

**1 Samuel 1:1-2:11**  
**Birth of the Kingdom**

**Main Point:** When we see how God's kingdom comes through weakness, it should move us to humility and hope in His strength alone.

**I. The Birth of God's Kingdom (1:1-28)**

*a. Born Out of Nothing*

*b. Born Out of Affliction & Prayer*

*c. Born Out of Ordinary Faithfulness*

**II. The Pattern of God's Kingdom (2:1-11)**

*a. God Gives Strength to the Feeble but Tears Down the Mighty*

*b. God Reigns through His (Humble) King*



**Faith Reformed**  
BOLDLY LIVING GOD'S WORD

**January 14, 2024**

Renee Rauwerdink

Prelude  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

**APPROACH TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship  
\*Song of Praise  
*Nothing but the Blood*  
\*Prayer of Praise

Psalm 95:1-6

**RENEWAL IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness 2 Cor. 5:21; Col 1:13-14  
\*Song of Assurance  
*My Worth is Not in What I Own*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reading  
Sermon  
The Sacrament of Communion

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

"Birth of the Kingdom"

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**RESPONSE TO GOD**

Offertory Prayer  
Song of Response "Alas & Did My Savior Bleed"  
\*Affirmation of Faith WLC Q. 42  
Congregational Prayer  
\*Benediction  
\*Doxology  
\*Postlude

Mary Holle

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\*Congregation standing if able

# FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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## Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

## Reflections

“Monarchy does not begin with Saul, but with this son of a woman whose womb Yahweh had closed; so the power of God is shown through one who was otherwise powerless” (David Firth, *1&2 Samuel*, 59).

“Hannah’s relief is a sample of the way Yahweh works and of the way he will work when he brings his kingdom in its fullness” (Dale Ralph Davis, *1 Samuel*, 25).

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If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. The Elder on Call for January is Carl Velzke (920-917-0902).

# Prayer Guide

## **Praises and Thanksgivings**

Jesus Resurrection  
Our living hope in Jesus

## **Petitions**

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb  
For people to hear the gospel hope  
A heart of submission to Christ  
Spiritual wisdom and discernment  
Commitment to be reading Scripture  
Discipline and courage to obey  
To be guided by Scripture, not culture  
Courage to stand firm for the gospel  
Our ministry in the PCA  
Pastor Zach Tarter  
Jon Damkot – Youth Director  
BJ Hilbelink – Pastoral Assistant  
Disciple making at Faith Reformed  
Spiritual revival  
Our government leaders  
Our youth to grow in Christ  
Those serving in the military  
The unity of Cedar Grove churches  
Those with addictions/in jail or prison  
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

## **Health**

Norm DeRuyter - the surgery to open up stents went well. Prayer that now the antibiotics will continue to get to the infection in his foot and heal it.  
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – back has been some better, continue to pray for healing  
Donna Caljouw –continued prayers as she continues to get treatment for her cancer  
Linda Dykstra – prayers as she learns how to deal with the scarring of her liver.  
Rich Dykstra – prayers as he is getting treatment for his prostate cancer  
Larry Wieberdink – all restrictions are lifted but stamina is still limited, and he tires easily.  
Edie Beernink – prayers as she received a smaller oxygen tank that will allow her to get around easier and prayers as the doctors try to figure out what is causing the problem.  
Don Schreurs – moved to Pine Haven Oostburg Campus – room 115 prayers as he continues with therapy

## **Shut-ins**

Wayne Navis  
Neil Bruggink  
Delores Droppers  
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

## **Mission & Outreach**

Frontiers – India Transformed`  
For our unchurched neighbors

## Schedule

### TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am

Sunday School – 10:30am

Tuesday – 1:00pm Care Connection  
- 6:30pm Session Meeting

Wednesday – 6:00 pm Connect  
- 6:30 pm Quest  
- 6:30 pm Prayer Group

Thursday – 1:00pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday – 1:30pm the wedding of Brett Mullikin & Brittany Teunissen

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

February 10 – Women's Conference at Faith

**Ushers for January:** Eric Meinnert, Jason Hopeman, Jim Wonser

**Nursery for January 14:** Hollie Obbink & Braelyn Meinen

**Nursery for January 21:** Kelly Dirkse & Anna Jerabek

**Refreshments for January:** Care Group #4 (Bonnie & Margie)

**Greeters January 14** - **Narthex:** Ben & Nicole Droppers Family  
- **Great Room:** Matt & Tanya Arentsen  
**Greeters January 21** – **Narthex:** Clint & Liz Eberspacher Family  
- **Great Room:** Matt & Macy Ewing Family

### **Serving in the Military:**

Jackson DeRuyter

\*Pray for all our troops serving around the world

## Family Life at Faith

**The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 30 families** at the January Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, February 8th. **Right now, we are low on cereal, canned vegetables & fruits, soup, and paper products. We are also asking for gloves. Many people that came this month were asking for them.** Please check the expiration dates on your donations! If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

**For Love INC in January**, we will be collecting **Love Buckets:** mop/brooms, buckets, dust pans, all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet bowl brush & caddie, dish detergent, sponges, and paper towels. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

**Salvation Army Meal** – We are still in need of a few people to make a Tater-Tot- Casserole for the last Wednesday in January and February. If you could help out in this way, please sign up in the information center and see Wendy for the pan and recipe.

**Special Birthdays in January:** Edie Beernink will be 89 on January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**The 2024 Women's Conference at Faith** is quickly approaching! Please mark your calendars for February 10th. This year we have the pleasure of hearing from author and speaker Susan Tyner on the theme "Belong". Explore how the messy and seemingly unlikely women in Jesus' genealogy fit into God's redemption plan for humanity.

This is a morning of worship, fellowship, food, crafts, and shopping. Registration is now live on the church website under Special Events: <https://www.faithreformedchurch.org/special-events-2/>.

All women are welcome, so invite your family, friends, and coworkers by simply sharing the link! Please make sure to sign up by the end of January. As always, if you have any questions, you can contact anyone on the women's ministry team.

## Family Life at Faith

**New 2024 Telephone Directory:** I have put out the telephone directory sheets on the table in the great room for **ALL to look over**. Please check your name and details about your address, phone numbers, & email addresses. Write down any changes you have on the sheet. Also, if your birthday or anniversary has not been in the newsletter – I have a sheet for you to write birthdays & anniversaries on – please include the year for our records. The sheets will be available for a couple of weeks. Thanks for your help. Wendy

**Thank you** for the many birthday cards and greetings, to Faith church for the flowers, to my 12 days “Christmas Angel” and to Jon and the young me for the Christmas carols. I am so blessed to be a part of the Faith Family.

*Shirley Wieberdink*

**Get your singing voices ready**, you’re invited to a hymn sing on TODAY at 6:00pm at First Reformed Church on Main St Cedar Grove. Come join us for an evening of singing followed by fellowship and refreshments.

**Love INC** is extremely excited to start the new year refreshed and rejuvenated, and we hope that you are ready to spread the word about Love In the Name of Christ within your churches. As we begin this new year, we want to focus on **LOVE in ACTION** based on Ephesians 4:2, “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” There are so many opportunities for you and your church to join the Love INC Movement and put **YOUR** love into action!

### **Opportunities for church members:**

1. **Furniture Ministry**—volunteers to join furniture delivery teams to allow weekly delivery to our neighbors
2. **Connection Center**—volunteers to assist with creating welcome teams for refugee resettlement
3. **New Way**—volunteers to become facilitators and discussion leaders for new and existing classes
4. **Monthly Donor Campaign**—register for monthly giving through our online donation platform or commit to sending monthly check to support our ministries

Go to [www.loveincsheboygancounty.org](http://www.loveincsheboygancounty.org) to get more information.

## Youth News

**CORE (MS Only!)** (Grades 6-8) - **Tonight, January 14th** Middle School Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!** All HS groups will have off due to the FORT trip.

**CONNECT** (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, January 17th** students are invited to Connect with each other and God at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:30PM!** Worship begins at 6:20.

**QUEST** (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, January 17th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM.** Registration and games begin at 6:10.

**HS FORT WINTER RETREAT** - Please pray that God would continue to work in the youth who went on the retreat this weekend and for safe travels home!

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*Thank  
You*

### **Faith Family,**

This morning we received a Christmas letter in the mail from the church. It was such a blessing and encouragement to hear from you all. This past year definitely came with its challenges, and it really is encouraging to know that we have people back in states who truly care and are partnered with us in reaching the Deaf of Croatia with the gospel. Thank you for taking the time to reach out and bless us with your words.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone at Faith Reformed.

In Christ's Love,

*Bill and Liz Ferguson*