Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center
Pastor Sue Shike 641-251-2255

Nov 29, 2026 9:30 AM

Prelude Ruth Ann Milbrandt
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Kylie Mastin, Sawyer Matson, Norah Porter
Call to worship
L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
P: You have set Your glory above the heavens.
L: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
P: What are human beings that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them?
L: You have given them dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under their feet,
P: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Invitation # 350 "The Summons" vs. 1,2,4

Prayer of Confession
Heavenly Father, we confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slow to do good. We have wandered from your ways in forgetting your love. Cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins. Help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways. Amen.
Assurance of pardon - Gloria Patri

Anthem Let Every Thankful Heart Chancel Choir

Children's Time
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-4 pg. 680 1Corinthians 1:3-9 pg. 1038
Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37 pg. 925

Sermon: Keep Awake

Offering and Doxology

Reaffirmation of Faith
Presentation
Profession
*Congregation's pledge of support: Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sister by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service? **P: We do.**
*Please join in affirming the faith with **the Apostles' Creed.**
Liturgy Bk pg. 15
Declaration, Blessing
Welcome of new members Chris Alphs, John Blomster, and Dallas Murra
***P: Joyfully we receive you. Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!**

Hymn of Action # 699 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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

**** Children pre K – 5th go to Sunday School Classes ****

Hymn # 466 "Take My Life and Let It Be"
Benediction
Closing Hymn # 154 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent!

Prayer list: Shelley Volz, Mark Beenken, Brian Bashan, Linda Abels, Darlene Block. Remember those in care centers: Evelyn Winter, and Vi Krull,

Attendance last week: 70 Offering $837.00

Bulletin Cover - November is sponsored by the family of Sue Wubben.

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is sponsored by Dean Balvance.

Chancel Choir is at 11:15 in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!

If you enjoy singing, please join us!

This week birthdays: Dennis Higgins on Monday
Jessica Alphs and Travis Brass on Tuesday

First Reformed will again serve the **meal for 1 G on Wednesday Dec. 2nd.** Ruth Ann would appreciate help with serving.

RCWM Exect. Team will meet Wednesday Dec 2 to disburse Misson Funds.

Tour of Lights Hot Cocoa stop on Dec 6 at 5 PM. Volunteers are needed to help make the cocoa at 4 PM. Thanks!

Consistory Meeting Wednesday Dec 9 with deacons starting at 6:30 pm and elders at 7 pm

Sunday School Christmas Program Dec 20 at 5 PM

Caroling on Monday Dec 21…..talk to Pastor Sue

Christmas Eve Service Dec 24 at 5 PM

2026 Bible reading plan
11/30: Ezekiel 13-15
12/01: Ezekiel 16-17
12/02: Ezekiel 18-20
12/03: Ezekiel 21-22
12/04: Ezekiel 23-24
12/05: Ezekiel 25-27
12/06: Ezekiel 28-30

Flower Committee for December: Jim and Shelley Volz and Kerry and Peg Maston

Greeters for December:
Nov 29 Chris and Jessica Alphs
Dec 6 Nick and Halie Haugen
Dec 13 Jim and Shelley Volz
Dec 20 Greg and Bonnie Aukes
Dec 27 Tim and Vicki Berschman

A Giving Tree Project: Homemade cookies of any kind are needed for the North Iowa Giving Tree families. Looking for any baker in the North Ia School communities. Bring to 1st Reformed Church by Dec. 16 at noon Please contact 562-2317 and leave a message with your name, phone number and amount of cookies you plan to bring. Around 46 dozen are needed.

The Christmas season is quickly approaching and we would appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we continue in our **27th Annual North Iowa Giving Tree**. We limit our families to 35 so we are asking for 35 of each of the following items: soaps, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, washcloths, and towels. Packing day is yet to be determined. Thank you!
Need new pillowcases and towels