

Eighth Reformed Church

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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 †
August 16, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 492

At Calvary

*Opening Prayer

Special Music: Keith Warren *Just as I Am, Be Thou My Vision*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 327

The Old Rugged Cross

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:11 (page 1628)

Message: “Today, What We Are”

*Hymn of Response # 343

Amazing Grace

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 Coffee & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Garrett Sweeney

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Marilee Takken

Song Leader: Pete Rusticus

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Pete Rusticus

West exit: Pastor Garrett

Organ exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart *Parking Lot Guard:* Larry Roelofs

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Fred Hiemstra

Nursery: Sue Luyk, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Jeff VanMeekeren, Shannon Wagoner

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Amy West (donate & serve)

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Mark Bergsma

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Tim Tacoma

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

West exit: Tim Tacoma

Organ exit: Pastor Mark

Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker

Parking Lot Guard: Larry Roelofs

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Fred Hiemstra

Nursery: Mary Brooks, Sue Tacoma

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Jeff VanMeekeren, Shannon Wagoner

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Judy Bergsma

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 Keith Warren for sharing his ministry of music with us this morning.

Sundae Sunday was a delicious success last week! Thank you to the “Ice Cream Team” for making our Fellowship Time so sweet! We scooped, sprinkled, and drizzled...and enjoyed every wonderful sticky minute of it!

Pastor Harry & Beth are currently at Camp Maranatha, followed by a trip to Canada to visit family. 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.

Missionary Visit: On Sunday, August 30th, we welcome Stefan & Jenny Bacioiu, and their twins, Eli & Ellie, to 8th. They live in Atlanta but will be moving to Romania in September. Please join us during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall while you enjoy coffee and cookies.



Fall Kick-Off: Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13th, as Eighth Reformed celebrates a new season of opportunities. Following morning worship, everyone is invited downstairs to share in a time of fellowship and a delicious meal. Everything will be provided, just bring yourself! Please RSVP on the GOLD sign-up sheets in the hallway.

Diaper Dash: 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.

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

We express our condolences to Tim & Sue Tacoma and their family in the passing away of Sue's father, Al Koetje, on Wednesday. His funeral will be held at MKD Funeral Home in Grandville on Friday, August 21, 11:00 a.m. Family visitation will begin one hour prior to the service at 10:00 a.m.

We celebrate Al's going home and pray for God's comfort for the family and all who will miss him.

- ❖ Marceille Martinez continues to recover from her open heart surgery.
- ❖ Amanda Heyboer was assaulted by a patient on August 5th and sustained injuries to her shoulder, neck and ribs. (Amanda is an EMT.)

- ❖ Ford & Pat Berghorst, friends of Larry & Mary Roelofs, were able to return home from Mary Free Bed on Wednesday.
- ❖ Tim Takken was admitted to Zeeland Hospital on Saturday, August 8th, and was treated for sepsis caused by pneumonia. He returned home this past Tuesday where he continues to recover.
- ❖ Mark Davis, Pastor Howard's son, was recently diagnosed with two tumors on his brain. He was discharged from Trinity Health Hospital in Muskegon Heights on Thursday and returned home on Hospice Care.
- ❖ Betty Holmes continues to receive care at Trinity Health Hospital.
- ❖ Lorraine Strating remains under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Heath Misiak (Kathy's son), Tim See (Marty Riemersma's son-in-law), and David Shaver (Dave Shaver's father).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Gladys Kessel and Roger Simmons.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Larry Rudnik, Linda Rose, Brett Roberts, Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Ron & Barb Engels, Darlene Cimochoicz, Jim VerStrate, and Terry Pepper.

God hears our prayers ♥

Psalm 116:1

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the many birthday cards I received. I was overwhelmed – in the best way – by the number of cards and how special each one made me feel. I am blessed to be part of such a loving church family.
~Linda Stolk

Recognizing our recent anniversary highlighted the many blessings we have enjoyed together and with our church friends. Thank you for all your sweet cards. We appreciated them so much.
~Maury & Dorothy Cheadle

Thanks for all the lovely cards wishing us a happy anniversary. We'll be celebrating it after Kim gets back to Japan on August 18th.
~Warmly in Christ, Kim and Masato Endo

To my wonderful and caring church family, Thank you all for your thoughts, cards, and prayers during my out-of-the-blue hospital stay last week. I could feel your support making a difference. Special thanks to Pastor Harry & Beth and to Doug VanderMeer for their visits. Thank you again.
~As Always, Your Favorite Secretary's Husband

I am truly blessed by all the cards I received for my birthday. Thank you very much.
~Sandy VerStrate

Many thanks to friends of Eighth Church for the birthday cards and wishes. Each one was a special blessing!
~Cheryl Schellenberg

Brian Bruxvoort would like express his sincere appreciation to the Eighth Reformed Church congregation for your prayers and support as he underwent prostate surgery. He has returned home to Alaska and is working half days as he continues to recover.