

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

We pray for continued healing and comfort for Melvin Hulshof, Doug Smit, Ardel Smit, Genie Saunders, Verna Knowles, Wally Schipper, and those with unspoken prayer requests.

Continued healing prayers for friends of the church Denise Endrulat, Ron Hulshof Jr., Bruce Smit, Marv Timmer and Mary Ann Van Driel.

And for those in nursing homes & assisted living, including: Helen Ver Hoeven, Junior Reinders, Coba Hulshof, Melvin Hulshof, Jeneva Coulander and many others who are not specifically mentioned.

For our servicemen: Air Force Master, Sergeant Jesse Richardson and Master Sergeant Mandie Richardson

For our missionaries: Jeremy and Susan Beebout: Niger, Seung and Amy Kim: Bangladesh, and the Winnebago Reformed Church.

### BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office or [sldas67@yahoo.com](mailto:sldas67@yahoo.com) to share the request. Bulletin announcements are due by Thursday, at noon.

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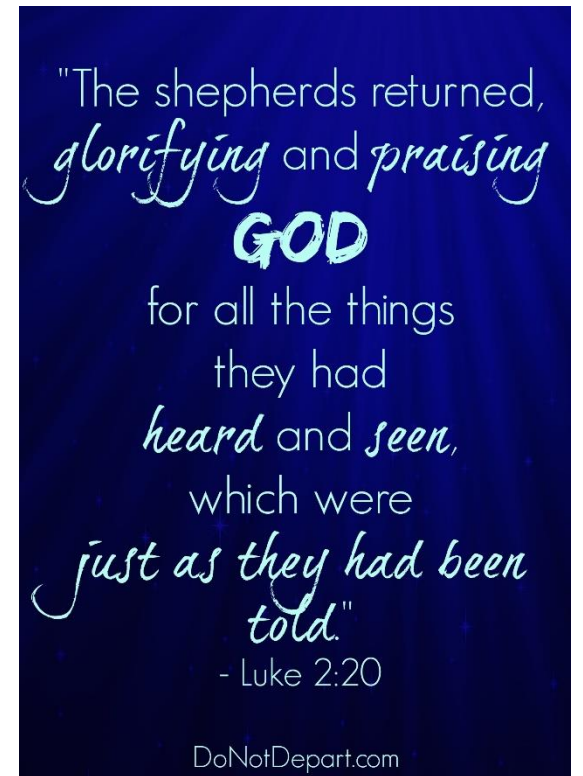
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**Dec. 13, 2020**

Worship led by

Pastor Gerry Norman

Pianist, Linda Schipper



## WELCOME

### WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED!

Welcome to First Reformed! We are so glad you are here today. We are a group of ordinary people on an extraordinary journey learning about living with and for Jesus Christ.

#### Treasurer's Report - November 2020

##### General Fund

Balance on Hand 11-01-2020	\$10,757.84
Receipts - General	\$22,151.00
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Operating Balance	\$32,917.47
Disbursements	\$9,269.00
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Balance On Hand 11-30-2020	\$23,649.79

##### Benevolent Fund

Balance on Hand 11-01-2020	\$7,522.37
Receipts	\$3,284.00
Operating Balance	\$10,806.37
Disbursements	
Balance on Hand 11-30-2020	\$10,806.37

##### Building Fund

Balance on Hand 11-01-2020	\$6,936.68
Receipts	\$0.00
Operating Balance	\$6,936.68
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance on Hand 11-30-2020	\$6,936.68

##### Special Savings

Barents/Draayer memorial	\$5,109.77
Deacons Fund 11-30-2020	\$437.23

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

The compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting will be tonight, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This event unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit on Dec. 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm local time, hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon. The annual Worldwide Candle Lighting (WCL), a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. Questions, call Don Mulder 712-541-5512

### HELPING THOSE IN ISOLATION

The residents in the nursing home & assisted living cannot have visitors face to face. It would be nice for them to receive a phone call to brighten their day! These are the residents that provided their phone numbers:

Melvin Hulshof 712-441-6568  
JR Reinders 605-408-4245  
Helen Ver Hoeven 712-441-3756  
Ardel Smit 712-540-8449  
Delores Schipper 278-2239  
Wally Schipper 278-2239  
Jeneva Coulander 712-631-4012  
Verna Knowles 712-278-21

### REHEARSAL CHANGES

The FRC Sunday School Children will be performing "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on Sunday, Dec 20 during the morning worship service. If COVID cancellations or other issues should affect the play, we will video tape it on Saturday, Nov 19 between 9:30 and 11:00 am. Two additional rehearsal's have been scheduled for Wed. night, Dec 16 from 6:45- 8:00 pm and Sat., from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Please make sure your child can be here for both of these. Thank you for helping us with all the unusual situations this year.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN IRETON

The Ireton Booster Board is sponsoring a **Christmas Lighting Contest**. 1<sup>st</sup> place \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$200, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100. Judging will take place the evening of 12-13-20. Rural residents also eligible. Call the city office at 278-2112 to register.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Christmas Eve Candle-light service will start at 6pm 12/24. It will be a little different this year but will still bring us into worship through carols, readings, and the lighting of candles. Join us for an evening of celebration in the arrival of Jesus Christ.

## WORSHIP

**Dec. 13, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Song** "While Shepherds Watched" (189)

**Advent Candle**

**Song** "While by our Sheep" (191)

**Family Time and Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Song** "Angels We Have Heard on High" (179)

**Special Music** "Mary Did You Know"

**Scripture** **Luke 2**

**Sermon** "The Perfect Christmas"

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Song** "Away in a Manger" (187)

**Postlude**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 AM WORSHIP AT FRC  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING  
CHURCH TODAY

### DECEMBER USHER/GREETER

Casey Westergard

### WEDNESDAYS

12/16 Children's Christmas Program  
Practice 6:45 - 8:00 PM  
No Bible Study until Jan. 2021

**DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
13 – Congregational Meeting after church  
16 & 19 – Children's Christmas Program  
Practice

20 – Children's Christmas program  
24 – Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/13 Jolene De Boer  
12/16 Karen Reinking  
12/16 Jeremy Mc Millan  
12/18 Taylor Hirshman  
12/18 Gavin Sandbulte

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

none

