† Eighth Reformed Church †
135th Anniversary Celebration Service
November 1, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

*Opening Hymn # 401 (40th Anniversary Hymn – 1931)
The Church's One Foundation

Opening Prayer

Apostles' Creed (found inside back cover of the hymnal)

Choir *We've Come This Far By Faith*

Prayers of the People and *The Lord's Prayer* sung by Linda Wolfe

*Hymn of Preparation # 686 (75th Anniversary Hymn – 1966)
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Scripture: Hebrews 13:8 (page 1719)

Message: "God's Steadfast Faithfulness"

*Hymn of Response # 724 (50th Anniversary hymn – 1941)
Lead On, O King Eternal

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 584 (100th Anniversary Hymn – 1991)
Yesterday, Today, Forever

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

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Welcome!

Welcome to worship on this special Lord's Day! Today we rejoice as we celebrate the 135th Anniversary of Eighth Reformed Church. Through every season and every generation, God has remained faithful. We praise Him for His many blessings in the past, celebrate His presence with us today, and look forward with hope to all He has in store for the future. 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. Anniversary Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops
Organist: Paul Kerkstra *Pianist*: Linda Wolfe
Song Leader: Pete Rusticus *Trumpet:* David Ellis
Pre-Service Greeters: *North door*: Fred Diekman
Organ door: Todd Riemersma
Post-Service Greeters:
East exit: Pastor Harry and *Maddie DeYoung
West exit: Jeff VanMeekeren and *Jack DeYoung
Organ exit: Pete Rusticus & *Lilly and *Norah DeYoung
(* Anniversary pen distributors)
Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker *Parking Lot Guard*: Jodi Bultema
Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Larry Roelofs
Nursery: Deb Hoyle, Sharon Bowen
Radio: Beth Koops *Sound:* Scott Diekman
YouTube: Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer
Praying with Pastor: Pete Rusticus, Marj Hendges
Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs
Coffee & Cookies: Anniversary Dinner

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops
Organist: Paul Kerkstra *Pianist*: Marilee Takken
Song Leader: Tim Tacoma *Trumpet:* David Ellis
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Coffee & Cookies: Linda Elzinga

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.

Voting Brochures are available on the table near the library and downstairs. As faithful stewards of the responsibilities God has entrusted to us, let us prayerfully exercise our right to vote.

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. 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 information on Eighth Church! If you have any questions, please talk to Beth Koops.

Women's Christmas Tea: Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Tea which will be held on Friday, December 4th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. We are still looking for several women to host a table. Your responsibility would be to decorate your table, provide the table settings and interact with your guests. **If you would like to be a table hostess, please sign up on the RED sheet in the hallway.** Sign-up sheets to attend the tea will be out soon. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sally Herrema, 616-723-3516 or Willie Hiemstra, 616-322-8631.

Attention Choir Members: We will sing next Sunday, November 8th, so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to warm up.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Camron & Ashley Staal as they minister to the deaf community of the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf (CCCD). CCCD provides the deaf with accessible education, authentic community, and knowledge of the gospel through the operation of one deaf village and three residential schools for children who are deaf.

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 sympathies to Mel and Carol Disselkoen in the passing of Mel's brother, Al, on Wednesday, October 21st. A memorial service was held yesterday at First Baptist Church of Zeeland.

We pray for God's peace and comfort on the Disselkoen family and all who loved Al.

- Tom Campbell was admitted to Blodgett Hospital on Monday with low oxygen levels. He returned home on Wednesday where he continues his recovery.

- Dave Shaver's uncle, Joe Shaver, is at Blodgett Hospital dealing with kidney failure and going on Hospice Care.

- Marv VanDyke, Marj Hendges' brother, was transferred from Bronson Hospital to Mary Free Bed this past week.

- Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law) and Brett Roberts (Karen's son).

- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility. This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett and Darlene Cimochowicz.

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

Notes of Appreciation

Linda Rose would like to thank her church family for the love shown to her over the past few months following her surgery. She could definitely feel the prayers and deeply appreciated them, as well as the cards and get well wishes.

Thank you for the best wishes and cards I received for my birthday. ~Shirley Polderdyk

Our thanks to all who sent us such thoughtful cards as we celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary. ~Mary & Howard Davis

A heartfelt thank you from Lilly DeYoung to everyone who remembered her with many kind birthday cards. She had so much fun reading each one. Your birthday wishes made her day very special.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Galatians 5:22-23

Call to Worship

Leader: God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, is faithful.

People: He is a faithful Lord, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands.

Leader: His faithfulness reaches to the skies and continues throughout all generations on into eternity.

People: We therefore praise the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ in this assembly, saying, Great is Your Faithfulness! We will exalt and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things.

All:
Great is Your Faithfulness to us, O Lord, our God. Amen.

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