



Why does Advent Matter?

Because Jesus changes everything!

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First Reformed Church - December 14, 2025

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are here, and we have been praying for you. Visit the Welcome Center and pick up a free gift, or connect with us at frcoc.org/welcome.

Nursery available for infant to age 3.

Children's Busy Bags & Bulletins available at the Welcome Center.

Promise Kids (3-TK) dismissed from worship before the sermon.

Kids Sunday School: 9:40 am (Children's Ministry Area)

Youth Sunday School: 9:45 am (Loft)

Young Adults & College Real Talk: 9:45 am (Library)

Adult Education Classes: 9:45 am

- *The Guide* (Office Conference Room)
- *Journeying as Disciples* (Chapel)

Morning Services (8:30 & 10:30 AM)

Worship Songs:

Noel

It's Christmas

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Emmanuel

He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye

Merry Gentlemen)

Sanctuary Choir: *Jesus Is Lord*

Profession of Faith and Baptism:

8:30: Profession of Faith - *Becky Desmond*

10:30: Baptism - *Everett Rensink, son of Micah and Heather Rensink*

Message: *Our Amazing Advocate*

Text: Matthew 1:18-25; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:15-16

Speaking: Pastor Fred De Jong

Blue Christmas Service (5:30 PM)



Blue
CHRISTMAS

TONIGHT AT 5:30 PM

A service of remembrance, reflection,
and hope for hurting hearts.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Come Any Sunday, Leave Encouraged

Journeying as Disciples

Review/evaluation of Fall 2025 and
preview of 2026

Chapel, 9:45 - 10:25 am

The Guide

Salvation Only in Jesus' Name

Office Conference Room, 9:45 - 10:25 am

YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE

Real Talk: Faith & Life

A Sunday School class designed to help
young adults belong, grow, and lead.

Sundays @ 9:45 - 10:15 AM
in the Library

This Week at FRC

Sun 12/14 - TODAY:

- 3:00 PM:** Praise Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
Christmas Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM:** Blue Christmas Service (Chapel)
- 6:00 PM:** FUEL Young Adults Christmas Party (Gym)
- 7:00 PM:** Parables Book study (Library)

Tues 12/16:

- 6:30 AM:** Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study (Library)
- 8:30 AM:** Staff Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 PM:** Women's Advent Bible Study (Chapel)

Wed 12/17:

- 1:00 PM:** Bountiful Table - Pack the Boxes (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:30 PM:** Bountiful Table - Distribution Volunteers Training
- 5:00 PM:** Bountiful Table - Distribution (South Canopy Entrance)
- 5:15 PM:** Evening Christmas Meal (Free-will Donation)
- 6:00 PM:** K-5 Popcorn Movie Night
- 6:30 PM:** JAM Middle School Youth
 - Men's Bible Study (Library)
 - Prayer Warriors (Pastor Mark's Office)
 - Praise Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
 - Christmas Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM:** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
- 8:00 PM:** SURF High School Youth

For more information on these activities please stop at the Welcome Center after the service, visit our website at frcoc.org, or call the church office at 737-4909.

Stewardship & Giving

Offering 12/5/25 - 12/11/25: \$ 77,061

Weekly Offering Goal: \$ 33,462

Fiscal YTD Total Offering: \$ 860,228

Fiscal YTD Offering Goal: \$ 769,626

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Coming Soon & Announcements

Prison Card Ministry: Greeting cards are available at the mission table for anyone who would like to write a note of encouragement to an inmate at one of our local jails. Your simple words can offer hope this season.

Invite Someone to Christmas Eve: Who could you invite to Christmas Eve? Our candlelight services will be on Wednesday, December 24 at 4 PM and 6 PM. Invite cards are available at the Sanctuary entrances and the Welcome Center. Take one with you and share the light of Christ with someone who needs hope this season.

Holiday Schedule Update: There will be no Sunday School, Promise Kids, or Wednesday Night Ministries from Sunday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 31. Sunday worship services will continue as usual.

Are you wintering somewhere else? Let our church office know.

Christmas Eve Offering: The deacons have designated Christmas Eve offerings to be split between the Orange City Food Pantry and Hunger Free Kids Sioux County. Both organizations fulfill our local outreach and financial generosity goals and provide the most basic needs for our neighbors in need. If you know of a person or family with food scarcity, please pass their name to one of our deacons or a member of the mission team.

DO YOU HAVE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS?

Please remember to check your church mailbox throughout the holidays.



FRC
FREE College
Breakfast


Best Breakfast
-IN TOWN-

Today 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Breakfast will not be served December 21 - January 4. Breakfast will restart on January 11.

**CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY MEAL**

DECEMBER 17 AT 5:15 PM

Ham, Turkey, Potatoes, Veggie, Roll, Cookies
Free-Will Donation

FELLOWSHIP TIME

*Coffee &
Apple Cider*

Available in the Fellowship Hall
between the services.



**FUEL Christmas
Party!**

**PIZZA, POP,
& Puzzles!**

 

FRC GYM DECEMBER 14
RSVP @ FRCOC.ORG/FUEL 6:00 PM

**Wear your
Christmas
Sweaters!**



If you or someone you know would be blessed by a box of food, please pick one up during our distribution on Wednesday @ 5:00–6:30pm.

BOUNTIFUL TABLE
Free Food Distribution
plus DIAPER DISTRIBUTION
WITH GUIDING STAR

WED, DEC 17, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Diaper and monetary donations are still needed. Designate your monetary gift “Bountiful Table” or drop off diapers of any size by Tuesday. Thank you!



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**
Wednesday, December 24 @ 4:00 & 6:00 PM

Self-serve nursery available.
Services will be broadcast on all our regular outlets.

REGULAR WORSHIP BROADCAST SCHEDULE

LIVE Sunday mornings at 8:30 & 10:30 AM.

- Social Media & Website (Facebook, YouTube, frcoc.org)
- First Reformed Orange City App (Google Play, iTunes, Roku)
- TV Channels (Long Lines: Flight Ch 51; Premier: Ch 77/Premier TV 700)

Replay

- KSOU 93.9 radio - Sunday @ 9:45 AM
- TV Channels - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday @ 7:00 PM
- FRC Orange City Podcast (Apple, Google, Spotify)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 8 AM - 3 PM, Fri 8 AM - Noon

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