long.*

**Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.**

### GOD GATHERS US

#### **Call to Worship**

#### **\*Opening Praise**

*Joy to the World  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly  
King of Kings*

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Welcome & Peace**

#### **Refrain of Thanks**

#### **Life Together**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
Preparation for the Lord's Supper*

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Children's Message**

#### **Scripture**

#### **Sermon**

Psalm 146: 1-5, Jeremiah 29:11  
"Season of Hope"

### GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

#### **Announcements**

#### **Prayers of the Church**

### GOD SENDS US OUT

#### **\*Sending Song**

*In Christ Alone*

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Doxology**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
His name is called Emmanuel.

**Next Week's Scripture:** Luke 2:22-33

### Those Serving Today

**Organist:** Clarice Koopmans  
**Nursery:** Jamie Weaver

#### **Kids Church**

No Kids Church

#### **Coffee Hour**

No Coffee Hour

### Those Serving Next Sunday

#### **Kids Church – January 4**

**Leader:** Amy Reed

**Helper:** Vince Reed & Harold Baneck

#### **Coffee Hour – January 4**

Rita Hookstead

#### **Sunday School**

Will resume on Sunday, January 4.

#### **Today**

**Welcome Pastor Lois Wendlandt** – With Pastor Luke & Joelle out of town today's worship will be led by Pastor Lois

**Christmas Eve Special Offering** – Our Christmas Eve special offering was for Randolph Teacher Care Fund. If you would like to contribute towards this offering, the blue envelopes located in the pews are available for your contributions.

*Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for coffee.*

### This Week's Activities

#### **Tuesday, December 30**

No Ephesians Bible Study

#### **Sunday, January 4 Communion & Professions of Faith**

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship SS Christmas Program

Organist: Clarice Koopmans

Pianist: Darlene Minnema

Nursery: Kati Hiley

### Announcements

**Next Sunday: Professions of Faith** – Next Sunday, January 4, 2026, we are looking forward to celebrating with nine teenagers and young adults in our congregation who will be publicly professing their faith in Jesus Christ and will be received as full members in our church. Please pray for Hannah Kok, Jason Durham, Nate Kok, Caleb Kok, Levi Kok, Zoe Kok, Jared Prager, Kayla Smith & Micah VanderVelde as they prepare to take this next step in their faith.

**Communion Offering** – Next Sunday, January 4 our special offering will be received for Gideons International.

**2026 Easter Cantata** - Randolph Community Choir will begin practicing for "Echoes of Easter-The Hope of the Cross", on Sunday, January 4, 4:00PM-5:30PM, at First Reformed Church in Randolph.

**January/February Messenger Deadline Extended** – The Messenger deadline has been extended to Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Please have all your Messenger articles to Jana no later than NOON.

**From the Sunday School Superintendent Stacy Saeman** - We had a great Christmas program this year. Thanks to all who helped make it happen! We will not have Sunday School TODAY December 28. We will resume on January 4.

**You Have Mail** – Please take a moment and check your mailbox.

**Young Adult Bible Study for Ages 17-29** – Join us in person or via Zoom as we read the Bible together in one year. A study Bible is provided, with daily readings of about 15 minutes. Meetings are every Tuesday starting January 6, 6:30–7:30 p.m., at First Reformed. Any questions, please contact Joelle Baehr at 763-453-5245 or check out the information with the QR code below.



**2026 Nursery Volunteers** – We need additional volunteers to assist in the nursery. You can find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin shelf in the narthex. If you have volunteered before, we will assume you are continuing unless you inform us otherwise.

**Special GriefShare Event** – GriefShare is hosting a two-hour event, "Loss of Spouse," on Saturday, January 24, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Register at [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org) or contact Lois Wendlandt at [sharethegrief@yahoo.com](mailto:sharethegrief@yahoo.com) or 920-382-3859. All materials are free, and refreshments will be provided.