

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

641-251-2255

October 19, 2025

9:30 AM

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome

Invocation

Call to worship

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come?

P: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn of Invitation: # 31

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Confession

**Heavenly Father, forgive me for when I have chosen my own way;
for what I have done, or what I have left undone. Help me to see
Your good plan and purpose for my life. I place my future in Your
merciful hands. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Assurance of pardon - Gloria Patri

Anthem Come Jesus Come

CeCe Winans video

Children's message

Elementary children will go to Sunday School classes

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31 pg. 29 2 Timothy 3:14-17 pg. 1085

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8 pg. 955

Sermon: Pray always

Offering and Doxology

Hymn of Action: # 478

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn: # 483

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn: # 716

“God Be with You”

Welcome Everyone!

Prayer list: Elaine Boehm, Mike Kettwick, Paul Steffensen, Robert Anderson, Doug DeBoer. Continue to uphold others in care centers: 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 - October is sponsored by Gene and Marilyn Brass in memory of their Great Grandson Arlo Steuber.

Attendance last week – 68 **Offering** - \$945.00

Happy Birthday to Stella Voortman last Sunday! Reid Brass today,

Happy Anniversary to Doug and Barb Murra on Thursday!

***Looking ahead, due to space limitations, we may be changing the Sunday School times so worship, class, and fellowship time are more available. Our days are blessed when we devote our time to gathering together to worship and learn about God, and enjoy our community of faith.**

Sunday School meets today at 9:45 after the Children's Message.
Confirmation Class with Pastor Sue will start today at 10:35 am.
An Adult Bible Study will start this after at 4 PM in the narthex.

Sarah Circle will meet Monday October 20 at 9 AM

Chancel Choir rehearsals begins today. *We always love to have new members* - so if you like to sing, please join us! We meet at 11:00 in the sanctuary after services and after everyone has had a chance to have some coffee and treats. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Kettwick.

Pastor Sue will have worship at TMNH October 19 at 1:30 pm

Treats on the Street a community event for the kids will be held this year on Sunday October 26. First Reformed will have a table on main street. If you would like to donate candy for this please bring it to the church by next Sunday. A volunteer to hand out the candy is needed. Thanks!

First Reformed will be providing a salad lunch for the residents at TMNH on Wednesday October 29. There will be a sign up sheet if you would like to provide a salad for this mission outreach. Please drop a salad off at the church by 10:30 AM that day. They will be delivered to the home and bowls collected again later that day. Thank you!

There is a box at the Main Street Market again to put cards in to be delivered to residents of Timely Mission Nursing Home! They all appreciate getting mail!

SEW BLESSED! Come join the fun working on many mission projects --- Crafts ----Sewing ---- or just come for the fellowship. Everyone is Welcome! We meet in the church narthex on Thursdays at 1 PM and also have refreshments!

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be packed November 15 starting at 4 PM with a soup supper following. Last year we packed over 300 shoeboxes. Keep collecting your empty shoeboxes and any school supplies, toys, or personal items that fit in a shoebox. Think of purchasing a WOW item to put in a box. A "WOW" item could be a stuffed animal, doll, soccer ball, car, etc. that captures a child's attention and excitement when they open their shoebox.

2025 Bible reading plan

⚡ 10/19: Nehemiah 12-13; Esther 1
⚡ 10/20: Esther 2-5
⚡ 10/21: Esther 6-10
⚡ 10/22: Job 1-4
⚡ 10/23: Job 5-8
⚡ 10/24: Job 9-14
⚡ 10/25: Job 15-20

Oct. Flower Committee: Don & Linda Gruis and Jason & Rachelle Gruis

Oct. Greeters:

Oct 19 Randy and Connie Swalve
Oct 26 Gene and Marilyn Brass