

# First Reformed Church

November 26, 2023

Celebrating 75 Years of God's Faithfulness

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!" - Psalm 106:1

## Order of Worship

- Prelude & Announcements
  - \* Call to Worship and Salutation
  - \* Gloria Patri and Invocation xv
  - \* Confession The Law of God ix
  - \* Hymn *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* 105
  - Heidelberg Catechism – Lord's Day 48 p. 686
  - Congregational Prayer
  - \* Hymn *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* 432
  - Scripture: Romans 14:1-4
  - Sermon: Loving Through Our Liberty
  - \* Prayer of Application
  - Reception of Offering
  - \* Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 460
  - \* Benediction and Doxology
- We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
- Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;  
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.
- He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;  
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.
- Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

## WELCOME

We offer you a warm welcome today as First Reformed Church celebrates 75 years of proclaiming the glory, grace, and salvation of our Triune God in Aberdeen. If you have joined us for the first time, please fill out one of our blue visitor cards and place it in the offering plate.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee Chat:** We will continue our study on the importance of understanding God's sovereignty.

**The Kranzlers** welcomed Shiloh Emma into this world on Wednesday evening at about 7:00. She was 7 pounds, 2 oz, and 19 inches long. *Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward – Psalm 127:3.*

**Reformed Faith and Life:** This is the last Sunday for the bucket to be out for support of the French-speaking ministry during this month of our Foreign Ministries prayer.

**Men's Early Risers** will meet this Tuesday morning, Dec. 5 at 6:30 to study Redemption Accomplished and Applied by Dr. John Murray, pages 20-24.

**Saturday, Dec. 2:** The ladies will meet at the church at 8:30 am for a field trip to the State Capitol to see the trees.

**Tuesday, Dec. 5:** The Women of Faith will have their Christmas Party in the home of Allison Wurgler at 6:00 p.m.

**The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Practices will be Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, and Sunday morning the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**The Lord's Supper** will be celebrated on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Eve Service** will be celebrated on the Lord's Day at 4:00. Offering will be for the Deacon's Fund.

**Rev. Michael Lassley** suffered a stroke on Wednesday and was flown to Sanford in Sioux Falls. Rev. Lassley is the pastor in Watertown and holds the bible study in Brookings. His recovery looks good but will take 1-6 months.

**Join our Worship Service Live:** The Sunday morning sermons are available on the First Reformed website at aberdeenreformed.com under Sermon Audio, or watch live or later after service by hitting the Livestream button.

**View Coffee Chat** on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM on the First Reformed Facebook Livestream.

## Prayer for . . .

**OUR RESIDENTIAL HOME MEMBERS:** Mrs. Orma Vetch is at Bethesda; Donna Kappes, and Raymond Graff at the Derian Senior Residence, and Milo Opp and Gloria Opp.

**Pray** for the Lord to provide pastors for Mitchell, Pierre, and Manhatten, ID. Pray for Jacob Bentz as he undergoes radiation treatment for cancer.

## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Jim Serfoss           | 19 Karen Nehlich    |
| 3 Kathy Serfoss         | 30 Zachary Rohrbach |
| 3 Jeff Hieb             | 30 Erin Wanner      |
| 17 Andrew & Sara Wanner | 31 Lincoln Wanner   |

Offering 11/19/2023	
Classis Missions Seed Fund	\$4,255.00
Reformed Faith & Life	\$565.00
Building Fund	\$2.00

Rev. Bowen's cell: 605 824-8108; e-mail: rcushank@gmail.com  
Greeters for November: Chris & Shelly Likness

**Sermon Notes**  
**Loving Through Our Liberty!**  
**Romans 14:1-4**

**Theme:** Being set free in Christ, we seek our brother's good.

I. By our Friendship

II. By our Patience

III. By our Acceptance

## FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

### OUR HISTORY

First Reformed Church was organized in 1948, meeting first in the YMCA and later on S. 9th Street. The first full-time pastor came in 1958. Before this, services were led by visiting pastors and elders. In 1964 the present church building was erected and dedicated to the worship of our Triune God. First Reformed Church is an organic member of the Northern Plains Classis, of the *Reformed Church in the United States*, which traces its history in this country to 1710 and beyond that to the Reformation in the Palatinate region of Heidelberg, Germany. We are indebted to such reformers as Luther, Zwingli, Ursinus, and especially to John Calvin for their insights into God's Word.

### OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the First Reformed Church is to provide its members with the regular preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper), the facilities of public worship, and the exercise of Christian Discipline, so that by these means they may fulfill their Christian duties. It is our goal that in all things our Holy God may be glorified and praised by our words and deeds in gratitude for our salvation.

### OUR BELIEFS AND TEACHING

We believe and teach that the Bible is the infallible, inspired, and inerrant Word of God in its entirety and that its doctrine of salvation is the only true doctrine of Salvation. We preach that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and that Christ's death on the cross has earned for us and all true believers the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation. We believe and teach that in Jesus Christ we have all that is necessary for salvation. Our children are instructed in the Heidelberg Catechism because we believe it teaches clearly what the Scriptures teach and because we believe we must have a clear and definite understanding of the unchanging Word of the unchanging God.

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to preach the gospel of Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, the only Savior. Thus, we have public worship services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Classes are held for the youth and adults. Special services and Bible studies are held as announced. We invite and welcome all people to attend our worship services and for those who share our faith in Jesus Christ to join our fellowship. We extend our mission worldwide by supporting home and foreign mission works with our prayers and offerings.



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CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

**Established in 1948**



*A Place to Grow in the Grace of God*

**Sunday Worship** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Bible Study** 10:30 am  
**Catechism** 4:30 pm

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