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Prelude...... Rita Vos

Welcome

THE APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship

*Hymns of Praise #170 vs. 1,2 & 5......"One Day"

#172.....""Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

3 yr. olds thru Kindergarten dismissed for Children & Worship Activities- Legacy Addition basement!

Announcements/Congregational Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Philippians 3:7-16(pg.959)
Message	"A New You For a New Year!"
	Pastor Wayne Sneller
THE DECDONCE TO COL	n

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Preparatory Service—insert

*Closing Hymn #389	"More About Jesus"
*Benediction	
*Response #625	"Doxology"
POSTLUDE	Rita Vos
*Indicates standing if able	LI License # 790003

*Guests please stop by the Welcome table (located on the south side by the nurseries) to find out more about First Reformed Church!





First Reformed Churc

January 3, 2021

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, January 3

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Wayne Sneller

*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL January 3

*NO YOUTH GROUPS January 3

Tuesday, January 5—NOTE TIME CHANGE

1-4 pm Sewing Days—in the Gathering Place

Wednesday, January 6

5:30—6:30 pm **To Go Meals** for youth to eat at church and orders to go! **Meal:** Cooks choice

6:15 pm 6th—8th Bible Study—in the Well

6:45 pm 9th—12th

<u>Friday, January 8</u>

7:30 am Prayer Breakfast– 9th –12th grade

Sunday, January 10—Communion

9:30 am Morning Worship—Pastor Wayne Sneller

10:45 am Sunday School for all ages!

5:00 pm Impact Youth Group—in the Well

6:30 pm Faithwalkers Youth Group-in the Well

MORNING SCHEDULE

January 3		January 10
Shaleah VW, Kaila H Megan Van Zante Parent: Storyteller: Barb M Leader: Stephanie D	NURSERY CHILDREN IN WORSHIP	Lisa D, Jennifer K Tatum H Parent: Storyteller: Leader: Ali S & Steph D
Shawn H Josh R	PROJECTION LIVESTREAM	Gale H Chad & Evan F
Side: Mitch C Don N Center: Brandon D Wing: Ryan M	USHERS	Side: John K Kenton D Center: Tyler J Wing: Kyle VR
Scott VK & Brent DJ	VALET	Gerry VD & Corey VDW



PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

• **Deloris McKeag** was taken to the Comfort House in Pella, IA Saturday, December 26.

"Blessing Basket

BABY BLESSING BASKET: There is a baby blessing basket set out in the Gathering Place for our newest little one: Carson Lee, son of Jeremy

& Trisha Vander Molen born Friday, December 18, 2020.



A sincere thank you to all who remembered our family with prayers, cards and generous memorial gifts given to the FRC Building Fund. A special thanks to Pastor Wayne for walking with us through this difficult time. Thanks again and God Bless!

The family of Johnnie De Jong



Wednesday, January 27, 6 - 6:45 pm: Meal & Comedy hour: with Gerald Droppert & Rod Rozendaal Meal: Walking tacos, salad & cupcake - served in the Gathering Place at FRC 6:45 pm - Simon Says Contest 7 - 8:15 pm Praise & Worship in the Sanctuary Jeff Knouse & Jer Schnell will speak

ALL 6TH - 12TH GRADE INVITED

"I stand at the door & knock."

WEEKLY OFFERING

Offering for December 20, 2020	. \$17,916.50
Quarterly Building Fund Offering	\$2,485.00
Offering for December 27, 2020	\$5400.50
Christmas Day Offering	\$11,951.00

CHURCH TREASURERS: A reminder for all treasurers to turn in your books, and financial reports for 2020, bank statements and cancelled checks to the church office for our annual report and for auditing by January 17, 2021.

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR MAIL IN YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX !!

FAMILY NIGHT & MEAL MINISTRY ARE IN NEED OF HELP

Donations needed: Please drop off in the Legacy KitchenHamburgerBoxes of Corn FlakesWhite corn syrupPeachesSpaghetti sauce/noodlesMarshmallowsPeanut butterWalmart or Fareway gift cards

*We have begun a **new Meal Ministry here at FRC**. Shelby Shinkle and Jamie Dunsbergen are heading this ministry up. Please watch for more details on how this will be set up!

NURSERY INFORMATION:

Please contact Trisha Vander Molen or Kaila Harssalaar at trishavk@hotmail.com or kswank15@outlook.com if you would be willing to help out with this ministry! Nursery alert pagers are available in the nursery at check-in!

- $\Rightarrow~$ Children's activity bags are available in the back coat rooms and in the wing.
- \Rightarrow A **nursery** is provided from birth to age 3. Our nurseries are located right next to the Welcome Center located on the south west corner of the sanctuary.
- ⇒ Children in Worship Activities—3 year old—1st grade are dismissed during the service and meets downstairs (stairway in the Gathering Place by the elevator)
- \Rightarrow The **AED Defibrillator** is located in the church office on the 2nd shelf on east wall

SIGN UP for TEXT ALERTS on our **website at sullyfrc.org** on the home page at the bottom of the page. You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled!

Reverse Offering Stories

- Jesus entrusted the task of feeding the hungry to his disciples. Each time you give people food, you also give them a good reason to thank the Lord. My \$50 became \$250 for the Newton Salvation Army food drive to feed the hungry in Jasper County.
- We took our \$50 and multiplied it and purchased next semester milk tickets for kids at school that have families struggling to pay bills.
- We received \$100 and doubled it to \$200. We then made \$50 donations to each of the following 4 organizations: Hope Ministries in Des Moines; Christian Opportunity Center in Pella, Meals from the Heartland in Des Moines and JDRF—Greater Iowa Chapter. The Pella Rolscreen Foundation will match each of our \$50 donations since I'm a Pella Corp employee, bringing the total of \$100 to each organization. Our \$100 quadrupled to \$400 just like that!
- We matched the \$50 from the Reverse Offering and donated \$100 to Heifer International, enough for 2 colonies of bees and 2 flocks of chicks to provide for families in poorer agricultural areas of the world.
- Our family used the \$50 to support two causes that are important to us, cancer and youth. Due to the reverse offering, we were able to increase our donations to the American Cancer Society and to Lakeview Camp.
 Alan Newell family
- I used my Reverse Offering to buy stamps and sent cards to all of our shut ins and numerous individuals.
 Susan Beyer
- We used our Reverse Offering for our community (Apache Junction, AZ) toy and money drive for the little kids that are homeless or in accident or abusive situations. At this time we have over 20 bicycles and many toys. The stage is full. A large amount of money has also been donated.
- We were able to use our reverse offering to help purchase a dining table and chairs for a family who just moved to a new home and had very little furniture. The boys and I were able to deliver the set and the family was excited to have a place to sit and eat together that night!
- I gave the \$50 and added \$50 for Missionaries Phil and Olivia lekel. They are in Nicaragua. I heard a hurricane had hit the area around this time. Olivia was in our church one Sunday evening sharing the work they are doing there. I was very impressed with her presentation.
- We doubled the money and bought a goat and bed nets through World Vision.
- We took our \$50 and made it \$144. We took a student from school and his two siblings shopping to get a treat for their single mom and a Christmas gift from each of them. We took them to the Sanctuary in Pella and then took them for their first trip to Smokey Row for a hot chocolate. A place they had never been.

- Our family discussed this and decided to bless someone who may not be able to get out and dood their normal activities this year. At Thanksgiving, we had taken a meal, treats and some small gift items to our parents and aunt/uncle who are not leaving the home currently. We saw how much this meant to them, so asked the manager of a senior apartment complex to pick someone she knows who might enjoy a delivery of a little fun Christmas cheer. She picked a couple who is not currently leaving their apartment and has no children. We included a Christmas dinner to heat at their convenience, a variety of Christmas treats, a cozy blanket and several books full of photography of the Iowa countryside, tractors, and farm history. We hope that they can cuddle up under the blanket and enjoy the books and snacks together. Hopefully this will remind them of some enjoyable times and spur fun conversations. They now know that someone is thinking of them this holiday season.
- We are giving our reverse offering to Forward With Faith. It is an organization based in Pella that raises money to build special homes for special needs adults. Something very near to our hearts.
 Ken & Verna Hackert
- We donated to the food bank.
- I matched the amount and bought food for the church food drive.
- We took our Reverse offering and gave a \$25 tip to a waitress at a local restaurant and a \$25 tip to a grocery store employee who would always bring our groceries to us when we had on-line orders. We felt it would uplift their spirit and a way of saying "thank you" for their hard work.
- We gave our Reverse offering of \$50 to Mission Aviation in Soldotna, Alaska of which \$25 went towards an aircraft oil change and \$25 to upgrade in radio aircraft communication. The gift was doubled by an anonymous donor.

Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller

- Our Reverse offering went to a benefit for a 14 year old young man suffering from bone cancer. He was able to see a make-a wish come true before passing away on December 28, 2020.
- Our \$50 Reverse offering was given to a young family who was having medical financial hardships.
- We gave our Reverse offering to the Red Kettle campaign that the Salvation Army sponsors. They had a special Tuesday where a donation would be doubled. Our \$50 was doubled to \$100.
- Charlotte and I have decided to match the \$50 with an additional \$150. We will be sending a check for \$200 to the Coates Ministries, Inc., in Kenya. Randy and Becky Coates founded CMI in 1996, Coates Ministries, Inc.
 www.coatesministries.viewspark.org. Their present project is Women at the Well, Not Yet. Together with their African brothers and sisters the Coates Ministries, Inc. has planted 120 plus churches throughout the country and have drilled more than 30 water wells.

"A New You for a New Year!" Philippians 3:7-16

Pastor Wayne Sneller 9:30 a.m. January 3, 2021

Observations about making a new you in Christ.

- 1. Permanent change is ______ and temporary change is ______.
- If we are going to be the person that God wants us to be we must make changes in our ______ and _____.
 Are we willing to change your ______ in order to walk closer with Christ?
- Real change lasts for ______ and is an inward change. "For His sake (Christ) I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could *gain Christ.*" Philippians 3:8b

2. For change to occur in your life there must be three things present.

• There must be ______ with the present. "I once thought these things were valuable but now consider them worthless because of what Christ has done." Philippians3:7

- People do not change until they ______ to change.

- Change continues when we are aware of a better ______. "Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:8a
 - When I am aware that my situation can become better there is _____for me!
- The ______ on how to change. "I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead."

Philippians 3:10a

3. You must have a time of ______. "But I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." Philippians 3:13

• There must be a time when you say, "Okay, I am going to change." This is Christ likeness in our daily lives.

4. You need to have a continual ______ with God for strength and reinforcement.

• The nourishment that we receive from the Word of God, through ______ and ______ with God makes the difference.

In this New Year, it's the inward change where you have Christ in your life and how you live your life that makes the _____!

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

MINISTER: People of God, next Sunday we will be celebrating together, with the gracious help of God, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

CONGREGATION: In order that we may celebrate the Lord's Supper and its significance in our lives, it is necessary that we examine our motives and attitudes as we come to this Supper.

MINISTER: First, let everyone consider their sins, asking yourself if you believe God's promise that all your sins are forgiven and that Christ's death and resurrection have enabled us to receive his grace. We are reminded that this gift has enabled us to demonstrate thankfulness to God and to live for him as we live in love and peace with our neighbor.

CONGREGATION: If we are of this attitude, God will welcome us in love and consider us worthy participants at the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MINISTER: We also are reminded that the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ instruct those who are continuing in unrepented sin to keep themselves from the Lord's Table. This is not intended to distress those who have asked for forgiveness of their sins, but to remind the unrepentant of the nature of their sin and to direct them to forgiveness by our Savior Jesus Christ.

ALL: Let us celebrate God's loving kindness and anticipate joining together in one body under the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.





Middle School— Youth With Heart 6th—8th grade Nick De Penning—Superintendent (The Lighthouse -opening exercises upstairs above wing)

6th—8th Grade – The Lighthouse— Dive—Year 1 Teachers: Nick De Penning, Mel Vos & Tim Vanden Hoek



High School— Souls Ignited 9th—12th grade

Youth & Education Director

9th & 10th Grade – The Well (west side of basement) Teacher: Kurt Harthoorn—Heidelberg Catechism 11th & 12th Grade – The Well (east side of basement) Teacher: Ryan Mortvedt - Right Now Media

*All 6th—8th grade classes are held upstairs in the Lighthouse (area above the wing) *All 9th—12th grade classes are held in The Well (northwest side of the basement)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Sunday school -meet in the Legacy Center—All adults are invited to join! **Bible Study—Apostle's Creed**

INSTRUCTIONS

- NOTE: The 5th grade will now be meeting downstairs!
- If you haven't attended a Sunday school class or you are new to FRC this year, you are invited to join a class!
- Your children can be picked up at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.
- An offering will be collected each Sunday. This is a great way to teach kids how to tithe.

YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

5:00 pm IMPACT Youth Group meets in the Well (basement) open for all 6th—8th grade! 6:30 pm Faithwalkers Youth Group meets in the Well (basement) open for all 9th—12th grade

EVERY Friday morning at 7:30 am for 9th—12th grade—Prayer Breakfast—Donuts and milk before school—meet in the Gathering Place







Sunday School — 10:45 a.m.

*All those 3 years old—Kindergarten please go to room #8 & 9 located on the southeast side of the basement. *All those in 1st—5th grade go to room #6 on the southwest side of the basement.

God's Little Wonders - 3 year old—Kindergarten Kara Warrick & Rebecca Rozendaal Opening exercises east

side of basement rooms #8 & 9

We will begin here with singing and then walk with their teachers to their rooms. All classrooms are marked with the teachers name and names of students on the outside of each door.

3 year olds – Room #9 (Little Lambs) - Hands on Bible: Teachers: Amy Harthoorn & Hollie Nunnikhoven, Julie Van Wyk & Lisa Dunsbergen

Julie Van Manen, Children's Ministry Director

4 year olds – Room #7 (Zacchaeus' Treehouse) - Hands on Bible Teachers: Annette Zimmerman, Shaleah Van Wyk & Elaine Droppert Kindergarten – Children in worship area – Room #10 (Builders) - Imagine

Teachers: Monica Nikkel & Lysandra Newell

All kids in Children in Worship downstairs will be led to opening exercises.

**3 yrs.—Kindergarten will have cookies during Children in Worship—1st—5th will be served cookies before opening exercises.

<u>Faith Seekers</u>—1st—5th Grade (west side of basement)

Dawn Schechinger—Opening Exercises Rm. #6- West side—We will begin singing here and then go to their individual classrooms. 1st Grade—Room #4—(Lion's Den) - Imagine Teachers: Emily Larson & Carrie Mortvedt 2nd & 3rd Grade – Room # 3 (Commandment Center) - Wonder Teachers: Joni Collins & Desiree Hardeman 4th Grade- Room #1 (Creation Station) - Marvel Teachers: Verlan Brand & Julie Van Manen 5th Grade—Room # 11 (Trailblazers) Children in worship area—Marvel

Teacher: Eloise Vos