

## FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026 9:30 A.M.

**Pastor:** Gary Mulder

**Organ:** Joyce Post

**Keyboard:** Karen Knutson

#### PRELUDE

PRAISE SONGS: *Let It be Said of Us*

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me • Behold Our God*

#### 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!

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child – Nelly and Raj)

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

\* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Numbers 27:18-23 p. 255

Acts 13:1-5 p. 1714

MESSAGE: *A Calling Confirmed*

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

\* APOSTLES' CREED

\* HYMN: 535 – *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING HYMN: 500 – *The Longer I Serve Him* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able

## TODAY

**WELCOME** to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. We look forward to what God has in store for us in 2026 and what we can give back to God throughout the year ahead.

Jason Hove and Michelle Vander Wal will be ordained and installed into the office of elder and Allen Van Hoepen will be ordained and installed into the office of deacon.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments and conversation and take the time to encourage our new consistory members and thank the outgoing consistory members.

#### **SERVING THE LORD TODAY:**

Greeters: Tom and Carol Kleinjan

Ushers: Justin Olson Family

Nursery: Susan Vander Wal and Kinsley Sapp

Coffee Servers: Howard and Loretta Lindberg

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME AGAIN TODAY:**

We have classes for all ages. The children (Pre-primary-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) will have a time of singing in the large northeast Sunday School room at **10:45 a.m.** Instruction in the classroom will be from 11-11:45 a.m.

There are two adult classes 1) Daniel Ostrem's class meets in the consistory room. 2) Pastor Gary's class meets in the sanctuary and will begin a new study on the book of Ecclesiastes through a short video by Jonathan Pokluda.

3 p.m. – Women's Discipleship Group

5 p.m. – Prayer Time

#### **NEXT SUNDAY (January 4, 2026)**

A mixed quartet will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns.

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

**MONDAY:** 6 p.m. – Education Team

7 p.m. – Fresh Hope

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  
8:30 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Ladies’ Bible Study Lesson 9 –  
Leader: Marion Refreshments – Joan  
3:45 p.m. – GEMS at CRC

**FUTURE DATES:**

January 14.....	Bell Choir Practice Senior High Youth
January 15.....	Dakota Sun Assisted Living Program
January 20.....	MESA Team

**PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**Laurie Jones** had total knee replacement on Monday and is recuperating at home. Laurie would like to thank you for your prayers and continued prayers for complete healing and recovery.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Kayleen Bleeker, Larry Dyer, Danelyn Greene, Whitney Goetsch, Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Joel Schonewill, 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, **Bill Van Beek** is in the Good Samaritan home in De Smet, Marilyn Kleinjan is at the Neighborhoods in Brookings and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

TEEN CHALLENGE OF THE DAKOTAS would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$796 (proceeds from the bake sale at Beta Psi Gallery of Gifts).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REMINDER TO TEAM CHAIRS: Please get your team replacement names to Susan and call a meeting by January 12 to select your team chair and secretary. Thank you.

MEALS FOR YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS: If you are willing to serve a ‘quick meal’ for the Wednesday night youth groups, please sign the sheet on the small table under the south bulletin board. Suggestions for food are on the sign-up sheet as well as to how many to serve and time to deliver. You do NOT have serve the food. Thank you in advance. Thank you to those that served in 2025!

WORDS OF HOPE DEVOTIONALS for this next quarter have not arrived, have been misplaced, or lost in the mail. The Words of Hope answering machine message said they would be back in the office on January 5, 2026!

ARE YOU WILLING TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM OR REFRESHMENTS on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday afternoon of each month at Dakota Sun? Your help would be appreciated as the residents look forward to visitors. Please sign the sheet on the easel in the fellowship hall.

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 11, 2026**

Greeters: George and Bev Cotton

Ushers: Justin Olson Family

Nursery: Melissa Olson and Eli Sapp

Coffee Fellowship: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn

Offering: Volga Christian School

A group will be going to Dakota Sun Assisted Living at 11 a.m. for a short service and a time of meeting the residents. The following are encouraged to attend: Susan, Chr., Ron & Karen, Stan & Joan, Jan Clapp, Rollyn & Beth, Larry & Barb, Bernita Kooima, Bruce & Dawn, Patricia Mast, Dave Nettleton, Doug & Ruth, Wayne & Carolyn, Keith & Shirley, James & Missy, Brad Vander Wal, Kyle & Allyson, Amy Vandermeer, Sako & Wiekie

**January 4, 2026 bulletin)**

TOM AND CAROL KLEINJAN are pleased to announce the birth of a grandson, William Benedict on December 18 to David and Catherine Kleinjan of White Rock, NM. He joins siblings, Henry and Suzana.