

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center
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November 19, 2023 World Hunger Sunday 9:30 AM

Prelude Carole Kettwick

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

P: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem- built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

P: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

P: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

The Peace: May the Peace of Christ be with you all; **and also with you.**

Hymn of Invitation # 81

"We Gather Together"

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive me for when I have been hesitant or too timid to advocate for You, the uniqueness of Jesus, and for His redeeming work on the cross. Grant me resolve and confidence by the power of Your Holy Spirit to stand in and for Your purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Guidelines for Living- Ten Commandments – Gloria Patri

Anthem "Give God Thanks

Choir

Children's Time

Prayer of illumination

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 92:1-8,12-15 pg 537 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 pg. 1077

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 pg.904

Sermon Destined for Salvation

Offering, Doxology and Prayer

Hymn # 523

"Soon and Very Soon"

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Action # 14

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

"He is Lord"

Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Welcome to all who have joined us in worship this morning We apologize for the radio broadcast quality issues some listeners are experiencing. KIOW is working on this issue and hopes to have it resolved for us as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and continued support of our broadcast ministry.

Prayer list: Jay Mayland, Duane Boehm, Jennifer (Dohlman) Cooper, Don Johnson. Please contact the office if you would like your name on or off the prayer list. (641-562-2731) **Continue to uphold others in care centers:** MaryAnn Voortman, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer, Don Johnson, Keith Finer, and Elaine Boehm has also moved to TMNH. Addresses for these folks are on the narthex bulletin board. They would appreciate hearing from you.

Bulletin Cover - November is being sponsored by Don and Linda Gruis

Attendance last week - 102 **Offering** - \$4404.13

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 at 641-562-2731.

Happy Birthday wishes: Monroe Matson today

Wednesday – Ardella Krull

Thursday – Ken Risius

Saturday – Darren Beenken and Vi Krull

There is a collection box at Main Street Market for cards for the residents of TMNH.

Change of date: we will be leading **worship at TMNH** on Sunday Nov. 26th at 1:30 pm. We would love to have you join us as we worship with our friends and family there.

Sarah Circle will meet Monday November 20 at 9 am

The Community **Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be here at First Reformed on Wed. Nov. 22nd at 7 pm, with light refreshments to follow.

Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule if you can bring bars or a dessert,

Thanks!

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Traditional Wreaths will be again for sale starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
Jay and Clarice will have them available for pick up at the church.

The Christmas season is quickly approaching and we would appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we continue in our 25th 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. 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!

The official count was 288 boxes for Operation Christmas Child were packed and now on their way through out the world. We continue to improve on our numbers. We have packed 2637 in total since we started here at First Reformed

Donations for postage will still be accepted. Please note in the memo line of your check! Thanks

The 7th Annual Little AI Foundation Christmas Celebration Concert

When: December 3rd , 2023 @ 6:00 PM Where: Lone Rock Presbyterian Church

Concert will Include: Area Community Choir Directed by Kent Madison

Accompanied by Athlyn Black Special Guest Soloists.

Pianist, Glen Henriksen. Soloists, Bill Hansen, Jessica Zotz, Jenny Eichenberger,

Shawn Vaske Congregational Christmas Carol Singing with refreshments to follow concert. All proceeds go to the Little AI Foundation

(The Little AI Foundation supports families with children born with birth defects)

November Greeters

Nov 19 Marlene Bruhns and Jessica

Nov 26 Rob and Angela Schmitt

North Iowa Food for Families is in need of these donations: Box mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cream mushroom soup, pie crust mix, can pumpkin