

The Lord’s Day – July 13, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Doug DeGroot

Prelude: *“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”, “His Eye is on the Sparrow” & “As We Gather”*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-4

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *“Just as I Am” & “My Life is in You Lord”*

Standard of Righteousness: Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon - 1John 1:8-10

*Song of Thanksgiving: Amazing Grace

At the time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-21

Sermon: Pass It On

*Song of Response: *“Jesus Loves Me This I Know”*

Prayer & Offering: Cornerstone Prison Church

*Benediction

*Doxology: *“Be Unto Your Name” vs 1*

*Postlude: *“Be Unto Your Name” vs 2*

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Combined Service at First Reformed Church

SERMON NOTES – July 13, 2025

“Pass It On”
Psalm 145:1-21

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Christ is in the business of meeting your need, but you may have to discover that your need is much greater than you ever imagined. You may have thought of your need very superficially; that somehow you could get your act together if the Lord could just put a few things in place for you. Very soon after, your act fell apart, and you thought this Christianity thing doesn't work. But it does work, and it works exactly when your act falls apart." - Jack Miller, in *"Saving Grace"*

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
 6:30 pm - Evening Worship

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

July 22 7:00 pm - Consistory

SWC CALENDAR NEWS:

Aug 21: First Day of School for the 2025-2026 school year

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dutch Festival Worship Service: Join us on Sunday evening, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Dutch Festival worship service at First Reformed. This year’s theme is “To All Generations,” drawn from Psalm 146. We will gather to sing a variety of Psalms and give praise to the Lord who reigns forever. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

The Council is pleased to announce that Clayton Blankers has accepted the position of Church Janitor. Clayton will begin working alongside Rod from mid-August until Rod’s retirement to learn the various tasks involved in this role. We extend our gratitude to Rod for his dedication to our church over the years and his willingness to assist Clayton during the transition period.

Plans are forming for the next Church Pantry Shower. We do not want to miss any brides/grooms, so if you have a son or daughter getting married this year, or who was married this past year and was not included in the last Pantry Shower, please contact Dana Huiskens.

Looking for a faithful way to serve our church? Our dedicated work group coordinators, Karen Fey and Gloria Roemeling, are stepping back from their roles and would love the opportunity to train the next coordinators. We deeply thank them for their commitment and contributions. We are now looking for new coordinators to step into these roles. If interested, please contact Karen or Gloria for more information.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration Packets for the 2025-2026 school year have gone out! Registration week at school will be held July 21-24. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, the office will be open from 8AM-12PM and Wednesday from 8AM- 6PM.

COMMUNITY & MISC

What if your next bike ride could help fight global hunger? That's the idea behind Ride to Renew (<https://worldrenew.ca/ride-to-renew>), a new cycling event from World Renew, the CRCNA's agency for sustainable community development and disaster response. From Nov. 1–9, 2025, 100 riders will bike across Florida—from Clearwater on the Gulf Coast to Canaveral National Seashore on the Atlantic Coast. It's a nine-day ride, nearly 300 miles long. And it's all for a cause that reaches far beyond the trail. Our goal is to support 1,500 farmers worldwide to help improve the lives of as many as 9,000 people through food security, resilience, and hope. Learn (<https://worldrenew.ca/food-security>) more about World Renew's holistic approach to food security. Visit Ride to Renew's homepage (<https://worldrenew.ca/ride-to-renew>) to get started.

World Renew Service Groups Now Open: The following sites are ready to accept teams, with housing in place (varied costs depending on location), with volunteer coordination and local assistance available. Contact Chris at cgibson@worldrenew.net with questions or to sign up! Western North Carolina (Hurricane Helene reconstruction); Sioux/Lyon Counties, Iowa (flood reconstruction); Spencer, Iowa (flood reconstruction); San Diego, California (flood reconstruction); Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Hurricane Ida reconstruction); Vermont (flood reconstruction); New Bern, North Carolina (Hurricane Florence reconstruction)

Edgebrook is looking for Country Store donations for the residents. The Country Store is used as an alternative for bingo candy. Listed are some ideas as to what can be donated: Lip balm, hand lotion (scented or unscented), slippers, non-skid socks, puzzle books (word search, crossword, Sudoku, large print), adult coloring books/colored pencils, playing cards/card games, calendars, notepads/pens and pretty Kleenex boxes.

You're invited to **Mid-America Reformed Seminary's annual Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference** on October 3-4, 2025! This year's theme is *Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism*, featuring pastors, church planters, and faculty from the Seminary. Come be encouraged and equipped, and register today at: midamerica.edu/cme/conference

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (October 13 - 24, 2025): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- July 13:

Nursery: **AM** – Thea N, Becky S, Ashley S, Ava B, Fallon B

PM- Combined at First Reformed

Valet: Duane VB

Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Dean E PM –

Video: Josi VH

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children’s Worship: Becky S & Max VH

Praise Team: Mark & Lori B, Kurt & Vonda T, Tadd & Erica P

Keyboard: Kaitlyn

NEXT WEEK- JULY 20:

Nursery: **AM** – Jackie W, Cindy S, Jody S, Victoria P, Jaycee K

PM- Kala T, Sally B, Hannah M, Cora B

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Corey S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Kirk/Justin

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children’s Worship: Kelly K & Jorja H

MISSIONARIES		
Margaret Njuguna En-Gedi Children’s Home, Kenya	Sos and Kara Maletougou Christian Reformed World Missions West Africa	Rev. William & Aletha Green Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed Churches, Costa Rica
A&K L. Global Serve International South East Asia		

CHURCH INFORMATION