

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Keith Lefers*

Lighting the Advent Candle – *Helen Groen and Linda Olmstead*

For Praise:

✠Song of Praise #352 “A Child of the King”

✠Prayer of Confession —based on Isaiah 60:1-3 (read in unison)

Arise, shine: for your light has come. O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. We’ve kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming. It’s time that we prepare for your coming. Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Carly Adney*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Scripture Lesson – Ephesians 1 (pages 1817-1818)

Message: “**F-O-C-U-S** On Spiritual Blessings”

Free gifts

Owned by God

Chosen & adopted

United with Christ

Surety of salvation

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #206 “There Is a Redeemer”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

✠Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Church Family Ties

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #335 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Postlude

✠*Please stand during these acts of worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Thank you to Mrs. Jean Volkers for leading us in worship this morning. Continue to pray for Pastor Harlan & Verlaine as they regain strength.

Children may leave during the closing song to go to Christmas program practice. The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 14, at 7:00 PM.

December newsletters have been sent by email. Printed newsletters are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Gifts for Pastor Harlan and the youth directors may be placed in the offering box by the offices with a note stating their purpose. Gifts will be given at the December 14 Christmas program.

An angel tree is set-up in the fellowship hall. Choose a tag and purchase the gift. Place the unwrapped gifts under the tree, so that they may be delivered. Contact Marilyn Ebright or Jill Buckneberg with questions.

Help spread the Christmas spirit. Christmas cards are on a table in the fellowship hall for your use. A list of names is available. Please return cards to the basket on the table by December 15 and they will be delivered.

We need a delegate for the Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters to replace Johanna Iken in January. They meet every third Friday of the month except July and August at various churches in the area for a short sermon, business meeting, and update of the UGM. Let Kristi Rops know if you would do this.

Words of Hope devotional booklets are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

It’s time to make lists for 2026. Contact Charish Weeldreyer with special requests for the coffee/cookie server list. Contact Kristi Rops with special requests for the greeter/special music coordinator list. Thank you for serving.

If you would like to start or stop using offering envelopes in 2026, contact Kristi Rops.

Our church’s adverse weather policy states that if school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather conditions; there will be no evening activities at the church. In the event of adverse weather on Sunday morning, cancellations will be announced through the email group.

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters meet December 12 at the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls. The love gift is underwear for all ages. Everyone is welcome.

A Longest Night service, sometimes called a Blue Christmas service is meant to acknowledge the grief and sadness that may keep us from feeling the joy of the season. Whether you are facing your first or twenty-first holiday without someone, you are invited to Prosper Country Warehouse on December 21 to share in a time of comfort, hope and healing. Gather from 4:00-5:00 PM to light a candle of remembrance for your loved one. There will be a craft corner to create a token of remembrance. You may bring a photo to place on the memorial table or wall. A memorial service will be held at 5:00 PM followed by fellowship with hot cider, baked treats, and hugs. Send the name and a photo of your loved one to include in the program and slideshow to Jarman Family Funeral Home, info@jarmanfamilyfh.com or call 605-647-5163.

Go to www.secondreformed.com to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller to be added to a phone group.

Contact Kent DeJong, Jerod Zimmer, or Shellene Smidt if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

Last week we received \$2,221 for the general fund (\$3,307 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget).

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Helen Groen

Greeters: Nathan & Elizabeth Hopf

Coffee: Derek & Nicole Winterboer and Jared & Jamie Winterboer

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – Christmas program practice

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship time

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth meet at 6:30 PM

High School Youth meet at 7:40 PM

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Music – Diana Smit; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Gary & Linda Klock; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Steve & Patty Sinning and Alex & Elizabeth Sinning; Christmas Program Practice at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/ Coffee at 10:30 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for hearts to be open to Christ and for the Gospel message to be shared and believed during this season of Advent.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

All praise to God, the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenly realms
because we are united with Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 NLT

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