

## Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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**December 28, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

Prelude

Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and announcements

Invocation

Call to worship

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**P: 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, Thank You that, through the blood of Jesus,  
You have given me a message of hope for the weary and a prayer  
for the devastated. Thank You for a new boldness and courage to  
be a light-filled ambassador for Your Kingdom. May Jesus' name be  
exalted. In His name, amen.**

Assurance of pardon- Gloria Patri

**Anthem**      **Away in a Manger** (Forever amen)      Phil Wickham video

Children's time

Prayer of Illumination

OT Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9 pg. 679

NT Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18 pg. 1090

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 pg. 878

**Sermon From Bethlehem to Egypt to Nazareth**

Offering and Doxology

**Hymn # 179**

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

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Hymn of Action # 188**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 218**

"Go Tell it on the Mountain" (chorus only)

## Welcome to the First Sunday after Christmas!

**Prayer list: 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 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. A January sponsor is needed.

**Bulletin Cover** - December is sponsored by Sue Wubben

**Attendance last week – 106 Offering last week – \$1173.00**

**Happy Birthday to** Jagg Beenken on Monday.

**Lots of thank you's going out to those who baked cookies and donated to the Giving Tree. Thank you to the wonderful Sunday School teachers and helpers and to the kids for the program last Sunday. Thank you to those went caroling.**

**Thank you to Pastor Sue for the candle light service. It's always so special..**

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

**Next Sunday January 4 we will celebrate the New Year with Communion.**

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

**Be sure to pick up your 2026 Team Service Book. They are on the narthex table. Together we can accomplish miracles!**

**The Blessing Bench** in the narthex has already had quilts secretly taken to give to someone in need. No questions are asked. Please remember those you know that could use the gift of a warm quilt during the winter. The quilts have been made to be given away to bless and warm someone that needs one.

Christmas Blessing

*May Jesus Christ, the Son of righteousness, who comes with healing in His wings, fill you with the joy and peace that passes all understanding. May the blessing of God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.*

Go in Peace, and with Joy. Joyfully telling the Good News as did the Shepherds, for Jesus Christ is born! Emmanuel, 'God with us' has come!

*Merry Christmas!  
May the Love and Peace of Christ fill your heart!*

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

**January Greeters:**

Dec 28 Tim and Vicki Berschman  
Jan 4 Brent and Diane Matson  
Jan 11 Joyce Anderson  
Jan 18 Jason and Beth Hallberg  
Jan 25 Travis and Alicia Brass