First Reformed Church

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Order of Worship

Sunday Dec. 9, 2018 – 10:30 AM
Pastor Gary Mulder

Welcome to all who have joined us in this Advent season in the house of our Lord. We are glad to have you with us!

Welcome/Announcements

Voices of Advent: Elizabeth (*played by Kay Hubers)*

*Praise and Worship

Greeting

Brad Zomer with *Words of Hope*

Congregational Prayer

Offering:
(Children will be dismissed for Promise Lambs)
Doxology

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20

Message: "The Out of Work Shepherds"

*Hymn #141 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1, 3, 4

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn #165 "Adoration "
**Please stand as you are able.*

December 9, *Promise Lambs* lesson:
"Three Men in a Fire"
Teacher: Regan Holleman Helpers: Gabe & Jamie Baas

Opportunities for Worship and Service this week

Sunday December 9, 2018

9:30 Sunday School - 10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Greeters: East- Mike VanDerWerff family, Center: Margaret Ann Ringling, West: Pat Lewis

Welcomers: East door –Matt Smith West door –Tom Tatum

Ushers: West-James Norden & Jesse Block, East- Jared VanDerWerff & Kirby Ringling

Worship Nursery: Mike & Erica Kuiper / Kalli Walstad

SS Nursery: Mike & Jamie VanDerWerff

Promise Lambs: Regan Holleman Helpers –Gabe & Jamie Baas

Worship Leader: Martha Patzlaff Organist: Karissa De Jager Media: Sam Chance

Coffee Set-up: Mary Lou Ringling

Coffee and Cookie Servers: Margaret Ann Ringling, Pat Lewis, Don & Renee Brondsema

Activities for the week

December 9, Today: RCWM Christmas Caroling @ 4:30

December 10, Monday: Fudge Making @ 1 pm

December 11, Tuesday: Consistory @ 7 pm

December 15, Saturday: Senior's Christmas Party @ 4 pm

Opportunities for Worship and Service next week

Sunday Dec. 16, 2018

Sunday School 9.30 a.m.---10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Greeters: East- Chris & DeEtta Zwart, Center: Jason Veurink family, West: Lynn Walstad Family

Welcomers: East door –Matt Smith West door –Tom Tatum

Ushers: West-James Norden & Jesse Block, East- Jared VanDerWerff & Kirby Ringling

Worship Nursery: Doug & Glenda Veurink / Amanda Groon

SS Nursery: Linda Samuelson/ Jen Overbroekling

Promise Lambs: Jamie Feiok Helpers –Marlys Jongejeugd- Kelby VanDerWerff

Worship Leader: Men's Praise Team Organist: Pat Lewis Media: Martha Patzlaff

Coffee Set-up: Mary Lou Ringling

Coffee and Cookie Servers: Mike & Erica Kuiper, Carol Kuiper

Praises and Concerns

- Joyce Polly moved into TLC Assisted Living this week. Please pray for a comfortable transition for Joyce.

- Matt Huizenga had hip recplacement surgery this week. Please pray for a speedy recovery for Matt.

- Jeanive Solheim is hospitalized locally under swingbed care. Please pray for her ongoing health condition.

- *Those dealing with health issues*: Hubert Iedema, Cindi Severson,Vonnie Koopal, Don Meyerink, Shirley VanPeursem, Candi Dyk, & Dena Meyerink

- *Those who are in Nursing homes, Assisted Living Homes or are homebound*: Marilyn Tatum, Fran Brummel, Dwight Knutson, Jennie Hubers, Delores Anderson, Jim Wesseling, Lyle DeHaan, Bettye Mason, Dwight DeJong, Altha Vander Wey, Arlene Fiscus, Dick & Margie Dyk.

- *Pray for our serviceman*, Cody Schoenrock.

- *Please be in prayer for the missions and missionaries we support:* Inspiration Hills retreat and camp in NW Iowa, Audio Scripture Ministries in India
  Keith & Denise Krebs serve as a chaplain at American Mission Hospital and as the assistant pastor of the National Evangelical Church in Bahrai

Announcements and News Within Our Church

- ***Love Offering:*** Another year has past and we again our so grateful for Pastor Gary and Robyn for joining and leading us for the last six months and to Pastor Mike and Karissa for being such good shepherds for our church family. We will be gathering a Love Offering for both families next Sunday. There will again be envelopes in the bulletins for this.

- ***Thank you*** to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree. All of the angels found homes! This is a great way to show the love of Christ during this Christmas Season.

- Our church has been very busy in the past few weeks. We would not be able to do all of these things without the many volunteers that have helped so faithfully to make it all possible. Because it would be difficult to name all of the different volunteers, ***A Huge Thank You*** goes out to everyone that has helped. A special thank you to Dee Samuelson and Vicki Strand for decorating our church so beautifully.

- Thank you so much for coming out to the DeHaai's and Don concert and supporting what I am doing on the streets of Houston. Your prayers and gifts are making a difference in so many lives! Thanks for helping make Jesus famous in Houston, Texas. *Blessings, Carissa Bruinsma*

- ***One Year Bible Challenge:*** If you want to order this Bible, please let Pastor Gary or Robyn know ***TODAY*** because this is the last week for free shipping. An excellent way to read the bible is using a OneYear Bible specially designed to help you stay consistent in your bible reading. They are on sale right now, Paperback is $14.50 and Large Print is $17.50. Sign up on the table in the fellowship hall and we'll get a group order with free shipping.

- ***Do you have a heart for people going through tough times?*** We are looking to compile a list of willing drivers that could transport people to treatments or doctors appointments when necessary. We're calling it the "***Good Samaritan Club"***. Volunteers would only be expected to drive on an occasional basis when it fit their schedule, so don't forget to sign up today!

- ***Coffee Volunteers:*** We are again looking for people to sign up to get the coffee ready for a Sunday morning. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Volunteer table if you are willing to do the set-up for a month at a time. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

- ***Attention Parents with Young Children:*** On the volunteer table in the fellowship hall are activities for your children through the Advent Season. Please feel free to take what you think your kids might enjoy. There will be different activities each week.

- There are Children's Worship Bulletins available for our children who are in church. They usually correspond to the pastor's sermon each week and are full of games and activities to help teach kids on their level. The bulletins are on the bookshelves in the East and West entryways. One for kids age 3-6 is printed on white paper while the bulletin for kids age 7-12 is printed on colored paper.

Announcements and News Outside our Church

- ***REMNANT: Community Prayer Gathering*** –Our next gathering will be December 10th, 7-9pm. We pray for our Community, asking God to move and direct in Platte for His Glory, and to see people transformed by the message and person of Jesus Christ! Join Us!

- ***Praise and Worship Concert*** @ New Hope Camp- Dec. 19th from 7-9pm featuring the band that travels with the Todd Becker Foundation. This is a Free Concert open to the Platte Community.

- ***You are invited*** to New Hope and Men Right Here Ministries of Platte invite all you men to a **Men's Retreat** Weekend January 25-27, 2019 at New Hope Christian Camp & Retreat Center. This year's theme is **"REKINDLE: Rekindling Our Awe of God"** Guest Speakers are: Pastor Dan Ebbens, Missionary Gus Craven, and Worship Leader Pastor Tim Collins. Go to http://www.newhopechristiancamp.org for registration forms and more information. Women: What greater Christmas gift to your husband, father, son, or brother then a weekend of spiritual growth

- ***Junior High Youth Group*** is partnering with the Union Gospel Mission from now until January 9 to put together Care Kits for the homeless in Sioux Falls. We are asking the community to contribute items for these Care Kits, then we will have the youth group pack the assortment in ziplock bags. The Union Gospel Mission will come on the evening of January 9 to help us pack kits and tell us about the work they do. We have placed a collection box in your church, and there is also one at Platte Food Center. Please help us with this outreach by contributing these items to our service project. We are collecting the following items: ***Small size shampoo,Bar Soap, Tooth brushes, Tooth paste, Small size Mouthwash, Deodorant, Adult size socks, Small size Body Lotion, Chapstick, Band-aids, Baseball Caps or stocking hats.***

GET INVOLVED-MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ RCWM Christmas Caroling: *Sunday,* Dec. 9
- ✓ Candy Making for Prisoners: *Monday,* December 10 @ 1 pm
- ✓ Senior's Christmas Party: *Saturday,* Dec. 15 @ 4pm
- ✓ Christmas Program: *Sunday*, Dec. 16 @ 4 pm

Attention Ladies! Fudge Making for the Prison Ministries.
Monday, Dec. 10 at 1:00 pm
Come and enjoy the afternoon of fun & fellowship!

Ladies! Join us for a night of Christmas Caroling tonight. The bus wil load at 4:30 in the church parking lot. Please Bring a goodie to share after caroling with hot chocolate and cider provided. The RCWM invites all the ladies and girls of our church to join in.

First Reformed Sunday School

STRAW & ORDER

December 16, Sunday at 4:00 pm
Everyone is Welcome!
A light meal will be served following the program.