

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

641-251-2255

November 23, 2025

9:30 AM

Prelude

Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and announcements

Invocation

Call to worship

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, He speaks saying:

P: "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Praise be to God!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Invitation: # 87

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Confession

Lord Jesus, I rejoice that I am never alone because You will never leave nor forsake me. Forgive me for when I have been unfaithful. Even then, Your faithfulness remains. Help me be an encouraging voice to help others know You as the God who never abandons those who follow Him. In Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of pardon - Gloria Patri

Hymn # 2

"O Worship the king all Glorious Above"

Children's message

Pre-K – 4th grade children will go to Sunday School classes

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6 pg. 710

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 1:13-20 pg. 1072

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:68-79 pg. 932, Luke 23:33-43 pg. 963

Sermon: He shall reign as King

Offering and Doxology

Hymn of Action: # 265

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn: # 317

Benediction

Closing Hymn: # 305

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

"He is Lord"

Welcome to Christ the King Sunday!

Prayer list: Dennis Higgins, Robert Anderson, Doug DeBoer. Continue to uphold others in care centers: Elaine Boehm, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. Bev Finer and Richard Block.

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.

Bulletin Cover - November is sponsored by Greg and Bonnie Aukes

Attendance last week – 75 **Offering** - \$764.00

Happy Birthday to Ken Risius today

Darren Beenken on Tuesday

Joyce Anderson on Thursday

Brad Matson on Friday

Sunday School meets today at 9:45 for K-Prep - 4th Grade

5th, 6th grade, HS, and Confirmation Class meets at 10:35 am.

Choir will meet at 11 am

Adult Bible Study meets at 4 pm

Sew Blessed meets in the church narthex on Thursdays at 1

Pastor Sue will lead worship at **TMNH** today at 1:30 pm

All are welcome!

Noisy offering for **Angel Tree** Christmas will start today and will go through the following 3 Sundays. Bring your change!

First Reformed will again host the **Community Thanksgiving Eve Service** on Wednesday November 26 at 7 PM. We will have a fellowship time afterward.

Decorating the tree in the sanctuary will begin at 5 pm on Friday November 28. Many hands help to get this done fast! Join the fun!

Next Sunday is the **First Sunday in Advent Nov. 30** and we will celebrate with **Communion**.

First Reformed will serve the meal for **1 G** again on Dec. 3. Help is needed. Please contact Ruth Ann.

Last week 34 people packed 329 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child!!
Thank you to all that also donated items! Our total is now 3300 shoe boxes in 13 years! The boxes are on their way to Chicago then on to over 100 countries in the world.

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**. First Reformed Church has traditionally given personal hygiene items for the families and this year is no exception. We limit our families to 35 so we are asking for 35 of each of the following items: soaps, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes (adult and children sizes), shampoos, conditioners, washcloths, towels and pillowcase donations or any monetary donation to purchase what we maybe short on. Packing day is yet to be determined. We greatly appreciate whatever assistance we receive. We get the chance to help a few local children through our North Iowa Giving Tree Project. When we give, the kids receive two clothing items and a toy, but those who give to the North Iowa Giving Tree benefit even more, the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you one and all!

A New 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.

2025 Bible reading plan

11/23: Jeremiah 12-15
11/24: Jeremiah 16-18
11/25: Jeremiah 19-22
11/26: Jeremiah 23-25
11/27: Jeremiah 26-29
11/28: Jeremiah 30-31
11/29: Jeremiah 32-34

Nov Flower Committee: Ron and Linda Abels
Dean and Mary Gerzema

Nov. Greeters:

Nov 23 Rob and Angela Schmitt
Nov 30 Corey and Amy Rasch