

First Reformed Church
May 17, 2026
9:30 AM

Prelude
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship
***Greetings**

***Song:** PB #32

“Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You” vs. 1-4

Senior Recognition: Jaelyn Bajema

***Song:** #434 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
(one of Jaelyn’s favorite hymns)

Prayer

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4** And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The Ascension

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and

Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **9** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes. **11** and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Message: “Up and Away”

Prayer

***Song:** #60 “Take the Name of Jesus with You”

***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.

10:45 AM Sunday School & Catechism

Serving Today:

Pianist: Freida Vander Sluis

Sound: Blankespoor family

Nursery: Matt & Meghan Vande Kamp

Coffee Servers: Gary & Donna Miller

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May 18: Wilbur Vander Huel (86)

Todd & Niki Netten

May 20: Eleanor Vonk (81)

May 22: Colton Vonk

Prayers & Praises:

Sandi Ver Steeg has moved to RiverView Ridge, room #211.

First Reformed is in charge of *Meals on Wheels* this week, we have a few more days to fill. If you can help with this local service opportunity, please sign up today!

Next Week:

Monday, May 18:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block
LAST DAY

Wednesday, May 20:

10:00 AM Lydia Circle at Riverview Ridge
6:30 PM Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, May 21:



Sunday, May 24:

Pastor Cliff will lead us in Worship. An offering will be received for the Building/Remodeling Fund.

Music: Praise Team

Sound: Kevin Bouwman & Jerry Kelderman

Nursery: Paul & Linda Van Kekerix

Coffee: Self-Serve

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NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: *Marilyn Van Holland, Clara*

Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel, Wilma

Humme. 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, Sandy Ver Steeg.

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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Morning Services are broadcast live.

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or

<https://www.facebook.com/rockvalleyfrc>

Online offering: <https://www.rvfrc.org/give/>

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.

Graduation Sunday

Jaelyn Bajema

Written by Aryah Mcdonald

Jaelyn Renee Bajema, daughter of Andrea Bajema and sister of William Crowder, was born in Bellingham, Washington. She is currently spending a lot of her time working at JJ's Drive-in, attending church, TSA, and FCCLA. Jaelyn was a major aspect of the Rocket volleyball team by managing and keeping stats throughout the season, devoting her Saturdays to helping out.

She plans to golf as a spring sport, and states that her favorite student section chant is called, "Rock our way to a victory, hit it!" She attends as many athletic events as she can because she enjoys cheering and bonding with friends.

Some of her major pet peeves are loud chewing, students trying to interrupt the teacher while the teacher is helping others, and bad drivers. On the other hand, her funniest school moment occurred during Homecoming when she tackled Jaivyn while playing musical chairs. She describes her senior year as stressful because of all the work piled on, fun because she makes many new memories and has many experiences, and sad because it will all be over before she knows it, and she will miss the memories and friends.

Some fun facts about her are that her favorite shows consist of *Jane the Virgin*, *New Girl*, and *Ginny and Georgia*. Jaelyn states that the most difficult class she took was Chemistry, both because of all of the work and the difficult content, while her most enjoyable class was interior design. It allowed her to express her creativity and put it into a physical project.

Post-graduation, she plans to attend school at Stewarts in Sioux Falls to pursue cosmetology as her career path. Jaelyn has spent her high school years persevering through hard work and laughing with all of her friends, leaving an incredible legacy. As Jaelyn leaves high school, she advises freshmen to get along with all of their classmates, because they are some of the greatest people you will ever meet, and you never know who will be your life-long friend.



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