Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center Pastor Sue Shike 641-251-2255

Dec 8, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM

Prelude
Welsome and Announcements

Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Introit Light of Hope

Chancel Choir

Lighting of Advent Wreath

The Gift of Peace

L: On this Advent journey, we are mindful of the brokenness of the world that surrounds us.

P: We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

L: As we look around us, we see the hostility that exists between neighbor and nation.

P: We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

L: As we look beside us, we see fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

P: We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

L: As we look within ourselves, we confess the reconciling words we have yet to speak and restoring deeds we have yet to do.

P: We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Candle Lighting

The Peace

Hymn of Invitation # 152

"Prepare the Way O Zion"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark. You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of pardon- Guidelines for Living- Gloria Patri

Anthem 'I Heard the Bells Peace on Earth' Casting Crowns video. Children's time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4 pg. 874 Philippians 1:3-11 pg.1068

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:68-79 pg. 932

Sermon Guide our feet into the way of peace

Offering and Doxology

Hymn # 171 "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary" vs. 1,4,6

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Action # 180 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 717 "Go Now in Peace"

Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Welcome and we are glad you joined us today the 2nd day of Advent!

Our **4th "noisy" offering** will be taken before the service by some of our children. So far, over the last 3 weeks, you have donated enough spare change to cover the cost of 10 of our 15 Christmas gifts for area Angel Tree children! The Esther Circle members will do the shopping and deliver the gifts before Christmas. Thank you for helping make this possible for 2024. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!

The Deacons will meet this Wednesday December 11 at 6 PM to set the budget for 2025. Elders will continue the Consistory meeting at 7 PM.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday December 22 at 5 PM. Also the candle light Christmas Eve Service will be Tuesday December 24 at 5 PM.

<u>Prayer list:</u> Paul Steffensen, David Hagist, Bonnie Bruhns Elaine Boehm, Darwin Adams, Rich Faber Dan Osborn, John Smidt, Please contact the office if you would like your name on or off the prayer list. (641-562-2317) **Continue to uphold others in care centers:** Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. Don Johnson, and Elaine Boehm. Addresses for these folks are on the narthex bulletin board.

<u>Bulletin Cover</u> - Dec. is being sponsored by the Landheer Family.

Attendance last week - 82 Offering - \$1500.00

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given in loving memory of Keith Finer by Bev and family. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-590-3872.

Pastor Sue will have a **service at TMNH at 1:30 pm today.** You are welcome to join with her!

Tour of Lights Cocoa Stop is here at the church tonight. Come join in the fun! Help make cocoa and hand it out.

Happy Birthday to Jodi Wubben today. Clarice Mayland on Thursday.

Happy Anniversary to Paul and Joann Steffensen on Wednesday.

Wreaths will be available again today before and after church!

Shelley Volz is taking orders for the Poinsettia display.

Contact her at Work:507-526- 3707 or her Cell:507-520-6322.

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

The 26th Annual **North Iowa Giving Tree.** First Reformed Church has traditionally given personal hygiene items for the families and this year is no exception Packing day is scheduled following church on Sunday, Dec. 15.

The **Annual Church Meeting** is coming up January 19th. Please prayerfully consider accepting a nomination for Elder or Deacon and serve your church on the next Consistory. Talk to a current Elder or Deacon is you have concerns.

December Flower Committee: Jim and Shelley Volz and Kerry and Peg Mastin

December Ushers: Corey, Caleb and Colin Rasch

December Greeters

Dec 8 Nick and Halie Haugen Dec 15 Jim and Shelley Volz Dec 22 Greg and Bonnie Aukes Dec 29 Gene and Marilyn Brass

North Iowa Food for Families needs for December:

Box potatoes, Can corn, Can chicken, Muffin mix, Cookie mix, Cans of soup, Saltine crackers, Snack crackers......Thank you!

Bible reading for the week

12/08 . Ezekiel 40-42

12/09 . Ezekiel 43-45

12/10 . Ezekiel 46-48

12/11 . Daniel 1-2

12/12. Daniel 3-4

12/13. Daniel 5-6

12/14. Daniel 7-9