

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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January 4, 2026

9:30 AM

Prelude

Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and announcements

Invocation

Call to worship

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Let all heaven and nature sing!

P: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise the Lord from the earth, fulfilling His command.

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, young men and women alike, old and young together!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.

P: He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to Him.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Invitation # 182

"O Come All Ye "Faithful"

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, show us Your way so we might walk in Your light. Give us a love for the truth. Awaken us from our slumber. In Your grace and mercy, look upon us and bring deliverance. May you Jesus, be exalted in our hearts, and in our homes. You are our Hope and our Redeemer, our Lord and King. In Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of pardon- Gloria Patri

Anthem **Away in a Manger, Forever, Amen.** Phil Wickham video

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14 *pg.720* Ephesians 1:3-14 *pg.1064*

Gospel Lesson John 1:10-18 *pg. 966*

Sermon Live to His glory

Offering and Doxology

Hymn # 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

Hymn of Action # 179

"Joy to the World" vs. 1,2,4

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 218 "Go Tell it on the Mountain" Chorus only

Welcome to the 2nd Sunday after Christmas!

Today we will celebrate the New Year with Communion!

Prayer list: Mike Kettwick, Richard Block, Sherry Block, 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. Bev Finer.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Larry Heyer who passed away last week. He was the brother of Arlo Heyer.

Thank you for all the prayers and support for myself and my family since Paul's passing.... Jo Steffensen

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOU radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given in loving memory of Kevin Murra by Doug and Barb Murra. 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

Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study will resume next week

Happy Birthday to Jagg Beenken last Monday Dec. 29
Jay Mayland today and Doug Murra on Tuesday

Lots of thank you's to those who baked cookies
To the Sunday School teachers and helpers and to the kids
Thank you to those went caroling.
Thank you to Pastor Sue for the candle light service.

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

**The Congregational Annual Meeting will be Sunday January 18
after worship. Treasurers please have your end of the year reports
to Linda as soon as possible. Thanks!**

**Be sure to pick up your 2026 Team Service Book. Together we can
accomplish miracles!**

The Blessing Bench in the narthex has already had quilts secretly
taken to give to someone in need.

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

January Greeters:

Jan 4 Brent and Diane Matson
Jan 11 Joyce Anderson
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.*

- 1: Psalms 1-2; Matthew 1-3**
- 2: Psalms 3-4; Matthew 4-5**
- 3: Psalms 5; Matthew 6-7**
- 4: Psalms 6-7; Matthew 8-9**
- 5: Psalms 8-9; Matthew 10-11**
- 6: Psalms 10-11; Matthew 12**
- 7: Psalms 12-13; Matthew 13**
- 8: Psalms 14-15; Matthew 14-15**
- 9: Psalms 16-17; Matthew 16-17**
- 10: Psalms 18; Matthew 18**