

# *Eighth Reformed Church*

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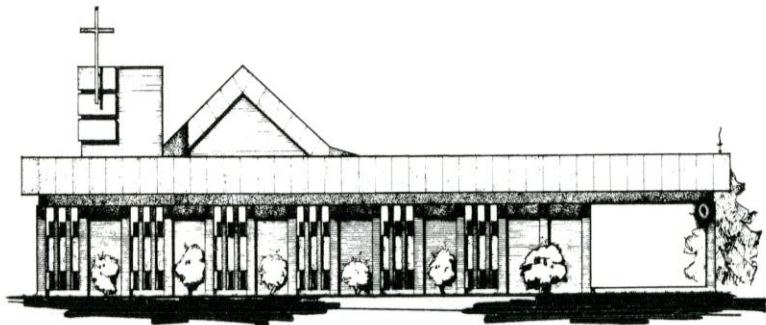
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*"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."*

Galatians 6:14

Our worship service is Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

It is broadcast on WYGR Radio "Jethro FM" at 94.9 FM or 1530 AM. You can also listen to our service live on the web at [Jethro.fm](http://Jethro.fm).

† **Eighth Reformed Church** †  
**Sunday, December 28, 2025 - 9:30 am**  
**Order of Worship**

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn # 772

*When We All Get to Heaven*

\*Opening Prayer

Choir: *Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know* (soloist, Pete Rusticus)  
*His Name is Wonderful*

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Preparation # 762

*What a Day That Will Be*

**Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6** (page 1769)

**Message: “It Is Done”**

\*Hymn of Response # 358

*Because He Lives*

Offering and Offertory

Two separate offerings will be received at this time.  
The first offering is designated for the General Fund,  
the second offering (Christmas Offering) is for  
Voice of the Martyrs.

\**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn # 684 (vs. 1)      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Postlude      *There Is a Redeemer*

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

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*Welcome!*

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this final Lord's Day of 2025. As we enter into a new year, we come to honor and praise the living God who makes all things new. Romans 6:4 reminds us that it is God who enables us to "walk in the newness of life." We pray that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. If you are visiting with us today, please sign our guest register in the narthex, and if you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will return to worship with us again.

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### **This Week's Events**

#### **Today:**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship, followed by coffee downstairs.

**11:00 a.m.** Choir Rehearsal.

No Adult Sunday School.

No Young People's Sunday School.

#### **Wednesday:**

**9:30 a.m.** Coffee & Donut Fellowship Time.

## **Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week**

*Pastor:* Pastor Garrett Sweeney

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Shirley Lohman

*Song Leader:* Pete Rusticus

*Trumpet:* David Ellis

*Greeters:* North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Tim Tacoma

*Valet/Lift:* Jodi Bultema

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* Ted Nelson, Larry Rudnik

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Kevin VanHeukelom

*YouTube:* Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

*Praying with Pastor:* Jeff VanMeekeren, Larry Rudnik

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

*Coffee&Cookie Donators/Servers:* Marsa Barclay, Joy Hendricks

## **Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week**

*Pastor:* Pastor Harry Koops

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Linda Wolfe

*Song Leader:* Beth Pastoor

*Greeters:* North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Jeff VanMeekeren

*Valet/Lift:* Danielle Wagenmaker

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

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*Coffee&Cookie Donators/Servers:* Amanda Heyboer

## **Church News and Future Events**

**Bulletin Announcements:** Marilee Takken, the secretary, is in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please have all announcements to her by 10 a.m. on Wednesday. If you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall across from the church office door. Thank you.

**Coffee Fellowship Time** will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall this morning.

**Thank you,** Scott & Beth Pastoor and JETHRO Radio, for broadcasting our Christmas Day service, and to Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, and Doug VanderMeer for streaming the service live. What a gift and what a wonderful way to share the good news of Christ's birth on Christmas Day.

**Pastor Harvey's Sunday School Class** will resume next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. The subject is Creation/Evolution: The Human Body.

**Dear Congregation,** It's that time of year when we ask you to pray about names to submit to fill elder (1) and deacon (1) positions for 3-year-terms. As you do, please consider the guidelines on the bulletin insert. Names may be submitted in the offering plate or given to current consistory members no later than January 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to ask the person before submitting their name to see if they are willing to serve. No one is EVER obligated to serve in this capacity. Our retiring deacon is Larry Palma and Pete Rusticus is our retiring elder. Consistory will review the names submitted. After that, they will be submitted for the casting of lots at our Congregational Meeting on February 15th (held during Sunday School time downstairs in the Fellowship Hall).

**Church Offering Envelopes & Giving Receipts:** Offering envelopes for 2026 were placed in mailboxes last Sunday. If you didn't receive yours, or you would like to begin using envelopes in the new year, please see Marj Hendges or Shannon Wagoner. If you would like a giving receipt from 2025, contact Marj as well.

**Voice of the Martyrs Magazines** are available on the small table in the Narthex next to Our Daily Bread devotionals.

**Radio Fund:** We have donation envelopes available for our Jethro Radio Fund. You can find them in the tract rack on the wall in the hallway.

**Congregational Devotional Project Reminder!** We hope you are starting to write your devotionals for 8th Reformed Church by the 8th Reformed people! All ages are invited to give their input to make a new daily devotional in the coming year. You may submit something short or long, a poem, a song, or a truth from God's word couldn't go wrong! You may submit as many devotionals as you like! Please put them in Sue Tacoma's mailbox or send to her email at [sktacoma@yahoo.com](mailto:sktacoma@yahoo.com). We would like your entries submitted by the end of this year, if possible, so that the devotional can be printed and distributed sometime next spring. Please attach your name to anything you submit. If you have any questions, see Sandy Workman, Mary Roelofs, or Sally Herrema.

**Hymn Requests:** If you have a special song you would like sung during worship, please write down the name and number (preferably from our hymnal) and drop it in the black mailbox across from the church office.

**Our Monthly Missionary:** Please pray for Hannah Kummer as she serves as a social worker with Mediterranean Hope, a ministry of the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy (FCEI). She helps migrants and refugees in Italy and beyond and mobilizes the church and community to welcome sojourners.

**Important Information Regarding Church Cancellations:** In the event that Eighth decides to cancel services and/or activities, please tune your TV to Channels 8 (WOOD) or 13 (WZZM), check your email for a Prayer Chain announcement, or go to Eighth Reformed's Facebook page. If you can't access any of this information, call either your elder or deacon on your Care Team and they will know. (To sign up for the Prayer Chain, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or call the church office.)

### **Prayer Concerns and Praises**

❖ Betty Holmes is at Life Care Center in Plainwell.

- ❖ Pastor Harry and Beth's friend, Carl Ahlquist, who is in prison, is having some urinary tract challenges. He does not have many he can share his concerns with, so we're asking you to be his prayer partners. He would also enjoy some encouraging cards if you feel led to send one:

Carl Ahlquist #189181  
Jackson Cooper Street Facility  
3100 Cooper St.  
Jackson, MI 49201

- ❖ Mel VanderWest and Don Wynalda are under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Joe VanBeek's wife, Pam, (Optalis Health, 2320 East Beltline Ave. SE, Room 508, Grand Rapids, MI 49546) and Heath Misiak (Cathy's son).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Ariea Bosman and Darlene Cimochowicz.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Tom Beaty, Ron Engels, Ron & Jenny Benedict, Judy Wynalda, Arvilla DeVries, John Stapel, Brian Herweyer (Tim Tacoma's brother-in-law), Donna Miller (Rick Miller's mom), Bob Dickerson (Pastor Mark & Judy Bergsma's son-in-law, Adam's, father), Elaine Yskes (Pastor Mark & Judy Bergsma's son-in-law, Josh's, mother), Lorraine Strating, Jim VerStrate, Tom Noble (Keith Warren's friend), Robert DeYoung, Brenda VanBeek (Joe VanBeek's sister), and Kathy Misiak.

### **Notes of Appreciation**

A heartfelt thank you for the many beautiful birthday cards and Christmas cards we received at this special time of year. We'd also like to thank everyone who came out for our Malawi Mission Trip "question & answer" time on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Your prayers, interest, and support strengthen this ministry in ways only God can measure.

~Howard & Peg Potter

Dear Church Family, A big thank you to you and the Deacons for a most generous Christmas Gift. WOW it is very much appreciated. And thank you for all the cards, gifts, prayers and words of support and encouragement we received. We feel so blessed to be privileged to be your under-shepherd at this time. We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2026. We look forward to worshiping and serving Him, whose birth we are celebrating, together here at 8th Reformed.

~Thanks again, Pastor Harry & Beth

Thank you to everyone who remembered my birthday with cards and wishes. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me.

~Pat Warren

Thanks so much to my church family for all the prayers, cards, calls and food I received following my recent surgery. I am blessed by your kindness.

~John Stapel

Thank you for all the Christmas cards and other expressions of joy and celebration during the Christmas season! It is such a blessing to belong to be a part of this wonderful family of God.

~Harvey and Cheryl Hertz

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone at 8<sup>th</sup> Reformed Church for your incredible support during our Christmas celebration. Your generosity, hospitality and willingness to serve made this event truly exceptional! Your building and kindness created a warm and welcoming space for our 20 volunteers and all of the families we served. We absolutely could not have pulled off an event of this size at the pantry – you made it possible! Thank you for embodying the Spirit of Christmas and helping us share dignity, joy, and hope with our community.

~Kristine, Yadisa, and everyone at Family Network of Wyoming