



# Why does Advent Matter?

*Because Jesus changes everything!*

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## First Reformed Church - December 7, 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.

**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:

*Glory (Let There Be Peace)*  
*Angels (Glory to God)*

*Behold*  
*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

**Kids Choir:** *What a Glorious Night* and *O Come (Let Us Adore)*

**Message:** *The Wonder of the Virgin Birth*

**Text:** Isaiah 7:14; John 3:1-8

**Speaking:** Pastor Fred De Jong

## Kids Christmas Program (5:30 PM)



### Tell Me A Story

**FRC Kids Christmas Program TONIGHT @ 5:30pm**

*Service will be broadcast on all our regular outlets.*

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Come Any Sunday, Leave Encouraged*

### Journeying as Disciples

The Cloud of Witnesses: Dorothy Day

Dr. Doug Anderson

**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 12/7 - TODAY:

**2:00 PM:** Praise Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

**5:30 PM:** Kids Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

### Mon 12/8:

**2:45 PM:** Siouxland Soup Kitchen Serving (Registration Required)  
(Meet at FRC)

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

### Tues 12/9:

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

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

### Wed 12/10:

**1:00 PM:** Block & Knots (Leora)

**5:15 PM:** Wednesday Evening Meal (Spaghetti) (Gluten-free available) (A \$5/person donation is appreciated.)

**6:00 PM:** K-5 Ministries

**6:30 PM:** JAM Middle School Youth

Men's Bible Study (Library)

Prayer Warriors (Pastor Fred's Office)

**7:30 PM:** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

**8:00 PM:** SURF High School Youth

### Thu 12/11:

**2:00 PM:** Senior Adults (Chapel)

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.

## Stewardship & Giving

Offering 11/21/25 - 11/27/25: \$ 24,610

Offering 11/28/25 - 12/4/25: \$ 41,702

Weekly Offering Goal: \$ 33,462

Fiscal YTD Total Offering: \$ 783,167

Fiscal YTD Offering Goal: \$ 736,164

To give electronically go  
to [frcoc.org/give](http://frcoc.org/give)

or scan the  
QR code



Thanksgiving Offering for Atlas Building Renovation: \$ 21,052

## Coming Soon & Announcements

**Senior Adults:** *Sabbatical Impressions and Reflections* with Pastor Mark, Thursday, December 11, 2:00 p.m. Christmas goodie buffet. Everyone bring something to share. (Chapel).

**The Bountiful Table** is our opportunity to support our neighbors with a Christmas meal. This year, we're also partnering with Guiding Star for a diaper drive started by local high school students.

**Donation tags for needed items and volunteer sign-ups** to help pack and hand out meals are available at the Mission Table. Please return donated items by Monday, December 15. Distribution is December 17.

**Christmas Praise Choir:** All are invited to join the Christmas Praise Choir as they help lead worship on Sunday, December 21. Practices are as follows:

- Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 PM
- Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 PM
- Sunday, December 21 at 7 AM

Questions? Contact [amanda@frcoc.org](mailto:amanda@frcoc.org).

**Prison Card Ministry:** In response to our Advent focus today, 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.



ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL DECEMBER 10 5:15 PM**

**SERVERS ARE NEEDED**

See our menu and sign up to serve at [frcoc.org/wednesdaymeal](http://frcoc.org/wednesdaymeal) or at the Welcome Center

**FREE College Breakfast**

Sunday Mornings  
9:30 - 10:30 AM



*Best Breakfast*  
-IN TOWN-

*Blue*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
A service of remembrance, reflection,  
and hope for hurting hearts.  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 5:30 PM**

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!



## INVITE CARDS AVAILABLE

Know someone who could use a box of food this holiday season? Invite cards to our Bountiful Table free food distribution are available at the Mission Table.

### BOUNTIFUL TABLE

Free Food Distribution  
**plus** DIAPER DISTRIBUTION  
WITH GUIDING STAR

**WED, DEC 17, 5:00 - 6:30 PM**



## 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](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

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