

# Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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**May 3, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome and announcements

Prayer of invocation

## Call to worship

L: Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**P: Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let us be built into a spiritual house,**

L: to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

**P: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

L: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

**P: once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**

**Hymn of Invitation # 71**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

## Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father in baptism You called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from His ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may walk in Your healing love, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

Children's message and release to Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 45:1-7

Sermon: Identity Revealed

Offering and Doxology

**Hymn # 385**

“Search me O God”

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Hymn of Action # 408**

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 305**

“He is Lord”

## May God Bless you this Sunday!

Tim Diehl is our guest speaker today as Pastor Sue is away with the confirmation group. **Welcome Pastor Tim!**

**Prayer list:** Linda Abels, Darlene Block, Doug DeBoer. Continue to uphold others in care centers: Elaine Boehm, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull,

Address for Ron and Linda Abels: 14001 Douglas Pkwy, Urbandale, IA 50323

**Worship Broadcast** today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given by a radio listener. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda 641-590-3872.

**Bulletin Cover** - May is sponsored by a church supporter

**Attendance last week – 60 Offering last week – \$739.00**

**Confirmation Class meets this Wednesday at 6 PM**

**Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Oldenkamp today**

**Tuesday – Kerry Mastin and Parker Brass**

**Saturday – Mark Krull**

**Next Sunday May 10 is Mother's Day and we will celebrate with Communion and Youth will be singing**

There will be an **Open House Baby Shower** for Jessica Alphs here at First Reformed on May 16 from 1-4 PM.

**Baptism for Palmer Gus Voortmann** will be Sunday May 17.

**Jon and Alicia Peake** will share about their ministry work and experiences serving in Africa following the service on May 17. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments where Jon and Alicia will be available to share more about their mission and answer questions.

May 17 Pastor Sue will conduct worship at **TMNH** at 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**May needs for North Iowa Food for Families**

1 lb cans of coffee, Iced tea bags, instant tea, jellies or jam, ketchup, yellow mustard, syrup, cooking oil, hamburger helper.  
Thank you!

May Flower Committee: Mitch and Amanda Geisking  
Dennis and Renee Higgins

May Greeters:

May 3 Tim and Vicki Berschman  
May 10 Joann Steffensen  
May 17 Linda Harms  
May 24 Dean and Becky Beenken  
May 31 Gene and Marilyn Brass

**2026 Bible reading plan**

5/03: Prov. 24; Genesis 14-17  
5/04: Prov. 25; Genesis 18-19  
5/05: Prov. 26; Genesis 20-23  
5/06: Prov. 27; Genesis 24-25  
5/07: Prov. 28; Genesis 26-27  
5/08: Prov. 29; Genesis 28-30  
5/09: Prov. 30; Genesis 31-32