

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ – Joyce Post

Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal

Men's Group

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS: 427- *I Have Decided to Follow*

Jesus

481- *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

* 453 – *It Is Well with my Soul*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

RIGHT NOW MEDIA BOOK OF ACTS TRAILER

MISSION MOMENT – Nick Vande Weerd

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Trust and Obey* – Bell Ensemble

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: 1 Kings 18 :17-39

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MESSAGE: *Elijah – The Mountain*

* HYMN: 408 – *I Surrender All*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 437 – *Nearer, My God to Thee* (vs.1)

* Please stand if you are able

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!

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME is extended to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. As we gather as a body of believers, may the Lord richly bless us as we worship together.

After the service, you are invited to the fellowship hall for fellowship and coffee or a cold drink.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Larry and Barb Dyer

Ushers: Chris Mans and Dori Ohm

Nursery: Betty Beukelman and Carter Sapp

Coffee Servers: Dan and Melanie Gerdes

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY:

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 11 a.m. Instruction in the classroom will be from 11:15-11:45 a.m.

All other classes will begin at 11 a.m.

The adult class led by Pastor Gary meets in the sanctuary and will begin a series of discussions on the book of Acts. Today's topic is 'Purpose and Power' from Acts chapter 1. This is a video series by Louie Giglio.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- The praise team will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some praise songs.
- Pastor Gary will continue with the third message in a 6-part series on the prophet Elijah.
- Pastor Appreciation/Recognition of new members dinner at noon. We will be recognizing Pastor Gary and Robyn and new members at a 'potluck' dinner at noon. You are asked to bring a hot dish AND salad or dessert. Tableware and beverage will be provided. The entire congregation is invited to come and honor Pastor Gary and Robyn, and new members.
- Reformation Day Service will be held at FRC beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Kelly Craft from the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church will be bringing the message. Work Group #4 will provide refreshments for the fellowship time that will follow.
- Quilters: Please bring in your Project Linus quilts to the southeast corner room (south hallway). All quilts must have an FRC label

sewn into them. If you need labels, contact VernaMae. Also sign the sheet on the clip board in that room with your name and number of quilts/blankets.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 5:45pm- Bell Choir Practice
7 pm- Buildings and Ground Team

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. - Junior High Youth Group

SATURDAY: 9 a.m. – Decorating for fall and Thanksgiving

Anyone is welcome and invited to join the Worship Team.
The Worship Team is asking for your help in supplying more pumpkins and squash for our outdoor cornucopia display. Thank you.

FUTURE DATES

November 2.....	Fresh Hope
November 4.....	Men's Discipleship Group Senior High Youth
November 7.....	VCS Harvest Festival
November 10.....	MESA Team meeting
November 11.....	Junior High Youth
November 12.....	Ladies Bible Study
November 13 & 14.....	Midwest Network in Canton
November 18.....	Men's Discipleship Group Senior High Youth
November 19.....	Dakota Sun Assisted Living program and fellowship
November 25.....	Thanksgiving Eve Service

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Gene Kleinjan became a resident of the Neighborhoods in Brookings on Thursday. Pray for him through this transition.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary Egeberg, Kathy Engel, Sandi Franklin, Whitney Goetsch, Darcy Kasdorf, Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Bernice Mullett, Tammy Mullett, Joel Schonewill, Harold Van Hoepen, and Gina Vander Wal.**

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

Please take a few minutes to visit our shut-ins. They would love to see you.

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR ORGANISTS, PIANISTS, AND BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR and to say "thank you" for using your gifts and talents for the Lord. Please check your mailboxes to find a token of our appreciation.

THE VOLGA GEMS would like to thank everyone who supported them in their card sales. Your financial support and prayers are appreciated. The money raised goes to cover expenses for lesson materials, badges, crafts, and social activities throughout the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LINE/MESSAGE LINE: It has come to our attention this week, that some of you are not getting the prayer requests or messages. It is not only prayer requests that go out, but other messages/reminders on meetings or cancellations of a worship service. Please let Susan know **TODAY** that you are not being contacted. We want you all to be informed. You can receive messages through email or texting.

SERVICE PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ENDS TODAY. The warm winter clothing will be given to the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls.

UPCOMING MISSION TRIP: February 14-20, 2027 to Guatemala

Cost: Depending on final number, final cost per person will be around \$2,100 (estimate)

Next Step: Submit \$400 deposit to West Center Baptist by November 8th to reserve your spot. If finances are a barrier, please reach out.

If you have any questions, contact Nick Vande Weerd.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES are available today. Pick up a box and fill it with suggested small gifts for a child in need somewhere around the world. **Boxes need to be returned by November 22.**

OUTSTANDING BILLS: Please present any outstanding bills you may have incurred this year to our treasurer, Karen Knutson by November 22. The church fiscal year ends on November 30. Thank you.

THE 63rd ANNUAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held at Gracepoint Church in Brookings. The lunch will begin at 11 a.m. The auction begins at 12:30 p.m. Check the bulletin board for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 1, 2026

Greeters: Ron and Karen Knutson

Ushers:

Nursery: Paisley Raml and Brenna Raml

Coffee Servers: Dori Ohm/Brenda Ferguson

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

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