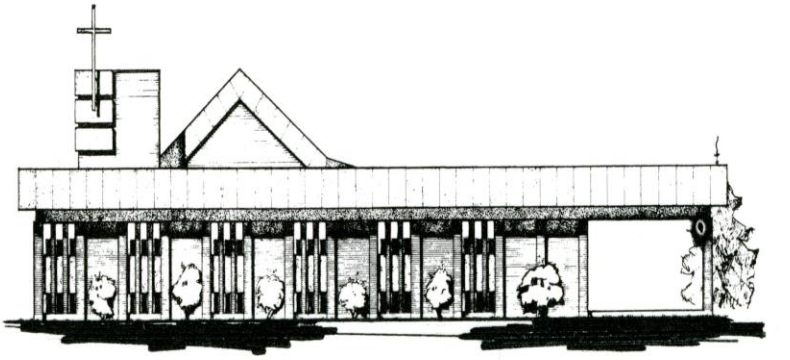
Eighth Reformed Church

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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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November 8, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 648 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Opening Prayer

Choir *What a Precious Friend is He*

Prayers of the People and *The Lord's Prayer*

*Hymn of Preparation # 730 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7 (page 1748)

Message: "Cold Love"

*Hymn of Response # 767 (vs. 1,2,5,6) *For All the Saints*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 349 (vs. 1) *O How He Loves You and Me*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

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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.

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This Week's Events

Today:

9:30 a.m. Worship (nursery provided), followed by Fellowship Time downstairs.

11:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal.
Young people's Sunday School.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Choir Room.

6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting.

Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Wednesday:

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

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops
Organist: Paul Kerkstra *Pianist*: Marilee Takken
Song Leader: Tim Tacoma *Trumpet:* David Ellis
Pre-Service Greeters: *North door*: Fred Diekman
Organ door: Todd Riemersma
Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Pete Rusticus
West exit: Pastor Harry
Organ exit: Jeff VanMeekeren
Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart *Parking Lot Guard*: Jodi Bultema
Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Larry Roelofs
Nursery: Marsa Barclay, Sharon Bowen
Radio: Kevin VanHeukelom *Sound:* Scott Diekman
YouTube: Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer
Praying with Pastor: Pete Rusticus, Marj Hendges
Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs
Coffee & Cookies: Linda Elzinga

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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. Thank you.

What a joyous 135th Anniversary Celebration it was!! We cannot begin to thank everyone who played a part in making the worship service and fellowship dinner such a meaningful and memorable event last Sunday. It takes many hands and willing hearts to bring a special occasion like this together. Whether you worked behind the scenes or joined us in celebrating, your support and participation were greatly appreciated…THANK YOU. As an added bonus, the new chairs in the Fellowship Hall received rave reviews for being both comfortable and sturdy. A big thanks to those who made it happen on Saturday. It was an unforgettable Lord's day. God was truly among us, showering us with His grace and abundant blessings!

Special thanks to all who played a part in creating our new church directory. Whether your contribution was large or small, we thank you for sharing your time and talents to make this beautiful, valuable resource possible.

Exciting news: Our new directory is now available in print and electronically! You can find the printed copy in your church mailbox and you can access our directory via the Instant Church Directory app as well. Download the "Instant Church Directory" app from whatever app store you use. Eighth Church must have your email address listed in the directory for you to be able to sign into the app. So, if you are not able to sign in, email the church at 8threformed@gmail.com and we will add you. The first time you log in, you will receive a secure sign-in link sent to your email address. From then on, you will just have to open the app with no password required. You can find detailed instructions on the tables in the hallway and downstairs. Within the app, you can view each person listed in the directory, get directions to their address, dial the phone number listed, send an email to them, and see anniversaries and birthdays. There is also a link directly to the church's website. It's a one-stop shop for info. on Eighth Church!

Church History Display: If you didn't get a chance to look at some historical items from Eighth Church last week, they are still displayed near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall downstairs today.

New Directory Update: Under Jim & Sandy VerStrate's address, please change the street name from "Elmwood" to "Elwood" (no "m"). We apologize for this inconvenience.

A Special Offering will be received next Sunday, November 15th, for Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM). Following worship, Joshua Harrison, a representative from ASM, will speak during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall and share about the work of this ministry.

Women's Christmas Tea: All ladies are invited to our annual Christmas Tea on Friday, December 4th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (see insert). Green sign-up sheets to attend the tea are now available in the hallway through November 22nd. Bring a friend, neighbor, sister, daughter, or relative and enjoy this special time together as we celebrate the Christmas season.

Veteran's Day, November 11th: Whether at home or abroad, active duty, reserves, or retired, we thank all veterans for their bravery, selfless service, and sacrifices. "Greater love has no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Lost & Found: Please check the coat room across from the library to see if any of the following items belong to you: 2 insulated beverage holders, a cooler without a lid, reading glasses or jewelry. Unclaimed items will be donated after November 15th.

Winter Coat Drive: Winter coats are definitely a necessity for Michiganders, and not everyone has a coat. So from November 15th through December 12th, we will once again collect gently used and new winter coats for Alpha of Grand Rapids. There will be a box in the narthex to collect your donations. Thank you for your support.

Lift/Valet Help Needed: We are looking for two volunteers to assist with the lift and valet parking once a month, before and after morning worship. The lift is very easy to operate and training will be provided. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please see Jodi Bultema.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Rev. Daniel Schipper and his family as he serves as a teacher at Mukhanyo Theological College in South Africa. His goal is to equip pastors and other Christians through faithful, biblical education. He also preaches at a small church plant made up of college students and community members.

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 Dave & Tina Shaver in the passing away of Dave's uncle, Joe Shaver, on Friday, Oct. 30th. The funeral will be held this Friday, the 13th, at 2:00 p.m. at Simple Traditions Funeral Home, 3131 S. Division Ave. in Wyoming, with family visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Please pray for God to comfort David, Tina and their family during this season of loss and grief.

- ❖ Ron Oostdyk suffered a stroke on Monday and was admitted to Butterworth Hospital. He has since been transferred to Mary Free Bed for continued care and rehabilitation.

- ❖ Jeff VanMeekeren's mom was recently diagnosed with stage 1 pancreatic cancer.

- ❖ Jake VanderHart is scheduled to undergo a biopsy on his lymph nodes tomorrow, Novermber 9th.

- ❖ Laura VanHeest has moved from her condo to Cambridge Manor and is finding the transition confusing and challenging. Please consider sending a card of encouragment to her at:

  Cambridge Manor - South
  151 Port Sheldon Rd. SW, #6
  Grandville, MI 49418
  (Please make this address change in your new directory.)

- ❖ Marcia VanEeuwen's 2-year-old grandson, Augustin Noto, is scheduled to have surgery on his eyelid this Friday in Philadelphia.

- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert's granddaughter), Helen Shaver (Dave & Tina's niece), and Barb Eash (Keith Warren's sister).

- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility. This week we remember Robert DeYoung and Fran Schuiling.

- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Marv VanDyke (Marj Hendges' brother), Jenny (Peggy Potter's cousin's daughter), Larry Lubben, Jenny Benedict, Cal Lohman, Faye Werkema, Sherry Butterfield, Larry Rudnik, Janet Bair (Jethro listener), Mark Kroft, Brianna (Tom Campbell & Carol VanWyk's granddaughter), Tina Shaver and Marceille Martinez.

Notes of Appreciation

Family Network of Wyoming would like to say a special thank you to the Eighth Reformed congregation for your very generous food donations. Your kindness and generosity make a meaningful difference in our community. We appreciate your support.

Thank you to my church family for the many beautiful cards I received for my birthday. ~Kay DeVries

Dear Congregation, Thank you for all your love, kindness, support and encouragement extended to us not just during Pastor Appreciation Month but all year round. We feel so blessed and thank God for the privilege of being your Undershepherd during this time. May God continue to bless and guide us as we serve Him together. Grace and Peace. ~Pastor Harry and Beth

We were so blessed by all the cards and well wishes we received on our anniversary! Thank you for celebrating it with us and making it all the more special! ~Doug & Danielle Wagenmaker

Thanks to everyone for all the birthday cards. They were very much appreciated. ~Dick Strating