

# Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

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**January 11, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome and announcements

Invocation

## Call to worship

L: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**P: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

L: May the Lord give strength to His people!

**P: May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

Hymn of Invitation # 111

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, thank you that you’ve given me the strength to meet a new year. I want to give You a new place in my heart and make You my first priority. Forgive me for idols I’ve made in my life and for the things I’ve put in front of You. I choose to follow and worship You alone. Holy Spirit, help me and go before me into this new year. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Assurance of pardon- Gloria Patri

Anthem

Come to the Waters

Music video

Children’s Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 *pg. 657* Acts 10:34-43 *pg. 1002*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:13-17 *pg. 879*

Sermon

**God with us**

**Offering and Doxology**

Hymn # 679

Baptized in Water

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Action # 231

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

He Is Lord

## Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Christmas! Today we will celebrate Epiphany Sunday!

**Prayer list:** Mike Kettwick, Madonna Kettwick, Al Boeckholt, Dennis Higgins, Robert Anderson, Doug DeBoer. Continue to uphold others in care centers: Elaine Boehm, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. and Bev Finer.

**We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Richard Block who passed away last Sunday. Services were held here at First Reformed yesterday. We remember Darlene and the family in our prayers.**

**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. A January sponsor is needed.

**Bulletin Cover** - January is sponsored by Kerry and Peg Mastin

**Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study will resume today.**

**Happy Birthday to** Don Gruis and Doris Harms on Monday Dale Meinders and Dean Balvance on Thursday.

**The Congregational Annual Meeting will be next Sunday January 18 after worship. Treasurers please have your end of the year reports to Linda as soon as possible. Thanks!**

**There is a sign up sheet on the narthex table for volunteers who will bring a salad next Sunday for the lunch after the annual meeting. There will be a free donation for the lunch.**

**The box at Main Street Market is ready for the Valentine’s to be taken to the residents of TMNH. Thanks!**

**There are a few old windows that need a good home. If you would be interested talk to Kerry Mastin regarding the sizes.**

**Be sure to pick up your 2026 Team Service Book. Together we can accomplish miracles!**

**The Blessing Bench in the narthex has quilts to give to anyone in need.**

**January Flower Committee:** Gene & Marilyn Brass  
Travis & Alicia Brass

**January Greeters:**

Jan 11 Joyce Anderson

Jan 18 Jason and Beth Hallberg

Jan 25 Travis and Alicia Brass

**2026 Bible reading plan** *The single most important way to grow in our faith is reading God's Word systematically. 10 minutes a day will change your faith and strengthen your spiritual life. Begin by partnering with someone to read the Gospel of Matthew together.*

**01/11: Psalm 19-20; Matthew 19-20**

**01/12: Psalm 21-22; Matthew 21**

**01/13: Psalm 23-24; Matthew 22-23**

**01/14: Psalm 25-26; Matthew 24**

**01/15: Psalm 27-28; Matthew 25**

**01/16: Psalm 29; Matthew 26**

**01/17: Psalm 30-31; Matthew 27**