

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

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February 22, 2026

9:30 AM

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome and announcements

Invocation

Call to worship

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

P: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

P: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Praise our Living Lord, His steadfast love endures forever!

Hymn of Invitation # 252

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive me for when I have trusted in anything or anyone more than You. I choose to put my faith, trust, and hope in You as never before. I open my heart and ask You to help me recognize Your invitations in a greater way. Grant me the boldness, courage, and wisdom to cooperate with You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Gloria Patri

Anthem

Mercy

Casting Crowns music video

Children’s Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17 *pg. 2* Romans 5:12-19 *pg. 1027*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 *pg. 879*

Sermon: Temptation

Prayer of Repentance and Belief:

Almighty God, I’m a sinner and I need a Savior. Forgive me of my sins. I have ignored Your laws and precepts. I have done as I wanted and not as You commanded. Jesus, be Lord of my life. I will live for Your glory. Holy Spirit, teach me to walk in paths of righteousness. I submit to Your Authority. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Prayer of Renunciation:

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified—made righteous, just as if I’d never sinned. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Therefore, Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Forgiveness and Release:

Heavenly Father, thank You for forgiving me of my sins. By a decision of my will, I forgive everyone of everything. I release them and relinquish them into Your care. I rejoice in my new freedom. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Offering and Doxology

Hymn # 665

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table, Communion Prayer

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

... Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Communion

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Action # 117

“There is a Redeemer”

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

“He Is Lord”

May God Bless you on this First Sunday in Lent!

Prayer list: Sue Wubben, and Doug DeBoer. Continue to uphold others in care centers: Elaine Boehm, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, and Arlo Heyer.

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given in loving memory of Richard Block by his family and friends. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda 641-590-3872.

Bulletin Cover - February is sponsored by Mike and Carole Kettwick
March is in need of a sponsor

Attendance last week – 72 Offering last week – \$1232.00

Happy Birthday to Laine Matson today. Amy VanderWilt and
Rachelle Gruis on Wednesday. Kathe Kiewiet Risius on Saturday

Happy Anniversary to Darren and Holley Beenken today.

Adult Bible Study today at 4 PM

Consistory will meet Wednesday Feb 25 at 7 PM

Confirmation Class meets on Wednesday Feb 25 at 6 PM

March Flower Committee: Andy & Alicea Porter and
Tim and Vicki Berschman

March Greeters:

Feb 22 Don and Linda Gruis
March 1 Mitch and LeAnn Mastin
March 8 Braden and Bailey Ortman
March 15 Doug and Barb Murra
March 22 Gene and Marilyn Brass
March 29 Kerry and Peg Mastin

2026 Bible reading plan

2/22 Ps. 90-91; John 8
2/23 Ps. 92; John 9-10
2/24 Ps. 93-94; John 11
2/25 Ps. 95-96; John 12
2/26 Ps. 97; John 13-14
2/27 Ps. 98-99; John 15-16
2/28 Ps. 100-101; John 17-18