

First Reformed Church  
December 21, 2025  
9:30 AM

Prelude  
Welcome  
Announcements  
Call to Worship

\*Greetings

\*Song #112 "Away in a Manger"

\*Song #102 "What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest"

Lighting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle

Mary Koldenhoven & Annie Hiller

Children's Message: Niki Netten

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 80

*Restore Us, O God*

- <sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- <sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!
- <sup>3</sup>Restore us O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- <sup>4</sup>O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- <sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- <sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
- <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

- <sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.
- <sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
- <sup>12</sup>Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- <sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.
- <sup>14</sup>Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,
- <sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
- <sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
- <sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- <sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!
- <sup>19</sup>Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- Message:** "When Life Seems Overwhelming"
- Prayer**
- \*Song # 108 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
- \*Benediction
- \*Postlude



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee, cookies & juice in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

**Calendar of the Day:**

9:30 AM Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.

10:40 AM Sunday School & Catechism

**Serving Today:**

**Pianist:** Madelyn Vander Heul

**Sound:** Kevin Bouwman & Jerry Kelderman

**Nursery:** Micah & Ashley Vis

**Coffee Servers:** Gary & Donna Miller

**Offering:** Church Ministry Fund

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

Dec. 22: Chris Bouwman

Dec. 23: Mike Vonk

Dec. 24: Todd Netten

Dec. 25: Jennifer Taylor  
Sheri Bousema

Dec. 26: Ava Blankespoor  
Nancy Van Holland

Dec. 27: Keith De Groot  
Ashley Vonk

Dec. 28: Peyton Bousema

**Prayers & Praises:**

If you are interested in joining the Worship Committee to help with suggestions, special music, praise teams etc. please talk to Pastor Cliff

We are updating the Phone Tree. If your number has changed or if you have cancelled your land line, please email Sheri at [sheri@rvfrc.org](mailto:sheri@rvfrc.org) so the changes can be made.

**Next Week:**

**Thursday, December 25:**

9:30 AM Christmas Worship

**Pianist:** Madelyn Vander Heul

**Christ Candle:** Ralph & Sheri Bousema

**Ministry of Music:** Meghan & Hartley Vande Kamp  
Jillian & Ava Blankespoor

**Sound:** Blankespoor Family

**Coffee:** Self-Serve

**Sunday, December 28:**

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.

**Music:** Recorded

**Sound:** Bouwman family

**Nursery:** Brandon & Meghan Van Middendorp

**Coffee:** Self-Serve

**Offering:** Church Ministry Fund

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:**

Whispering Heights: *Marilyn Van Holland, Clara*

*Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel.*

Pleasant Acres, Hull: *Duane Ver Mulm, Milt Swier.*

Fellowship Village, Inwood: *Jeanette Van Beek.*

Riverview Ridge: *Lucy Ymker, Judi Dorhout, Marv & Ella Hoogendoorn, Wayne & Judi Groeneweg, Wilma Schneider, Wilma Humme.*

**CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:**

*Brian & Elizabeth Bruxvoort* in AK; *Amy and Seung*

*Kim* in Bangladesh; *Brian and Donna Renes*, in

Sioux Center; *Dr. Yohannes Bekele* in Ethiopia, *Josh & Alison Perkins* in United Arab Emirates.

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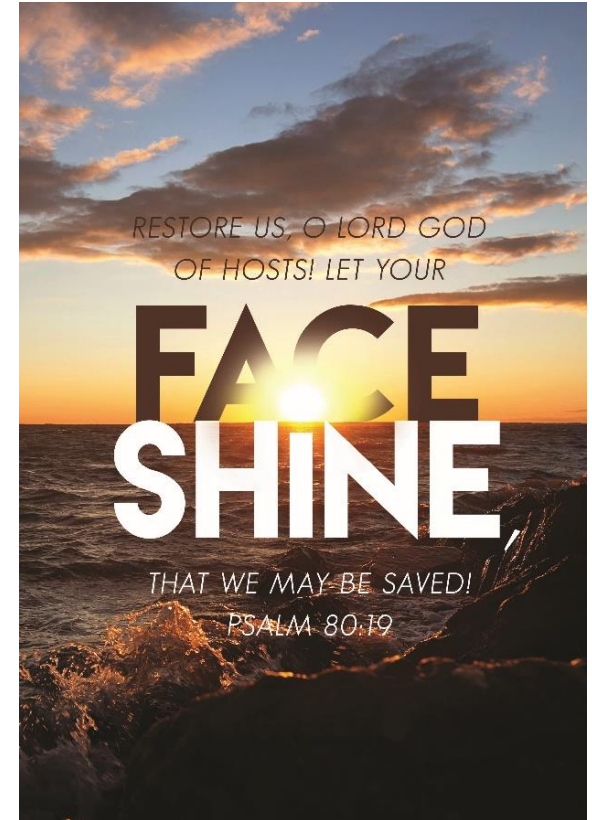
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Our **mission** is accepting God's love, growing in the Word and Spirit, serving others.

Accepting...Growing...Serving

Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and serve all people.



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