

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026 9:30 A.M.

**Pastor:** Gary Mulder

**Organ:** Carol Kleinjan

**Keyboard:** Michelle Vander Wal

**Men's Praise Team**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS: 490 – *Rock of Ages* ~ ~ 577 – *Abide with Me*

\* 606 – *Children of the Heavenly Father*

\* 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!

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

\* APOSTLES' CREED

PRAISE MINISTRY – *Jesus Loves Me* – Bell Choir

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFFERING (Compassion Child – Nelly and Raj)  
*(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)*

\* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:1-6 p. 1902  
Acts 17:10-15 p. 1723

MESSAGE: *Discerning Truth from Falsehood*

\* HYMN: 174 – *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING HYMN: 177 – *Wonderful Words of Life* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able

**TODAY**

**WELCOME** to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. As we draw near to God, may His Word of Truth be our guide.

We celebrate as **Evelyn Ostrem** and **Ryan Vandermeer** publicly profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We welcome the **Michael and Amanda Triebwasser family (Jackson and Thomas)** as they have chosen to make First Reformed Church their church home. Their son, Thomas, will receive the sacrament of baptism.

**Jim Guthmiller** will also be joining our church family by his Reaffirmation of Faith.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments, cake and conversation.

### SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Cody Knapp Family

Ushers: Justin Olson Family

Nursery: Dori Ohm and Laura Hove

Coffee Servers: Nick and Nicole Vande Weerd

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

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 and will be studying the prophet Joel 2) Pastor Gary's class meets in the sanctuary and is studying the book of Ecclesiastes (chapter 3) through a short video by Jonathan Pokluda.

**THE PARAMENT SET** has been changed to green to symbolize our growth in Christ.

**PRAYER TIME** at 5 p.m. in the consistory room.

### NEXT SUNDAY (January 25, 2026)

The praise band will begin the service by leading the congregation in some praise songs as well as providing Ministry of praise.

Pastor Gary will give his third message in a series on truth.

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. – MESA Team

WEDNESDAY: 3 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group  
4:15 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. – Cadets at 6:30 p.m.  
7 p.m. – Senior High Youth  
8:30 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group

THURSDAY: 3:45 p.m. – GEMS at CRC

SATURDAY: 4 p.m. – Consistory meeting  
6 p.m. – Consistory/staff supper

### FUTURE DATES:

January 26.....	Fresh Hope
January 28.....	Bell Choir practice
February 1.....	Jr. High Youth
	Men's Discipleship
	Celebrating the
	Sacrament of the
	Lord's Supper
February 21.....	RESGEN

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Bill Van Beek** has returned to the Good Samaritan home in De Smet after having surgery this past week.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Kayleen Bleeker, Larry Dyer, Gloria Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Laurie Jones, 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 Rozendaal** who resides at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline 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.

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS** donation to make sure kids in the area do not go to bed hungry. – Cathy and Rae Ann – Brookings Area Back Pack Project (This was from the Christmas Eve offering of \$963.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RESGEN** is fast approaching. If you haven't signed up for this one-day men's summit at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls, you should do so quickly. You will hear from Tim Tebow, John Maxwell and others. Our church will cover \$20 of the cost for any members or regular attendees. You must sign up online @ RESGEN.com and then text or email Pastor Gary and he will get your \$20 to 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 to serve the food. Thank you in advance. Thank you to those that served in 2025!

**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. If so, please sign the sheet on the easel in the fellowship hall.

**ALL MEN AND YOUNG MEN** are invited to the First Lutheran Church (Volga) oyster stew, chili and chicken noodle soup supper on Monday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY, January 25, 2026

Greeters: Ron and Karen Knutson

Ushers: Justin Olson Family

Nursery: Ruth Sapp and Olivia Hove

Coffee Fellowship: Kevin and Kari Vander Wal

Offering: Mission Fund

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