

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center
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Jan. 5, 2025 Epiphany Sunday 9:30 AM

Prelude Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to worship

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

P: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

L: May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

P: May He be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In His days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

L: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

P: May all kings fall down before Him, all nations give Him service. He is Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of all.

Hymn of Invitation # 189 "Angels From The Realms of Glory"

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 Do You Hear What I Hear Bing Crosby music video

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

OT Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 *pg.676* NT Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12 *pg.1065*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 *pg. 877*

Sermon: Overwhelming Joy

Offering and Doxology

Hymn # 233

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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 # 236

"As With Gladness" vs. 1,3,4

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

"He Is Lord"

Welcome to First Reformed Church!

We are glad you joined us today as we celebrate Communion at the Lord's Table.

Sunday School will take a break and be back on January 12.

Prayer list: David Hagist, Elaine Boehm, Darwin Adams, 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.

Bulletin Cover - Jan. is being sponsored by Brian Kramersmeier in honor of Dale and memory of Diana Kramersmeier

Attendance last week - 51 **Offering** - \$775.00

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is sponsored by Greg and Bonnis Aukes. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-590-3872.

Happy Birthday to Doug Murra on Monday

Thank you so much to those who went caroling! It was appreciated and welcomed!

Treasurers – please turn in your year end reports into Linda as soon as possible. Thanks

No Esther Circle this month but Sarah Circle will meet Monday January 20 at 9 AM.

The **2025 Service Books** are available in the narthex. Please pick up your copy. Thank you!

If you would like to take home your **poinsettia** you are welcome to do so before they are taken down. Thank you to those who donated. A list is on the narthex table.

Your Consistory has **Nominations for Elders and Deacons** for the 2025 year. Voting will take place January 19, 2025 at the Annual Meeting. From the list below 2 Elders and 2 Deacons are needed. Thank you for prayerfully considering serving your church.

Elders

Dean Beenken
Dave Milbrandt
Kerry Mastin
Diane Matson

Deacons

Mitch Giesking
Dennis Higgins
Laine Matson
Alicea Porter

Thank you to those who will retire:

Marilyn Brass Travis Brass
Dean Gerzema Greg Aukes

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

January Ushers: Travis Brass and Braden Ortman

January Greeters

Jan 5 Brent and Diane Matson
Jan 12 Joyce Anderson
Jan 19 Jason and Beth Hallberg
Jan 26 Travis and Alicia Brass

2025 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: Ps. 1-2; Matthew 1-3**

⚡ **2: Ps. 3-4; Matthew 4-5**

⚡ **3: Ps. 5; Matthew 6-7**

⚡ **4: Ps. 6-7; Matthew 8-9**

⚡ **5: Ps. 8-9; Matthew 10-11**

⚡ **6: Ps. 10-11; Matthew 12**

⚡ **7: Ps. 12-13; Matthew 13**