

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 22, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder
Organ: Joyce Post
Keyboard: Dori Ohm
Praise Band

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONGS: *Goodness of God* • *The Beauty of the Cross*

*

* 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

PRAISE MINISTRY: *I'm Abandoned* - Marion Read

GIDEON UPDATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Mission 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: Philippians 3:1-11 p. 1828

MESSAGE: *Finding Joy in Believing*

* HYMN: 297 – *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 342 – *Jesus is All the World to Me* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. We come together as a body of believers with joy in our hearts wanting to know more about serving Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

WE WELCOME Kurt Turner to our service this morning as he gives us an update on the Gideon organization. An offering for the Gideons will be received at the door following the morning service.

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

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Justin Olson Family

Ushers: Howard and Loretta Lindberg

Nursery: Bev Cotton and Rebecca Olson (for newborns – age 4)

Coffee Servers: Jeff and Sarah Sapp

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

We have classes for all ages. The children (Pre-primary-5th 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) A class studying the prophets (Ezekiel) meets in the consistory room 2) Pastor Gary's class meets in the sanctuary and is studying the book of Ecclesiastes (chapter 9) through a short video by Jonathan Pokluda.

3 p.m. – Women's Discipleship Group – the meeting is available online, so if you want to join the group online, please ask Robyn Mulder or Dori Ohm for the link.

NEXT SUNDAY (March 1, 2026)

The praise team will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some praise songs.

Pastor Gary will end his series of messages on joy and Robyn Mulder will provide praise ministry.

You are encouraged to attend the combined Lenten service to be held here at FRC at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Kelle (COPC) will bring the message from Genesis 3:1-13 'The Tragedy of the Fall'.

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

MONDAY: 7 pm – Fresh Hope

WEDNESDAY: 4:15 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice
7 p.m. – Junior High Youth
8:30 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group

THURSDAY: 3:45.m. – GEMS at CRC

FUTURE DATES

March 3..... Men's Discipleship
Sr. High Youth
March 7..... Women's Day of
Prayer at CRC
March 8..... 11am-Dakota Sun
Service
March 10..... Worship Team
March 11..... Ladies' Bible Study

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kevin Warne was injured by a cow during calving and has a broken scapula as well as other injuries. Please pray for pain relief and a complete recovery with no complications

VernaMae Van Maanen is in the Brookings Hospital due to retention of fluid. Please pray that her body would respond positively to treatment.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Larry Dyer, Gary and Gloria Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Gene and 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 Estelline Nursing and Care Center, **Bill Van Beek** is in the Good Samaritan home in De Smet,

Marilyn Kleinjan is at Dakota Sun in Volga and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

Travis Mans (son of Wayne and Chris) is going on a mission trip to Jamaica (February 28-March 7) and would appreciate your prayers. He will be helping with construction of homes. Travis would appreciate your prayers for the Holy Spirit to fill him and other workers and to be a positive influence for the church and community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED LENTEN SERVICES will begin TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m. at the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church. A time of fellowship will follow. The Lenten series this year will focus on "God's Story of Redemption".

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosting Church</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Scripture/Theme</u>
February 22	COPC (fellowship to follow)	Pastor Joshua	Created for Communion Genesis 1:26-31
March 1	FRC	Pastor Kelle	The Tragedy of the Fall Genesis 3:1-13
March 8	CRC (fellowship to follow)	Pastor Gary	The Promise in the Curse Genesis 3:14-15
March 15	COPC	Pastor Gary	The Second Adam Romans 5:12-19
March 22	CRC	Pastor Kelle	Bearing the Curse Galatians 3:10-14
March 29	FRC Host Fellowship Time	Pastor Joshua	Glory Thru the Cross John 12:23-33

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The Volga Christian Reformed Church wants to invite you to this year's Women's World Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 7. Come and join for food, fellowship and spending time in prayer and praise to the Lord together! Refreshments and fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. Kayla Carpenter will be the speaker.

SERVICE PROJECT FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Option 1's mission statement is to assist women in the Brookings area and SDSU who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies to explore choices by providing appropriate resources and support including counseling, education programs and mentoring.

How can you help? You are invited to take a little card from the pockets on the display board in the fellowship hall, purchase the item(s) and return the card and item(s) to the tote provided. Deadline will be sometime in March.

INSPIRATION HILLS is currently recruiting for summer positions: counselors, day camp coordinators, and a worship coordinator. More information is on the bulletin board.

VOLGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is again selling fruit, meat sticks and nuts for a fund raiser. Orders are due February 25 and will be delivered March 19. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Olson.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 1, 2026

Greeters: Howard and Loretta Lindberg

Ushers: Chris Mans and Dori Ohm

Nursery: Ruth Sapp and Marcus Olson

Coffee Fellowship: Dori Ohm and Chris Mans

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

February 22, 2026 bulletin)

Associate Pastor Search Update:

As graduation season approaches, our Search Team has prayerfully decided to expand our search to include other communities as well as a wider range of seminaries and Christian colleges. We believe this is an important step as we continue seeking the Associate Pastor whom God is preparing for First Reformed Church.

We invite our congregation to join us in persistent prayer. Please pray that God would lead the right spiritual leader to our church—someone eager to grow with us and minister to both our members and our community.

Our team is energized and committed to finding the ideal candidate. You can help by sharing our Facebook job posting and tagging your family and friends.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we trust God to guide us to the person He has chosen.

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer,

Your Associate Pastor Search Team