

# Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

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**January 18, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

Prelude

Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and announcements

Invocation

**Call to worship** (Psalm 40 selected)

L: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**P: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.**

L: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

**P: I have not hidden Your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

**Hymn of Invitation # 96**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, thank you for caring for me by bringing correction to my life and inviting me towards realignment.**

**I rejoice in your wisdom and strength. I find comfort in Your**

**Word and in your mercy. Amen.**

Assurance of pardon- Gloria Patri

**Anthem** Behold the Lamb of God - Andrew Peterson Music video

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 pg. 665 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 pg. 1038

Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42 pg. 966

**Sermon “What are you looking for?”**

Offering and Doxology

**Hymn # 117**

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Hymn of Action # 281**

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 305**

“There is a Redeemer”

“Lamb of God”

“He Is Lord”

**We are gathered in this place to worship God!**

**Prayer list:** **Robin Kettwick**, 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 at home.

**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

**Attendance last week – 68 Offering last week – \$1131.00**

**Happy Birthday to** Josh Murra, Kylie Mastin and LeeAnn Mastin on Thursday. Ethan Matson on Saturday

Today after worship is our **Annual Meeting**. Please stay upstairs after the last hymn for the Pastor's Report and Financial Report. There will be a lasagna and salad bar lunch after for a free will offering. Thanks!

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

**A correction for the 2026 Service Book.** Please add Mary Gerzema to the list of non-circle members. If you see any other corrections please let Peg Mastin or Linda Harms know. Thanks!

**Choir practice and Adult Bible Study will resume next Sunday.**

**Sarah Circle will meet tomorrow at 9 AM.**

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

**Operation Christmas Child Update**-We were able to find out that most of our First Reformed Church shoe boxes went to Africa this year, specifically Malawi and The Ivory Coast. Continue to pray for the 329 boxes we packed and for the boys and girls who are going to receive them. Thank you to everyone that participated!

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

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

**January Greeters:**

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.*

01/18: Psalm 32-33; Matthew 28; Mark 1  
01/19: Psalm 34-35; Mark 2-3  
01/20: Psalm 36; Mark 4-5  
01/21: Psalm 37-38; Mark 6  
01/22: Psalm 39-40; Mark 7-8  
01/23: Psalm 41-42; Mark 9  
01/24: Psalm 43-44; Mark 10