


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

*First*  
**REFORMED**  **CHURCH**  
*with a*  
**VISION** *for* *Cultural Influence*  
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**Worship Service**  
**9:30am**

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

Dec. 14, 2025

## Worship Service – 9:30am

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### ADVENT CANDLES

Wagner Family

*"O Come All Ye Faithful" (Hymn #249)*

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Holy and loving Lord, as we prepare to come to Your table today, we remember that it is because of Your sacrifice that we are saved. You were born so that we could be born again. Your cradle leads to the cross. Lord Jesus, You gave Your life to give us life. Help us recognize and repent of the ways that we do not live like You, and with You, and for You; and help us reflect Your life-giving love in our lives. Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Psalm 16:11

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*"Born in Bethlehem"*

### SERMON:

*"Joy for the Journey to Jesus"*

Pastor Brad

Luke 2:8-20

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### OFFERING

*"Manger Throne"*

### BENEDICTION



*On this third Sunday of Advent, we're glad you've joined us to prepare for Christ's coming — at Christmas, at the end of time and as we gather here today. Welcome!*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Sunday School/POW45

### WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Youth Christmas Party  
6:30pm The Chosen Group Study

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLES AND CAROLS

Dec. 24, 4:30 pm

We will be using a  
"lessons and carols"

format of Bible readings and songs, and we're looking for people or families who would like to share a song or a Bible reading. Please contact the church office by Wed., Dec. 17, if you would like to participate.

### 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 Huibregtse
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.

"There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him"

## 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](http://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.

## YOUTH

### SUGAR, SPICE, AND EVERYTHING NICE

CrossCenter youth and leaders want to thank you for your generosity of sweet treats to sell at our Cookie Walk, as well as coming to purchase some goodies for your holiday gatherings. The sale went very well.

Thank you!



There are many of you... who think to yourselves: "If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby! I

would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!"

Yes, you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time, you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself.

~Martin Luther

*Christ is still in Christmas, and for one brief season the secular world broadcasts the message of Christ over every radio station and television channel in the land. Never does the church get as much free air time as during the Christmas season.*  
R.C. Sproul

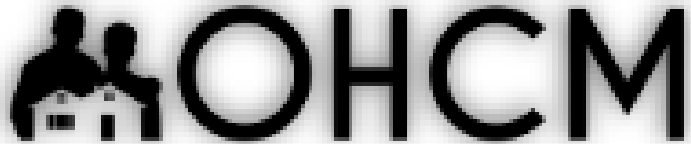
# PRAISE & PRAYER

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.

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation!  
Join the full throng: Wake, harp and psalter and song;  
Sound forth in glad adoration!*



MISSION  
of the  
WEEK



## OUR HOME CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Our Home Christian Ministries provides a loving Christian family home environment for the adults with disabilities who are residing there. In providing nurturing quality care to these adults, Our Home strives to radiate God's love to the Oostburg community. The resident manager and staff of Our Home have the unique privilege of building an extended family of God's people who can grow together in love for each other and for God.

Our Home Christian Ministries began in 1998 with a vision of a Christian adult family home for adults with developmental disabilities. This vision became a reality in September of 1999 when a house was donated and renovated in Oostburg as a state-licensed adult family home for four residents and a house-parent family. In April 2003, Our Home branched out with Our Home Apartments. In June 2005 Our Home opened a third place of residence, and in February 2012 a fourth home opened. Area churches, businesses, individuals, and the residents themselves all contribute financial support to Our Home.

Visit Our Home online at [ourhomecm.org](http://ourhomecm.org)



Holly was first used by pagans to decorate for the festival of Saturnalia. When Christians began celebrating Christmas in honor of Christ, they adapted that decorating practice to reflect Jesus' life and death. Holly's pointed leaves symbolize the crown of thorns and its red berries symbolize Christ's blood shed on the cross. Because holly thrives and its berries retain their brilliance even in harsh winter conditions, non-Christians saw it as a symbol of eternity — which is fitting for Christians as well.

# Joy for the Journey to Jesus

12-14-25

Luke 2:8-20

Series: *Holiday Homecoming (Advent)*

11/30 Magi – from watching to worship

12/7 Mary and Joseph – from Nazareth to Bethlehem

Today Shepherds – from flocks to faithful following

*The angel said to (the shepherds), "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*

- Luke 2:10-11

*Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

- Isaiah 12:2-3

1. Reflect the G\_\_\_\_\_ of God's A\_\_\_\_\_

*Let's Go and S\_\_\_\_\_*

2. Reveal the G\_\_\_\_\_ of God's A\_\_\_\_\_

*Let's Go and S\_\_\_\_\_*

3. Rejoice in the G\_\_\_\_\_ of God's A\_\_\_\_\_

*Let's Go and S\_\_\_\_\_*

**"The spirit of Christmas needs to be superseded by the Spirit of Christ. The spirit of Christmas is annual; the Spirit of Christ is eternal. The spirit of Christmas is sentimental; the Spirit of Christ is supernatural. The spirit of Christmas is a human product; the Spirit of Christ is a divine person. That makes all the difference in the world."**

*~ Stuart Briscoe*



## 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.

		<b>MINISTERING TODAY Dec. 14</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK Dec. 21</b>
<b>USHERS</b>		Paul Graumann John Boge	Paul Graumann John Boge
<b>GREETERS</b>		Dave & Jackie Stoffregen	Brad & Shannon Veenendaal
<b>NURSERY</b>		Ashley Huibregtse	Gail Huibregtse, Avery Koene
<b>CAMERA</b>		Joe Fabian	Abby Kappers
<b>SOUND</b>		Doug Fabian	Dan Otte
<b>COMPUTER</b>		Ning Zhang	Jon Fritsch
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>		xxxx	Pastor Brad
<b>GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE</b>	<i>After the Service</i>	Steve Wilterdink	Jeff Van Wyk

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