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**Worship Service**  
**9:30am**

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Dec. 28, 2025

Worship Service – 9:30am

## PRELUDE

*"Go, Tell It On the Mountain" (Hymn #258)*

## WELCOME

*"Angels We Have Heard on High" (Hymn #278)*

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Hymn (#251)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Lord Jesus, like so many on the first Christmas, we allow the busyness of life to fill up the "inn" of our hearts, and we miss the true meaning of celebrating Your birth. But like the shepherds, help us leave the distractions of the world behind and draw close to where You are. Use us, as You used them, to share the gift of the good news of Your birth with others. Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Luke 2:10-11

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*"Joy to the World" (Hymn #270)*

## SERMON:

*"Facing the New Year"*

DuWayne Hanke  
Romans 8:1-17

## OFFERING

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Hymn #250)*

## BENEDICTION



Welcome to  
Our Church

Welcome to worship! May this time of prayer and praise help you hold on a bit longer to Christmas joy and carry it into the new year.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30am Worship Service

### MONDAY

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASTOR'S SCHEDULE UPDATE

Pastor Brad will be on vacation Dec. 26-31.

### 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Thank you for your financial support throughout the year. Please find the new 2026 envelopes in your mailbox. We reorganized the list, so please make note of your new envelope number. I apologize if we inadvertently missed you; please reach out and we will get a box to you.

*Corey Kappers 920-207-4478*

### INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND

**DEACONS** will be on January 4. Our new elders and deacons are Dave Mulder, Marty Halverson and Curtis Teunissen.

Consistory officers for 2026:

Vice-President	Dennis Beach
Clerk	Dave Stoffregen
Asst. VP & Clerk	Dick Huijbregtse
Deacon Chair	Corey Kappers
Asst. Deacon Chair	Marty Halverson

### PRAYER GATHERING

*Thur., Jan. 8, 6:30pm*

“Seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matt. 6:33). The first month of the new year is a great time to seek first His kingdom as we seek the Lord together in prayer.



### NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES"

*Starting Sun., Jan. 11, 10:45am*

Based on a book and study guide from Go and Tell Ministries, this class is about more than deepening your relationship with Jesus. It will also equip you with the tools to help you disciple a new believer.

### LADIES – A WEEKEND AWAY!



Lake Lundgren's Weekend for Ladies is Feb. 6-8, 2026. Come relax and take a

break from the busyness of life. This is an opportunity to grow your faith and focus on your relationship with God. Flyers are on the back table; register online at llbc.org. When you register, put First Reformed Church Sheboygan Falls as your group, and be sure to mark that you want a cabin with a bathroom. Any questions, contact Carol Meinnert.

## COMMUNITY

### CAMPUS LIFE'S 16TH ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER BALL!

Campus Life Family Ministries warmly invite you to be part of this very special evening.

For 16 years, the Father Daughter Ball has been a blessing to hundreds of dads and daughters of all ages.

The 2026 Father Daughter Ball will be held Friday, Jan. 30 and Saturday, Jan. 31, at Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sheboygan. Tickets are available now through Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Questions? Visit our website at [gocampuslife.com/fdb](http://gocampuslife.com/fdb), or contact our office: 920-457-2381 or [campuslife@gocampuslife.com](mailto:campuslife@gocampuslife.com)

### Gifts for a King

Bring him thy precious things  
And lay them at his feet;  
The gold of love, the hope that springs  
The unknown ways to meet.

Bring him thy lovely things;  
The joy that conquers care,  
The faith that trusts and sings,  
The frankincense of prayer.

Bring him thy bitter things;  
The myrrh of grief and fears,  
The aching heart that stings  
With pain of unshed tears.

These for thy gifts to him;  
And for his gifts to thee,  
The comfort of his steadfast love,  
His tender sympathy.

—Annie Johnson Flint

# PRAISE & PRAYER

*To add a request to the page for yourself, or for a family member or friend, simply contact the church office by phone, or by email, or by leaving a note. In addition to prayer requests, we would also like to list opportunities to praise God for His goodness in our lives.*

- Our sympathy to Karen and Verne Heidenreiter and their family on the passing of Karen's mother, Marilyn Miller.

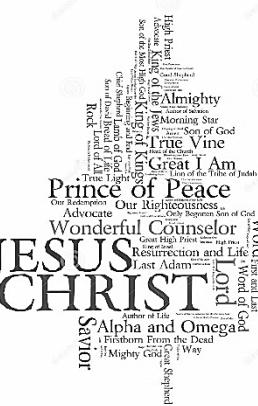


## LOVE INC



Love In the Name of Christ is a church-based ministry that began in 1977 in Holland, Michigan. Its founding vision was to become a tool to help Christian churches become more engaged with their neighbors who had needs. Love INC was designed to inspire a more Christians to put their faith into action.

Love INC helps churches help people. It teaches churches how to assess their capabilities, connect with their neighbors, build new ministries and find fulfilled volunteers, and serve their community. It also unites a variety of congregations in a single purpose of serving so that, working together, all churches can more effectively offer real help to their neighbors.



Long before the manger in Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah pointed God's people to the promise of a Savior.

Even before Jesus' birth, his names revealed who he is and what he would bring. Each title carries a promise that still impacts our lives today.

- **Prince of Peace.** In a world filled with turmoil, Jesus offers a peace that goes deeper than circumstances, a peace that guards our hearts and minds.
- **Wonderful Counselor.** Jesus brings wisdom and guidance for every situation. In moments of confusion, we can lean on him to direct our steps with love and truth.
- **Mighty God.** He is strong enough to carry our burdens and powerful enough to overcome sin, fear and death itself.
- **Everlasting Father.** Jesus reflects the heart of God the Father, offering care that is constant and unchanging. His love doesn't fade with time or circumstance.

At Christmas, we celebrate more than a baby's birth. We celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise, a Savior with many names. Each one reminds us of his eternal love and presence. This season, let his names bring you comfort, strength and peace.

# Sermon Notes

## *“Facing the New Year”*

## *Romans 8:1-17*



**“We were created to worship Jesus Christ. We were created for Him, to become something to Him in order that He might find pleasure in us.”**

~ Joseph Carroll



# Mission Statement

## OUR VISION

*Following Jesus together in mission as His love transforms lives for God's glory.*

## OUR MISSION

At First Reformed Church of Sheboygan Falls, through the leading of the Lord, we seek to:

**Live with Jesus**, seeking the greatness of God through worship, the Bible, and prayer, in unity with the Lord and with each other.

**Live like Jesus**, seeking to glorify God and fulfill His kingdom mission of transformation in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Live for Jesus**, seeking to share the good news of the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

		MINISTERING TODAY Dec. 28	NEXT WEEK Jan. 4
<b>USHERS</b>		Paul Graumann John Boge	Steve Stoffregen Rick Arthur
<b>GREETERS</b>		Doug & Roxann Church	Dennis & Kris Beach
<b>NURSERY</b>		Rachel & Sophia Houwers Tong Wang	
<b>CAMERA</b>		Joe Fabian	Kylah Kappers
<b>SOUND</b>		Ken Van Wyk	Corey Kappers
<b>COMPUTER</b>		Ben Cleveland	Abby Kappers
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>		xxxx	xxxx
<b>GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE</b>	After the Service	Jim Kuplic	Mark Kappers

## OUR STAFF

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