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**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
527 Giddings Ave  
Sheboygan Falls, WI  
December 17, 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent**

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE – 8:15am**

**PRELUDE**

Jana Middlesworth

**WELCOME**

**HYMN #277** – *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

**ADVENT CANDLES**

Tim & Laura Gabrielse family

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** - *"This Peaceful Night"*

Choir

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Lord, we confess how quickly we forget Your Word and Your ways, and how often we turn away from You despite Your willingness to come and be with us. Forgive us for going back to old patterns of living when You offer us a new promise of abundant life if we will trust in You and follow You. Help us to leave the guilt of our past behind, that we might live in Your grace in the present, and look forward to a future filled with peace in Your presence. Amen.*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**HYMN #251** – *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

**SERMON**

*"Keep Calm and A Savior Is Born"*

Pastor Brad

Luke 2:6-7, 11-14, pg. 1014;  
1:67-79, pg. 1014

**OFFERTORY**

**HYMN #253** – *"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

**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**

*"Joy to the World"*

**WELCOME**

**ADVENT CANDLES**

Steve & Stacy Wagner family

*"How Many Kings"*

*"Jesus Light of the World"*

**PRAYER**

*"O Holy Night"*

Marisa Kluth

**SERMON**

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**OFFERTORY**

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

**BENEDICTION**

**WELCOME**

As Mary and Elizabeth found strength in togetherness, may we nourish one another in love. Welcome to worship in this season of Advent.

**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

### TUESDAY:

- 5:00pm Good Shepherd Meal
- 6:30pm Choir

### WEDNESDAY:

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

### NEXT SUNDAY:

- 8:30am Christmas breakfast
- 9:30am Musical Service (one service only)
- 6:30pm Children's Christmas Eve Program – musical preludes begin at 6:15pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & AMBASSADORS

**SCHEDULE: No Sunday school** Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday School will resume on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**No Ambassadors** today (Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>), or on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We WILL have class on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend on the 31<sup>st</sup> as missionaries Brian & Dana Phipps will be sharing with us.

### 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.

### GOOD SHEPHERD MEAL

Good Shepherd Meal, Tuesday, Dec. 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.

## 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. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer table if you are interested in attending.

## CONSISTORY OFFICERS FOR 2018:

VP of Consistory: Dick Huibregtse

Asst. VP: Jim Kuplic

Clerk: Dennis Meerdink

Asst. Clerk: Mark Kappers

Deacon Chair: Henry Fritsch

Asst. Deacon Chair: Doug Fabian

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

of elders and deacons will be on Sunday, January 7. Our new elders are Steve Stoffregen, Gary Ten Haken, and Dan Van Wyk. Our new deacons are Mark Bimmel, Dave Herwig, and Dave Stoffregen.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Believe (Middle School):

**Dec 20** – 6:30pm

**Dec. 27** – No meeting

### CrossCenter (High School):

**Dec 20** – 6:30pm

**Dec. 27** – No meeting

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### 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

### PINE HAVEN STORE

Looking for gift ideas? The Corner Store at Pine Haven's Giddings Avenue campus and the General Store at Pine Haven's Haven Drive campus are open to the public with beautiful hand-crafted items for sale. Open weekdays between 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Proceeds benefit the residents of Pine Haven.

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"HSHS St. Nicholas Hospice is looking for volunteers to join their team! In as little as 4 hours per month, you can be a part of a team that brings quality to the lives of patients at the end of their life. Volunteers fill a variety of roles, such as being a companion, assisting with tasks around the house, praying the rosary, and relieving caregivers for a short time. The hours and assignments vary and can be flexible to your schedule. Please contact Stephanie at SHSH St. Nicholas Hospice at 920-457-5770 for more details on how you could be part of making a difference in the lives of others."

## **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.*

- **Mary Veenendaal & Cliff Otte** recovering from surgery

- **Mission of the week – Al and Alice Stader**

# Keep Calm and A Savior Is Born 12-17-17

Luke 2:6-7, 10-14; 1:67-79

Series: *'Twas the Night Before Christmas (Advent)*

12/3: *Silent Night: Waiting for God to Speak (Hope)*

12/10: *Holy Night: Wrapped by God to Save (Love)*

Today: *All Is Calm: Watching for God to Solve (Peace)*

*"Do not be afraid ... Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*

- Luke 2:10-11

*"And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High ... to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."*

- Luke 1:76,79

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2. R\_\_\_\_\_ Us with F\_\_\_\_\_

3. R\_\_\_\_\_ Us from F\_\_\_\_\_

## 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	Leslie Sanzo, Betty Grothe Mark & Jean Kappers	One Service: Dave & Sandy Herwig Dean & Brenda Hanke
	Service #2	Paul & Rachel Houwers Dick & Gail Huibregtse	
NURSERY	Service #1	Julie Huibregtse, Stephanie Veenendaal	Tonja Veenendaal, Brianna Van Wyk
	Service #2	Rachel Houwers, Sophia Houwers	Jean Kappers, Olivia Blaha
CAMERA	Service #1	Brianna Van Wyk	Sophia Zhang
	Service #2	Corey Kappers	Evening program: Jon Fritsch
SOUND	Christmas Day	Chris Zhang	
	Service #1	Corey Kappers	Jared Veenendaal/Corey Kappers
	Service #2	Corey Kappers	Evening program: Mark Bimmel
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	Christmas Day After 1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Ken Van Wyk Dick Huibregtse	Ning Zhang
CHILDREN'S SERMON	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 2 <sup>nd</sup> service		Pastor Brad
USHERS FOR THE MONTH	Each Sunday in <b>DECEMBER</b> <b>Including</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	Service #1: Rick Arthur Dennis Meerdink Dale Hoffmann	Service #2: Jeff Born

### OUR STAFF

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