

Eighth Reformed Church

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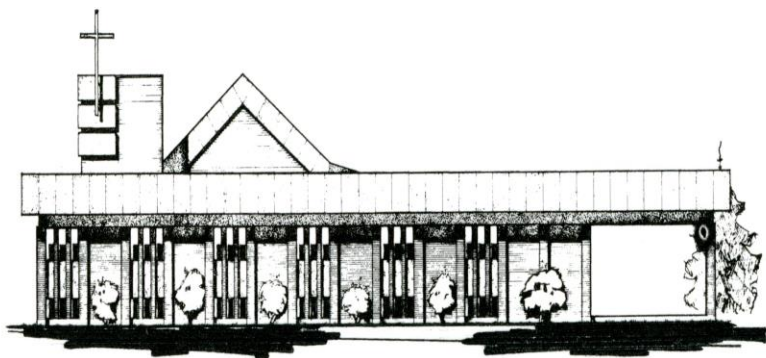
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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.

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August 9, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 348 (vs. 1,2,4,5)

My Savior's Love

*Opening Prayer

Special Music: Aaron Cook

Come, Jesus, Come

Welcome New Members: Linda Doughty, Howard & Peggy Potter

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 528 (vs. 1,2,3)

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Scripture: Judges 14 (page 360)

Message: "Sometimes I Forget I am a Nazirite"

*Hymn of Response # 577

In Times Like These

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 520 (vs. 1) *The Longer I Serve Him*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this Lord’s Day. What an encouragement it is to have you with us. Our prayer is that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. If you are visiting with us, 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 (nursery provided), followed by
 Sundae Sunday in the Fellowship Hall
 downstairs.
- Tuesday:**
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

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Pianist: Marilee Takken

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Pastor Harry

West exit: Doug VanderMeer

Organ exit: Pete Rusticus

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: Jodi Bultema

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Larry Roelofs

Nursery: Marsa Barclay, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Beth Koops

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Jeff VanMeekeren, Shannon Wagoner

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Coffee & Cookies: It's Sundae Sunday!!

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Coffee & Cookies: Amy West (donate & serve)

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. Thank you.

♪ **A Note of Thanks** to Aaron Cook for blessing our hearts with his musical gifts this morning.

New Members: It is a joy and a privilege to welcome new members into our church family today. **Linda Doughty** comes to us by way of transfer from Grace Church (formerly Faith Reformed) and **Howard and Peggy Potter** come to us by way of transfer from Faith Presbyterian Church in Grandville. Our prayer is that we can be a blessing to you and you to us as we worship our Heavenly Father and use our gifts to serve Him. We are excited that you chose Eighth Reformed to be your new church home.

It's Sundae Sunday! Following worship, everyone is invited to head downstairs and enjoy a build-your-own ice cream sundae. Choose your favorite toppings, spend time visiting with friends, and welcome new faces as we share fellowship together. There is no cost – just come and enjoy!

Consistory Note: Due to chronic health issues, Larry Rudnik is stepping down as Chair of the Deacon Board. Marj Hendges will assume that responsibility. Marj was serving as Clerk of the Deacon Board, which Linda Stolk will now undertake. Thank you for keeping your church leaders in prayer.

Mark Your Calendars: Coffee & Donuts will begin Wednesday, September 2nd and our Fall Kick-Off Sunday is September 13th, when we will celebrate a new season of opportunities here at 8th!

Pastor Harry & Beth are leaving this Saturday, August 15th for Camp Maranatha, followed by time with family in Canada. They will return on August 25th. If you have a question or concern, please reach out to your Care Group elder or deacon. Any requests for the Prayer Chain should be directed to Marilee, 616-481-6216.

Diaper Dash Challenge: During the month of August we are collecting diapers to support parents in our community through Alpha Grand Rapids. All sizes are welcome, especially sizes 5 and larger. Please leave donations in the play pen located in the coat room across from the library. After just the first week, our playpen is already full, so our new goal is to fill the entire coat room! Thank you to those who have already contributed. Your generosity is a blessing to families in need.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Justin and Stephanie Meyers as he serves as Director of the Al Amana Centre in Oman and she serves as Manager of Data, Monitoring, and Evaluation. Together, they work to create a safe, hospitable space for both Christians and Muslims to share scripture, fellowship, meals, and friendship. By doing so, they can live in peace within their communities.

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

- ❖ Marceille Martinez had open heart surgery last Monday at Fred & Lena Meijer Heart Center. The procedure went well and she continues to recover there.
- ❖ Jan Higley's eye surgery went well this past Tuesday.

- ❖ Ford & Pat Berghorst, friends of Larry & Mary Roelofs, were in a car accident on Wednesday, July 29th. Both were admitted to Holland Hospital with multiple broken bones. They have since been transferred to Mary Free Bed where they are receiving therapy and continuing their recovery.
- ❖ Mark Davis, Pastor Howard's son, is currently at Trinity Health Hospital in Muskegon Heights.
- ❖ Betty Holmes was removed from Hospice Care last weekend and is now back to receiving Paliative Care. However, on Tuesday she fell and was admitted to ICU at Trinity Health Hospital.
- ❖ Lorraine Strating and Al Koetje (Sue Tacoma's father) are under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert's granddaughter), Barb Eash (Keith Warren's sister), and Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine's daughter-in-law).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett, Robert DeYoung, and Fran Schuiling.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Linda Rusticus, Larry Rudnik, Linda Rose, Brian Bruxvoort, Brett Roberts, Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Ron & Barb Engels, Darlene Cimochowicz, Jim VerStrate, Terry Pepper, and Shane Sweeney.

Notes of Appreciation

I want to thank the congregation for all the cards I received for my birthday. I am truly blessed by all of you. Thank you again so much.

~Sally Herrema

Thank you, my friends, for the many cards I received for my 80th birthday, in which all of these years were praising Jesus Christ my Savior, at 8th Reformed Church. ~Carol Boelema Disselkoen

To my dear friends of 8th, Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness during this difficult time. My pain has been temporarily relieved and we can now consider a couple of recommendations for a permanent solution. Your continued prayers are appreciated. ~Sincerely, Larry Rudnik

Thank you to everyone to who reached out with cards, prayers, and encouragement during my recent hospitalization. Your love lifted my spirits and reminded me how blessed I am to be part of such a loving church family. ~Julie Aman

Wow, it has been quite the journey. The doctors first thought my sickness was bronchitis, then pneumonia, and eventually discovered it was fluid on my lungs. While I was in the hospital, they drained a liter and a half of fluid. The great news is that it wasn't cancer. Praise God! Now we move forward to see what treatment I'll need, as whatever attacked my white blood cells ended up settling in my lungs. I did a lot of praying and held on to the verse: "Be still, and know that I am God." Some of my favorite hymns carried me through these rough days: "I know Who holds tomorrow and I know Who holds my hand" and "Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God." The poem *Footprints* also came to mind. When the journey was hardest, there was only one set of footprints because He carried me. But then He said, "Dee, I'm going to put you down so you can walk. I'll hold your hand and let's walk together." That's when there were two sets of footprints again. God is so good. Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits. Reading every card was such a joy, especially the ones with glitter and sparkle. (If you know me, you know glitter and sparkle make me happy!) I still read them every day. A special thank you to Pastor Harry and Pastor Mark for their visits. Thank you to 8th Reformed for everything you always do. I love you all!

~In Christian Love, Dee Diekman