

**Welcome to
First Reformed Church**

Buffalo Center, Iowa
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Dec 4 , 2022 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:30 AM

Prelude Carole Kettwick

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Lighting the candle of LOVE

Call to Worship (Psalm 97 selected)

L: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

P: He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

L: He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy;

P: He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

L: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

P: Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Invitation# 196 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance

Guidelines for Living- Ten Commandments – Gloria Patri

Anthem Mary Did You Know *One Voice Children's Choir video*

Children's Time

Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 171 "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

OT Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

NT Scripture Lesson: Romans 15:1-13 Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon This is Love

Hymn of Action # 176 "Lift Up Your Heads"

Offering and Doxology

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 174 "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship downstairs. If you feel you can not serve but still want to bring the cookies ~ sign up on the sheet and note that you need help with the coffee. Sunday School: Pre-Elementary 9:30 during worship, Middle-HS 10:35 in narthex, Chancel choir practice at 11 am

The Sunday School kids would like to invite everyone to their 5G Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18th at 5 pm.

Join us for the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM Dec. 24

Prayer list: Lyle Hippen, Paul Steffensen, Keith Finer, Jerry Risius, Please contact the office if you would like your name on or off the prayer list. (641-562-2317) **Continue to uphold others in care centers:** MaryAnn Voortman, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. and Don Johnson.

Bulletin Cover - December is being sponsored by Sue Wubben

Attendance last week - 57 **Offering** - \$1238.00

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given in loving memory of Vern Risius by Arlene. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-562-2731.

Happy Birthday wishes this week to: Robertt Ortman on Monday
Wednesday – Doug Aukes
Thursday – Jodi Wubben

Poinsettia display - If you would like to have a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone for the annual Christmas display you may contact Shelley Volz at work 507-526-3707 or cell 507-520-63

Tonight we will be part of the Tour of Lights by handing out Hot Cocoa here at First Reformed in the drive-through just as last year. We can always use help to make the cocoa and handing it out. We will start at 4 pm mixing up the cocoa. Our theme this year is **SEE THE LIGHT!**

*The season of giving has arrived and on behalf of First Reformed Church the Esther Circle is coordinating the **Angel Tree Prison Fellowship** gift-giving for children of incarcerated parents. If you would like to **contribute** to this cause, please leave donations in the box on the table in the narthex. If you choose to write a check, please make it out to **RCWM***

The Giving Tree needs your help again this year. You can purchase a gift for a child by taking a tag from the banks in Buffalo Center, Rake, Thompson, and Lakota. The Buffalo Center Post Office have the familiar tags to select and there is an online option at www.northiowagivingtree.com. Please return a gift or monetary donation to the banks by Dec. 9th. Thank you for your tremendous support! We are grateful for your kindness. Items that are needed for the hygiene kits for the Giving Tree include shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, body washes, and towels and washcloths. Please drop off your donations at the church by December 9th . Contact Jo Steffensen with any questions.

December Greeters

Dec 4 Corey and Amy Rasch
Dec 11 Nick and Halie Haugen
Dec 18 Jim and Shelley Volz
Dec 25 Brad and Laine Matson

December Flowers

Jim and Shelley Volz
Kerry and Peg Mastin

December Ushers

Corey Rasch
Caleb Rasch
Colin Rasch

