



# Why does Advent Matter?

*Because Jesus changes everything!*

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## First Reformed Church - December 21, 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](https://frcoc.org/welcome).

**Nursery** available for infant to age 3.

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

**NO Promise Kids, Kids Sunday School, Youth Sunday School,**

**Young Adults & College Real Talk, and Adult Education**

**Classes** today and next Sunday. Classes will resume on January 4.

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

### Worship Songs:

*Behold*

*Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

*Holy Forever (Christmas Version)*

*Behold Our God*

*Manger Throne*

**Message:** *My "Whys" and His Worldwide Reign*

**Text:** Luke 1:26-33; Hebrews 1:1-4; Isaiah 9:6-7

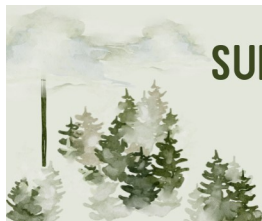
**Speaking:** Pastor Fred De Jong

## No Evening Gathering Tonight

## SUNDAY EVENING GATHERINGS

Resume January 4 at 4 pm

All Sunday Evening Gatherings will  
be at 4pm for January & February.



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Come Any Sunday, Leave Encouraged

Journeying as Disciples and  
The Guide will be returning

January 4 @ 9:45 AM

## YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE

### Real Talk: Faith & Life

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

Returning January 4 @ 9:45 AM

## This Week at FRC

### Mon 12/22:

**6:30 PM:** Women's Advent Bible Study (Chapel)

### Tues 12/23:

**6:30 AM:** Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study (Library)

**8:30 AM:** Staff Meeting (Library)

### Wed 12/24:

**4:00 PM:** Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

**6:00 PM:** Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

**Church Office Closed:** Please note that the church office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25. The office also will be closed on Thursday, January 1.

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



## 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.

## Stewardship & Giving

Offering 12/12/25 – 12/18/25: \$ 141,109

Weekly Offering Goal: \$ 33,462

Fiscal YTD Total Offering: \$1,001,337

Fiscal YTD Offering Goal: \$ 803,088

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or scan the  
QR code



## Coming Soon & Announcements

**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.

**Youth Conference:** We're taking a group students to the Ignite Youth Leadership Conference in Des Moines, Mar 13-14. This free trip includes separate middle school and high school teams (grades 7-12), each guided by an adult leader mentor. It's free, but limited to 12 spots. Selection is based on application answers + leadership engagement. Students can list a friend, but both must apply. More information and applications online at [frcoc.org/ignite](http://frcoc.org/ignite).

**DONATIONS NEEDED**  
**YOUTH SNACKS**



Drop off any prepackaged snacks or drinks in the church basement kitchen.

Signup at [frcoc.org/youthsnacks](http://frcoc.org/youthsnacks)



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**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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

*Coffee & Apple Cider*

Available in the Fellowship Hall between the services.



**Storm Lake Property:** We have completed the sale of the 3.5 acres of property FRC owned in Storm Lake. Since this property was purchased with the intent to establish a mission outreach, the proceeds from the sale will be designated for future mission opportunities identified by the Mission Team and approved by the Consistory.



## made for more

STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS START HERE



**New Sermon Series:** We are made for close companionship, but our humanity gets in the way! **Beginning January 4**, we will explore God's guidance for strengthening the relationships that shape your everyday life.

Reading plan bookmarks are available at the Welcome Center. You can sign up for a texting group at [frcoc.org/madeformore](http://frcoc.org/madeformore).



### REGULAR WORSHIP BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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

- Social Media & Website (Facebook, YouTube, [frcoc.org](http://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

**Address:** 420 Central Avenue NW, Orange City, IA 51041

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

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**FRC App** available in the app stores.



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