

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church**  
**March 8, 2026**  
**Rev. Luke Baehr**

*God of healing and salvation, turn my eyes away from my troubles and set my focus on you — first, for this time of worship, and even in the days ahead.*

**Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Praise**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
How Great Thou Art  
King of Kings*

**Prayer of Confession**  
**Assurance of Pardon**  
**Welcome & Peace**  
**Refrain of Thanks**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

Matthew 15:1-20

**Sermon**     *"Pitfalls of Church People: Tending Traditions"*

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of the Church**

**GOD SENDS US OUT**

**\*Sending Song**

*#382 Be Thou My Vision (1,3,4)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology**

**Next Week's Scripture:** Mark 1:4-11

**Those Serving Today**

**Organist:** Darlyn DeYoung

**Nursery:** Jessica Spors

**Kids Church – TODAY**

**Leader:** Lydia VanBuren

**Helper:** Tessa Reed & Emma Grieger

**Coffee Hour**

Denis & Diane Homan

**Those Serving Next Sunday**

**Kids Church – March 15**

**Leader:** Annika Reed

**Helper:** Abigail Stiemsma & Vince Reed

**Coffee Hour – March 15**

Sam & Kim Wilcox

**Sunday School**

Sunday School will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m. ALL children from 3 yrs-12th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School.

**Today**

As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. We have gained time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.

**This Week's Activities**

**Monday, March 9**

**6:30 p.m.** – Elder's Meeting – Anyone wishing to request baptism, make Profession of Faith or join our church by transfer of membership is invited to attend.

**7:00 p.m.** – Consistory Meeting

**Tuesday, March 10**

**8:30 a.m.** – Mark Bible Study

**5:30 p.m.** – Lenten Soup Supper

Chicken Dumpling & Broccoli Cheddar

**6:30 p.m.** – Young Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 11**

**3:30 p.m.** – Catechism

**5:30 p.m.** – Galatians Bible Study

**Saturday, March 14**

**8:30 a.m.** – GriefShare

**Sunday, March 15**

**9:00 a.m.** – Morning Worship

Pianist: Darlene Minnema

Nursery: Tessa Reed

**Announcements**

**Baptism: KaeLynn Ann Wilcox** – Next Sunday, March 15, we are celebrating with Sam and Kim and the rest of the Wilcox family, as they bring their daughter, KaeLynn Ann, to receive the sacrament of baptism. Please remember to pray for KaeLynn and her family as they take this first step in KaeLynn's life with Christ.

**Worship at the Nursing Home** - Next Sunday, March 15, Pastor Luke will be leading worship at Randolph Health Services in the cafeteria at 2pm. Any who would like to spend time joining in worship with the residents is welcome to come.

*Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for coffee.*

**March Messenger** – The Messenger is available for pickup on the bulletin shelf in the narthex. Some of you may ask “What is the Messenger?” The Messenger contains all things pertaining to the church and our church family. There are news from Pastor Luke, Nursery, Kids Church schedules, Birthdays and Anniversaries, Thank You’s, future events and activities, Consistory news, Youth Group news, a monthly Bible reading, letters from our missionaries and the monthly calendar. Pick one up and check it out!!

**Resurrection Garden Order Forms** - If you would like to place a floral plant in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out the form and return to the mailbox marked FLOWERS along with your check made payable to First Reformed Church no later than Sunday March 22. Extra forms are available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

**East Friesland Hymn Sing** - Join us at New Covenant Church on TODAY at 6 pm for a Hymn Sing featuring Hymns for Him and others. This is our second fundraiser supporting our group's June trip to Panama. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. (N8879 E. Friesland Rd., Randolph)

**Calling All Bakers** – Our yearly Easter Cantata will be performed Palm Sunday; March 29 and we are looking for a dozen bars or cookies for fellowship time following the cantata.

**2026 Easter Cantata** - The Randolph Community Choir will be presenting "*Echoes of Easter: The Hope of the Cross*", an Easter musical, on Palm Sunday, March 29 at 6:00pm in our church. Please join us for a night of celebration! Following the presentation, we will have a coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

**Eat Pizza!! Support our Youth Group!** – Our youth group students (Cornerstone/RCYF) will be volunteering at the Beaver Dam Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, March 25 from 4:00-8:00pm. Cornerstone and RCYF will be volunteering their time and the money raised will go towards the summer mission trip and for transportation.

**5-Stones of Dodge County Community Event** – 5-stones of Dodge County will be presenting “*They Lost Their Lives to Sextortion...Don’t Lose Yours*” on Thursday March 26 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Beaver Dam High School (500 Gould Street, Beaver Dam). Join us for an informative evening on a difficult topic. Learn what sextortion is and how teens can fall prey to the schemes of online predators. Panel guests include John DeMay and Luke & Brittany Bird, who lost their sons to online predators, along with members of the WI Dept. of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Take action to inform and protect yourself or youth in your life! Parental discretion is advised. No child under 10 years old will be allowed. For more information check the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.