

† **Eighth Reformed Church** †
Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship # 298

*Opening Hymn # 300

All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Opening Prayer

Choir

All Hail Immanuel

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 297

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Scripture: Luke 19:28-45 (page 1497)

Message: “The Day of Palms and Tears”

*Hymn of Response # 295

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 301

We Will Glorify

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this joyous Palm Sunday. Let us be in the same spirit as those who shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 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 & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

11:00 a.m. Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall.
No choir rehearsal.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

Wednesday:

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

6:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study.

Thursday:

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service.

Friday: Good Friday.

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Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Mark Bergsma

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Shirley Lohman

Song Leader: Pete Rusticus

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Doug VanderMeer

West exit: Pete Rusticus

Organ exit: Pastor Mark Bergsma

Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Beth Koops

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Bud Roerig

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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. you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall across from the Church Office. Thank you.

Today's Sunday School Class: This morning, we are delighted to welcome Amy West, one of our newer attendees, as she shares about her recent trip to Guatemala. We encourage you to join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall downstairs to hear about her experience and what God is doing there.

Attention Choir Members: There is no 11 a.m. choir practice today. We will sing on Maundy Thursday so please arrive by 6:30 p.m. to warm up. We will also sing next Sunday, so we'll see you at 8:45 a.m. on Easter morning!

Maundy Thursday Service: This Thursday, April 2nd, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. to remember the suffering and death of our Lord and share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.



Easter Sunday: Come worship with us next Sunday, April 5th, at 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We look forward to this uplifting service of praise and celebration!

Nursery News: Starting on Easter Sunday we will begin offering nursery care downstairs during worship. We're grateful for this opportunity to serve young families, and we ask that you spread the word and pray that God will lead more families with little ones to come visit Eighth and feel at home here.

Women's Bible Study Friends: Please note that our April meeting has been moved from Wednesday, April 15th, to Thursday, April 16th – same time, same place.

LADIES! YOU ARE INVITED to our Ladies Spring Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 24th, at 12:30 p.m. Our program will be presented by our very own Hat Lady, Wilma Quist. We invite you to wear your most fabulous hat, fancy or not, big or small, to add elegance to our luncheon. Come for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Hats are optional. The yellow sign-up sheets are in the hallway through Sunday, April 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Diekman, 616-827-1349, Julie Aman, 616-258-3792, or Diane Maitner, 616-481-6486.

Free Books & VHS Tapes: The Library Committee is doing some spring cleaning so for the next couple of weeks, there will be a table downstairs in the Fellowship Hall with free books and VHS tapes. Help yourself!

Upcoming Musical Events at Eighth:

♪ **Music Appreciation Sunday:** Join us on Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate the musical gifts God has blessed us with here. From solos and duets to instrumental offerings and congregational singing, we are grateful for the talent and devotion that fills our place of worship.

♪ **Memorial Day Hymn Sing:** Mark your calendar for this annual Christian patriotic celebration Sunday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. RJ and Marian Poel will organize and MC this special service.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather as they continue to serve in East Africa, through RECONCILE, for almost 2 decades now. RECONCILE is a South Sudanese Christian organization committed to peacebuilding, and trains grassroots leaders in refugee camps, equipping them with tools for conflict transformation and trauma recovery.

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

We extend our condolences to Mel Koetsier in the passing away of his only sibling, Ken Koetsier, on Wednesday, March 18th. We also express our sympathies to Tom Larink who is a cousin to Mel and Ken. A visitation was held locally this past Thursday and his funeral service will be held at a later date in Clarklake, MI.

May our God of peace and comfort bring healing in the midst of sorrow to Mel, Tom, and Ken's family.

- ❖ Barb Engels is experiencing foot problems while in Florida. She had an MRI on Thursday and is requesting prayer that surgery will not be necessary.
- ❖ Mark Davis, Pastor Howard's son, has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments.
- ❖ Mark Kerkstra, Paul Kerkstra's son, has also been diagnosed with cancer and will have surgery on April 21st.
- ❖ Bob Yonkers, Cindi Ralph & Deb Jacobson's father, has been placed on a new medication following his recent echocardiogram. In two weeks he will have an electrocardiogram to help determine how his heart is responding. The family is grateful for all the prayers and concerns from their 8th Church family.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.

- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember David Shaver (David Shaver's father) and Michelle Strating (daughter-in-law of Dick & Lorraine Strating).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Bob Noteboom and Ariea Bosman.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Ruth Tacoma, Shane Sweeney, Brian (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Ruth (Phil Doornbos' sister), Cindi Ralph, Doug Peuler, Betty Holmes, Mel Miller (Rick Miller's brother), Ron Engels, Lorraine Strating, and Ron & Jenny Benedict.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the many birthday wishes and all the beautiful cards.
~Kathy DeRuiter

Thank you for the birthday cards, and the prayers and cards for Ruth's surgery. It means so much to be part of a loving family.
~Bill & Ruth Tacoma



One Day

*One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be;
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men, my example is He!*

*Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me,
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever:
One day He's coming - O glorious day!*