

1 Samuel 2:12-36
“Let Judgment Begin at the House of God”

Main Point: When sin takes root among God’s people, judgment must begin at the household of God.

I. How Sin Takes Root Among God’s People (2:12-17)

II. The Kindness & Severity of God’s Judgment (2:18-36)

- See God’s Sovereign Mercy (2:18-21, 26)

- Hear God’s Severe Word (2:22-25, 27-34)

- Hope in God’s Sure Promise (2:35-36)



January 21, 2024

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Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

APPROACH TO GOD

From Psalm 96:7-13

*Call to Worship
*Song of Praise
God is For Us
*Prayer of Praise
*Song of Praise
Oh God of Mercy

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness Galatians 4:4-7
*Song of Assurance
Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Message
Children’s Church (3–5-year-olds)
Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 2:12-36
Sermon “Let Judgment Begin at the House of God”

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RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response *Rejoice—the Lord is King!*
*Affirmation of Faith WCF 33.1
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

Hymn #245

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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

“Israel may suffer under degenerate priests. Yahweh will judge them...He *will* have proper leadership for his flock. This may mean judgment must begin at the house of God (1 Pet. 4:17). Even by that judgment, however, God will build his house...and there’s not anything anyone can do to stop it. In that stubbornness, God’s people find their security” (Ralph Davis, *1 Samuel*, 39).

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

Shirley Wieberdink – will be having a hip replacement on Monday, January 22nd.
Norm DeRuyter - prayer that 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
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 – is at Pine Haven Oostburg Campus, prayers as he has decided to discontinue treatment for his cancer

Shut-ins

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

Mission & Outreach

Converge – Tom & Tanya Clyde
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am

Sunday School – 10:30am

Tuesday – 6:30pm Women's Bible Study

- 8:15pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday – 6:00 pm Connect

- 6:30 pm Quest

- 6:30 pm Prayer Group

Thursday – 6:00am Men's Bible Study

- 9:30am Women's Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

February 4 – Men's Breakfast

February 8 – Food Pantry

February 10 – Women's Conference at Faith

February 12 – Blood Bank

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

Nursery for January 21: Kelly Dirkse & Anna Jerabek

Nursery for January 28: Ashlee Krizek & Braden Torrenga

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

Greeters January 21 – **Narthex:** Clint & Liz Eberspacher Family

- **Great Room:** Matt & Macy Ewing Family

Greeters January 28 - **Narthex:** Mike & Wendy Heinen

- **Great Room:** Mark & Janice Hesselink

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.

***All information for the February newsletter is due next Sunday, January 28th.**

Thank you to all those who signed up to bring food for the Salvation Army Meal. All slots are full for January & February. There will be a new one for the months of March and April coming out next month.

Special Birthdays in January: Edie Beernink will be 89 on January 23rd

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.

Seniors, save the date - The Care Connection will be hosting a Senior Luncheon here at Faith Church on Wednesday, May 1st. More information and sign-up sheet to come in the coming weeks.

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 deadline is TODAY.** Thanks for your help. Wendy

Congratulations to Brittany Teunissen & Brett Mullikin who were united in marriage here yesterday.

Pine Haven Christian Communities and Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice are pleased to announce a joint initiative for palliative care services. This initiative enhances our ability to support individuals suffering from chronic or advanced illness by collaborating on the development of strategies and improving the coordination of and access to care. For more information visit our "News and Events" page at www.pinehaven.org/news-and-events. Click on the "Preferred provider for palliative care services and end of life care" link.

Men's Breakfast: On Sunday, February 4 at 7:00 am, the Men's Ministry team will be hosting our next men's breakfast. Bring your sons along as we enjoy a meal together and consider some of the biggest issues facing men today.

Men's Retreat: For all men 11th grade & older, the Wisconsin Presbytery is again hosting a retreat at the Green Lake Conference Center. The retreat starts on Friday, March 15 @ 5:00pm and ends on Saturday, March 16 @ 3:00pm. The speaker this year is Dr. Irwyn Ince, the Coordinator for Mission to North America, and he will lead us in a study of Hebrews. This is a wonderful time to gather with men in our church and around Wisconsin for fellowship and spiritual growth, while also enjoying some basketball, cards, and good food! **If you are planning to attend, please indicate so on the sign-up in the Narthex. We need to register by February 11th.**

Care Connection – We are looking for some new members. Some of our responsibilities include caring for those in our congregation and the community around us. We have done this a number of different ways. We supply the necessary supplies for the prayer blankets that are made by our 7th and 8th grade students, give out gift cards for those who are struggling or going through a difficult time, gifts for new brides in our church and also for new babies born into the church and miscellaneous other ways. If you are interested and feel that this would be a good fit for you – please see Debbie Meeusen or Wendy Wonser.

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - ***Tonight, January 21st*** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

CONNECT "FREE WEEK!" (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, January 24th**, each small group has their own special event planned! Contact Jon or your group leader for more details.

QUEST (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, January 24th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM**. Registration and games begin at 6:10.

SAVE THE DATE:

Soup Supper Fundraiser: Wednesday, February 21 @ Calvary

HS FORT Retreat (make-up date): March 1-3

HS Mission Trip: June 22-29 (info available on Jan 31 @ Connect)

Thank you to our Faith Church family for all of the prayers, calls, cards, gifts, and words of encouragement offered on our behalf since our medical diagnoses last fall. When we joined this church in 1971, we could tell the congregation was filled with loving, caring people, and that trait continues to this day. Each of our medical conditions has been stabilized for now, but we will continue to need monitoring and maintenance treatments in the future. We feel so blessed to have a family, church family, and community that stand with us through these times, and it is so comforting to know that God is watching over us throughout these trials.

The past six months have been grueling, and quite frankly it is all beginning to wear us down. Please pray for our physical, emotional, and spiritual health. We truly believe in the power of prayer and appreciate the support of this congregation. May God bless you all in 2024

With Love and Grateful Thanks, Rich & Linda Dykstra

Words of Hope has completed all the fundraising needed to fully expense the Kuku Bible Project New Testament Translation! This is amazing news. This means that for the first time ever, the Kuku tribe in Uganda will have their first ever written translation in their own heart language. The Words of Hope team wanted to thank you for your contribution, whether by praying, donating, or sharing...thank you so much for allowing us to complete this project. The goal is to provide the funds over a 3-year period, allowing for the work to be done in a timely, yet careful manner to ensure the work is done properly. Words of Hope will send updates as the translation progresses.