

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
January 4, 2026
Rev. Luke Baehr

Renewing God, as we step into a new year, quiet our hearts and help us listen for your voice. May this time of worship set our direction and renew our hope in you.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Call to Worship

***Opening Praise**

*Oh, How Good It Is
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
O Come to the Altar*

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

Sermon

Luke 2:22-33
"Simeon's Profession"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

***Sending Song**

Spirit Song

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

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

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Darlene Minnema

Nursery: Corinna Leystra

Kids Church – January 4

Leader: Amy Reed

Helper: Vince Reed & Harold Baneck

Coffee Hour

Rita Hookstead

Those Serving Next Sunday

Kids Church – January 11

Leader: Niki VanBeek

Helper: Annika Reed & Abigail Stiemsma

Coffee Hour – January 11

Hugh & Jana Roberts

Sunday School

Sunday School resumes TODAY.

Today

Professions of Faith – Today, 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.

Sunday, January 4

4:00 p.m. – Cantata Practice

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

This Week's Activities

Monday, January 5

11:30 a.m. – Community Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 6

8:30 p.m. – Ephesians Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Prayer Team

Wednesday, January 7

3:30 p.m. – Catechism

Sunday, January 11 Installation Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Organist: Clarice Koopmans

Nursery: Abigail Stiemsma

5:00-6:15 p.m. – Cornerstone:

6:15-8:00 p.m. – RCYF:

Announcements

Dollars for Life – Starting TODAY we will be participating in Dollars for Life. Please fill in the blanks on the envelope with your name/names and enclose \$1 per name and place your envelope in the Dollars for Life box on the shelf in the narthex. We will be collecting until next Sunday, January 19. All names will be published in the Daily Citizen/Badgerland Values newspaper on January 25. If you have any questions, contact Karen VanHerwaarden.

2026 Easter Cantata - Randolph Community Choir will begin practicing for "Echoes of Easter-The Hope of the Cross", TODAY from 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

2026-27 Elder/Deacon Installation - Next Sunday, January 11 we will hold the ordination and installation of our new church elders and deacons during the worship service.

Next Week's Scripture:

Randolph Community Blood Drive – Join us Monday, January 5, 2025, at First Reformed Church from 11:30am to 5:00pm. Appointments are STRONGLY encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Save time with Rapid Pass at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or call 1-800 RED CROSS. Each donation can help up to three people in need. Collecting 39 pints earns Randolph High School a \$2500 scholarship. Donors receive a free Dunkin donut and Culver's ice cream. If you're eligible, please consider donating!

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.



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

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.

2026 Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour – As we begin a new year of coffee and fellowship following worship, we are looking for volunteers. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

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 or contact Lois Wendlandt at [sharethebereavement@yahoo.com](mailto:sharethebereavement@ yahoo.com) or 920-382-3859. All materials are free, and refreshments will be provided.