

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
March 23, 2025
9:30 AM

Prelude
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship

*Greetings

*Song #278 “Amazing Grace!”

*Song #269 “Just as I Am” vs. 1,2,5

Children’s Message: Bobbi Van Kekerix

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed

him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Message: “Great Love”

Prayer

*Song #263 “Softly & Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Chorus after last verse only

*Benediction

*Postlude

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Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee, juice & cookies in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Calendar for the Day:

9:30 AM Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship

10:45 AM Sunday School & Catechism.

Serving Today:

Music: Team 1

Sound: Jerry Kelderman & Kevin Bouwman

Nursery: Matt & Meghan Vande Kamp

Lift: Steve Van Den Top

Coffee Servers: Gary & Donna Miller

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Prayers & Praises:

Bill Bouwman remains in the local swing bed.

Rod Netten remains in Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Ralph Bousema will have back/spine surgery on Monday.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Adriana Dykstra, Adriana passed away this past Sunday. Funeral services were held here on Thursday.

The Arlan Verburg family appreciates the food brought, cards, and many cards sent. A special thank you for the visits with Arlan and keeping our family in your prayers.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

March 24: Willie Oostra (84)
Travis Kempema
March 25: Brantly De Jager
Brooklynn De Jager
March 26: Erica Koedam

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, March 24:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Tuesday, March 25:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Wednesday, March 26:

6:30 PM JAM
7:30 PM CLASS

Thursday, March 27:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Sunday, March 30:

Pianist: Madelyn Vander Heul
Sound: Blankespoor family
Children's Message: Pastor Cliff
Nursery: Paul & Linda Van Kekerix
Lift: Marv Vonk
Coffee: Rod & Lil Netten
Offering: Church Ministry Fund
Building Fund

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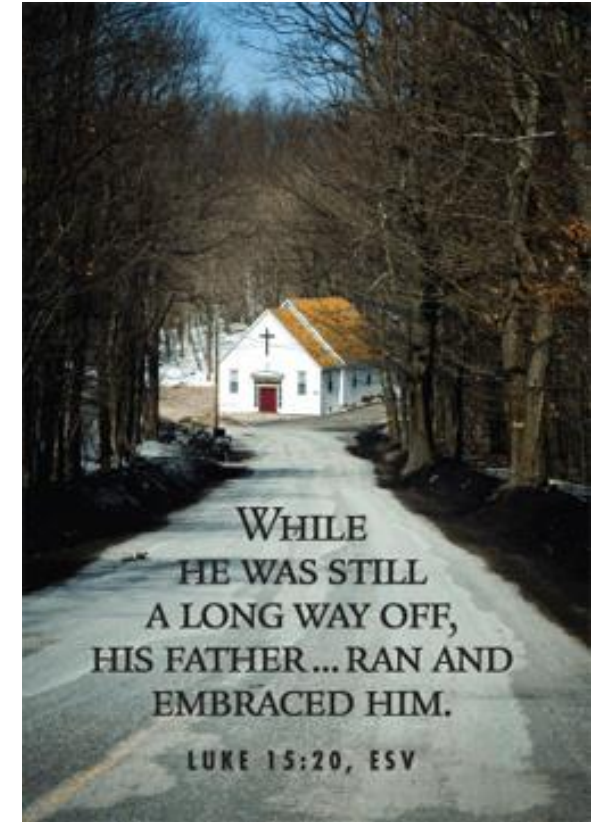
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Word and Spirit, serving others.

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Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and
serve all people.



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