

Eighth Reformed Church

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HAPPY
New Year

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

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.

† Eighth Reformed Church †
Sunday, January 4, 2026 - 9:30 am
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 139

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Opening Prayer

Special Music: Steve Chaffee, Marcia VanEeuwen

Jesus Will Outshine Them All, Precious Memories

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Preparation # 686

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Scripture: Psalm 23 (page 787)

John 10:27-30 (page 1528)

John 17:1-5 (page 1539)

Message: “Forever People”

*Hymn of Response # 690

He Leadeth Me

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 811 (vs. 1)

Another Year Is Dawning

Postlude

There Is a Redeemer

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this first Lord's Day of 2026. As we step into a brand-new year, we do so with hearts full of gratitude for the victories, challenges, prayers answered, and lessons learned. Through it all, God proved faithful. We look forward to a new year filled with His continued blessings, provision, and faithfulness in our lives.

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.

This Week's Events

Today:

9:30 a.m. Worship, followed by coffee in the Narthex.

11:00 a.m. Pastor Harvey's Sunday School.
Young People's Sunday School.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study (see announcement).

Wednesday:

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

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

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 *Sound:* Scott Diekman

Radio: Beth Koops

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Mel Disselkoen, Larry Palma

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee&Cookie Donators/Servers: Amanda Heyboer

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Terry Grooters

Greeters: *North door:* Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Doug VanderMeer

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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.

♪ **A Note of Thanks** to Steve Chaffee and Marcia VanEeuwen for blessing us with their special music this morning.

Coffee Fellowship Time will be held in the Narthex this morning.

Pastor Harvey's Sunday School Class will resume this morning at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The topic is Creation/Evolution: The Human Body.

Thank You! The deacons want to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas offering for Voice of the Martyrs. We collected \$5,284.

Monday Bible Study: Men and women of Eighth are invited to a Bible Study on the gospel of John. The gospel of John is very vital to the teachings of Jesus and scribes the various conflicts he had with the legalistic Pharisees. It's also very basic reading for new Christians. Join us each Monday at 1 p.m., beginning tomorrow, January 5th.

A Hearing Loop System was recently installed in the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid or implant, you likely have a feature known as telecoil or T-coil in it. It acts like a special antenna that picks up sounds directly from certain sound systems. Voices will transmit straight into your hearing aids, resulting in clearer and more focused sound by simply switching to the T-coil program on your hearing aid or cochlear implant. Receivers with headphones are available for people to use if they don't have hearing aids, or if their hearing aid does not have a T-coil in it. See Scott Diekman if you would like to try one out.

Clarification on 8th Reformed Devotional: Thank you to those who have already submitted something you wrote for the new 8th Reformed Devotional! We can still use many more devotional-type stories, poems, or things you've learned from God. These are to be original stories or thoughts written by you and not from another devotional book or something you saw online. We hope to encourage one another from what we have learned or experienced in our lives that God has taught us. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Workman, Mary Roelofs, Sally Herrema, or Sue Tacoma.

Mitten Tree Donations:



With grateful hearts, Kathy Misiak and Linda Stolk would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to our Mitten Tree. Wyoming Family Network was thrilled to receive the warm items which will be shared with families in the community. Thank you for spreading Christ's love in such a practical way.

Attention Choir Members: We will sing next Sunday morning, January 11th, so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to warm up.

Dear Congregation, Only one week left to submit names for elder (1) and deacon (1) positions, both 3-year-terms. As you pray over possible nominees, 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 next Sunday, January 11th. 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).

Our Daily Bread Devotionals for January-March have arrived and are located on the small table in the Narthex.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Blaine and Kathleen Newhouse as they serve at the English Language Congregation (ELC) of the Kingdom of Bahrain, a church planted by the RCA in 1893. The ELC is a depiction of the Acts 2 church in action with roughly 1,000 believers from over 50 countries. Blaine is the senior pastor there and Kathleen teaches at Al Raja School.

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

- ❖ Rick Miller's mom, Donna Miller, is receiving Hospice Care at home as of Friday, December 26th.
- ❖ Terry Grooters was admitted to the hospital last Sunday, Dec. 28th, with Covid, influenza and dehydration. He returned home on Tuesday and is doing much better.
- ❖ Julie Aman will begin immunotherapy treatments on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, due to the cancer that was found in her kidney.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest and Don Wynalda are under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Larry Rudnik and Keith Warren's sister, Barb Eash (16490 Plank Rd., Hudson MI 49247).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett and Ron Lankheet.

❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Tom Beaty, Ron Engels, Ron & Jenny Benedict, Judy Wynalda, Betty Holmes, Arvilla DeVries, Brian Herweyer (Tim Tacoma's brother-in-law), 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

Thank you, Eighth Church, for remembering me at this special time of year. The gift bag filled with many cards and treats that was delivered to me at Sunset was very much appreciated.

~Bob Yonkers

Thank you to my church family for all the birthday cards I received. And thank you for your continued prayers for my mom.

~Rick Miller

We are so grateful for the many beautiful Christmas cards from our church family, and for the generous gift from our deacons. Your love and encouragement are a blessing.

~Pastor Garrett & Lavona Sweeney and Family

To My Friends at Church, Thank you for the cards and visits from all of you and for your prayers. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

~Marve Nyenhuis

A big "thank you" to our 8th Church family for all the beautiful cards and notes this Christmas season. Thanks also to the deacons for the wonderful gift. We are so blessed to be a part of the family! What a wonderful Christmas it was to enjoy with you!

~Pastor Mark & Judy Bergsma

Thank you, 8th Church for the cards, phone calls and prayers while I was sick. They were very much appreciated. ~Terry Grooters

We greatly appreciate all the prayers from our church family. 8th Church has many powerful prayer warriors, and we are truly blessed to be on the receiving end. ~Ron & Jenny Benedict