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**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
Sheboygan Falls, WI
December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent**

TRADITIONAL SERVICE – 8:15am

PRELUDE – *"Listen For His Coming"*

Julie Sonnentag

WELCOME

HYMN #245 – *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

ADVENT CANDLES

Mark & Tiffany Bimmel family

MINISTRY OF MUSIC - *"Come Emmanuel"*

Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Lord, forgive me for putting my hope in lesser things. I confess that I have forgotten Your faithfulness to fulfill all of Your promises. Help me to be like those who anticipate Your coming with hopeful expectation, and to remember the truth of Your Word, that those who hope in You will renew their strength. "May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You." (Psalm 33:22) Amen.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN #409 – *"Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken"*

SERMON

"Waiting When God Seems Silent"

Pastor Brad

Luke 2:1-3, 8, pg. 1014;

Luke 1:5-25, pg. 1012

OFFERTORY

HYMN #244 – *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG #196 vs. 1 – *"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"*

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – 10:30am

PRELUDE

"Forever Reign"

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLES

Koene/Huibregtse Family

"Come, Praise and Glorify"

"God With Us"

PRAYER

"Noel"

SERMON

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OFFERTORY

"Holy, Holy, Holy (God With Us)"

BENEDICTION

WELCOME

A blessed Advent to all! Welcome to worship as we prepare for Jesus' birth and second coming.

VISITORS

We especially want to welcome you to our service today. Please be sure to fill out the Welcome Card that is in the bulletin.

Please turn off any pagers or cell phones.

THIS WEEK

TODAY:

8:15am Traditional Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Service
6:30pm Congregational meeting

MONDAY:

7:00pm Living Bible Study

TUESDAY:

1:00pm Dorcas Sewing Society
7:00pm Elders
NO Choir practice this week

WEDNESDAY:

6:15pm Children's Christmas program practice
6:30pm Believe, CrossCenter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

When: Sunday, December 3 at 6:30pm

Where: Family Life Center

Elder Nominees: Steve Stoffregen, Gary Ten Haken, Dan Van Wyk

Deacon Nominees: Mark Bimmel, Dave Herwig, Dave Stoffregen

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?

Please join the Choir for the combined Christmas service. Practices will be on Tuesdays, Dec 12, Dec 19 at 6:30pm. Please see Julie Messner or call 980-0350 with questions.

INVITE SOMEONE!

Do you know someone that doesn't have a place to worship for this Christmas season? Chances are we all know someone. Please begin praying for them and invite them to join us for our Christmas season at First Reformed Church. To make this little easier, you can pick up an invite on the back table to give to them. If you are still not sure how to get the conversation going, beginning Sunday Dec. 10, you can pick up a plate of cookies, in the kitchen, to bring to them. Please, invite someone.

CARING TREE

The Caring Tree is up in the Fellowship Hall. All gifts are for RCS clients that otherwise would have no presents to open at the Christmas party. Please take one or many tags and return the gifts wrapped with the tag tightly fastened to the outside of the package. Everything must be under the tree by Dec. 17 to be delivered before their party. Any questions, please call Chris Tempas (467-4257).

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES

Wednesdays, Dec. 6th, 13th & 20th, 6:15pm - 7:30 pm

GOOD SHEPHERD MEAL

Our church is hosting the Good Shepherd Meal on Tuesday, December 19. We are looking for volunteers to serve our guests, bake bars, and donate milk. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of church. If you have any questions, please call Evie at 912-0710.

PARKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to offer valet service for some of our older members on Sunday mornings. If you would be interested in volunteering to park cars please contact Pam Tarr.

POINSETTIAS

Contact: Leon & Carol Kaat 627-4196

Cost: \$10

At this most Holy Season of the year donate a Christmas plant in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out a form on the foyer table and place it along with your payment in the box on the table. All forms need to be in no later than December 13th.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

When: Sunday, December 24th

Time: 8:30am followed by the Christmas Musical combined service at 9:30am

There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer table if you are planning on attending and for donations of fruit. Come and enjoy Christian fellowship during this special season of the year. Please sign-up ASAP. If you have any questions contact Carol Kaat at 627-4196.

TELL SOMEONE

Coming back in January by popular demand. "Tell Someone" by Greg Laurie. We will be meeting, in the family life center, on Thursday evenings for 6 weeks, beginning January 11, 2018. Our meetings will begin at 7pm. and be about 75 minutes long.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Promiseland (1st-5th grades):

No Promiseland Dec 6,13,20 Christmas program practice

Believe (Middle School):

Dec 6 – 6:30pm

Dec 13 – 6:30pm

Dec 20 – 6:30pm

CrossCenter (High School):

Dec 6 – 6:30pm

Dec 13 – 6:30pm

Dec 20 – 6:30pm

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Dec. 3

6:30pm Congregational Meeting

Dec. 24

8:30am Christmas Breakfast

9:30am Combined Musical Service (one service only)

6:30pm Children's Christmas Eve program with preludes beginning at 6:15pm. Children should be there NO LATER than 6pm.

Dec. 25

9:30am Christmas Day Service

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Music Department of SCCS invites you to join us for a celebration of Christmas. The high school band and choir will be presenting their annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm at the high school. The Elementary Christmas concert will be December 14th at 7:00pm at the elementary school campus. You're also invited to come up and sing with us as we end our concert by singing the "Hallelujah" chorus.

Blessed Trinity Parish's 8th Annual Homemade Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale

When: Saturday, December 16

Time: 9 AM to 12 Noon (or until sold out)

Where: Blessed Trinity's Front Entrance Gathering Area 327 Giddings Avenue

Purchase assorted Cookie & Candy Boxes (\$8/box). Just in time for Christmas! Cookies & Candy make a great gift for your family and friends.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT OPENING

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls is hiring a Christian Program Assistant to lead therapeutic activity programs for The Gathering Place, an adult day program for individuals with memory loss. The position works about 10 hours on Mondays. Visit www.stpaulfalls.com for a complete job description and application or call 920-627-6847.

PRAISE AND PRAYER PAGE

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. And, in addition to prayer requests, we'd also like to list opportunities to praise God for His goodness in our lives.

- **Cliff Otte** is recovering from knee surgery at Sheboygan Senior Community
- Our sympathy is extended to **Gary & Janice Ten Haken and Doug & Katie Fabian** on the passing of their father & grandfather, Roland Ten Haken. May God comfort you at this time of loss.
- Our sympathy is also extended to **Dick & Gail Huibregtse** on the loss of Gail's brother.
- **Mission of the week – Mission Aviation – Bob & Sally Dontje**

Waiting When God Seems Silent

12-3-17

Luke 2:1-3,8; Luke 1:5-25

Series: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas (Advent)

Week 1: Silent Night: Waiting for God to Speak (Hope)

*But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior;
my God will hear me.*

- Micah 7:7

*The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks
him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.*

- Lamentations 3:25-26

1. The H_____ P_____ of W_____

2. The H_____ P_____ of W_____

3. The H_____ P_____ of God's W_____

4. The H_____ P_____ of God's W_____

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

NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS	Service #1	Ron & Joan Mueller Tim & Kris Gabrielse	Tim & Laura Gabrielse Paul & Ann Graumann
	Service #2	Marty & Sherri Halverson Kim Schuld, Margie Reiter	Luke & Laura Hartlep Vern & Karen Heidenreiter
NURSERY	Service #1	Sara Born, Jared Veenendaal	Tong Wang, Sophia Zhang
	Service #2	Kim Beeck, Julia Beeck	Gail Huibregtse, Lila Houwers
CAMERA	Service #1	Jon Fritsch	Chris Zhang
	Service #2	Steve Beeck	Dan Otte
SOUND	Service #1	Dan Otte	Mark Bimmel
	Service #2	Dan Otte	Ken Van Wyk
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	After 1 st Service	Brian Messner	Dave Mulder
CHILDREN'S SERMON	2 nd & 4 th Sundays of the month at 2 nd service		Bev Dulmes
USHERS FOR THE MONTH	Each Sunday in DECEMBER Including Christmas Day	Service #1: Rick Arthur Dennis Meerdink Dale Hoffmann	Service #2: Jeff Born

OUR STAFF

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