

1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a
“The Word of Our Lord”

Main Point: In days of spiritual famine and darkness, God’s kingdom must come through His Word.

I. See the Hope of God’s Gracious Word (3:1-9)

II. Submit to God’s Difficult Word (3:10-18)

III. Listen to God’s Prophetic Word (3:19-21)



Faith Reformed
BOLDLY LIVING GOD’S WORD

January 28, 2024

Jamie Brill

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

APPROACH TO GOD

From Psalm 29

*Call to Worship
*Song of Praise
All My Ways
*Prayer of Praise
* Song of Praise
Come Thou Fount

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness 1 Peter 1:18-19
*Song of Assurance
It Was Finished Upon That Cross

THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Message
Children’s Church (3–5-year-olds)
Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a
Sermon “The Word of Our Lord”

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RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response *How Firm a Foundation*
*Affirmation of Faith WSC Q. 90
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

Hymn #338

Mary Holle

*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

I simply taught, preached, and wrote God’s Word; otherwise I did nothing...I did nothing; the Word did everything...(Martin Luther)

“When this Word of God is now preached in the church by preachers lawfully called, we believe that the very Word of God is proclaimed, and received by the faithful; and that neither any other Word of God is to be invented nor is to be expected from heaven” (Second Helvetic Confession Chapter 1)

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). The Elder on call for February is Andy Brill (920-917-8690).

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 – hip surgery went well; she is now at the Sheboygan Senior Community for a short time. Continued prayers for quick healing.
Norm DeRuyter – continued prayers that the toe continues to heal and will not need surgery.
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 – 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

- 1:00pm 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

February 21 – Youth Soup Supper Fundraiser at Calvary

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

Ushers for February: Jeff Broetzmann, Gil Meinen, Brian Beernink

Nursery for January 28: Ashlee Krizek & Braden Torrenga

Nursery for February 4: Janice Hesselink & Wyatt Dolfen

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

Refreshments for February: Care Group #6 (Shelli & Linda)

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

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

Greeters February 4 – **Narthex:** BJ & Colette Hilbelink Family

- **Great Room:** Jan & Kim Hoitink

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.

Dear Friends at Faith Reformed Church,

Thank you so much for your awesome donation of personal care items and cleaning supplies. We are always in great need of these items and truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. God bless you!

Your Love INC Family

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.

Ladies of Faith will meet Tuesday, February 6th at 1:30pm. Bible study #1 will be led by Muriel Meinen. Hostesses are Muriel Meinen and Delores Bruggink. You can pick up a copy of the secretary/treasure's reports in the information center.

Family Life at Faith

***All information for the February newsletter is due TODAY.**

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.

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.

You are welcome to join us at First Reformed Church, Cedar Grove on Saturday, February 10 for our FRC Café Valentine Dinner & Talent Show! Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 with talent show to follow. Let us know if you'd like to come. Call the church at 920-668-6261. It is appreciated but not essential to know attendance by Sunday, February 4.

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - ***Tonight, January 28th*** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

CONNECT (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, January 31st** 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 31st** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM**. Registration and games begin at 6:10.

Soup Songs & Serving Christ - The youth group will hold a soup supper at Calvary OPC to support our summer mission trip. On **Wednesday, February 21st** we'll serve dinner from **4:30-6:30PM** and the Connect band will hold a concert in the sanctuary at 6:30PM. There are many ways to help out with this fundraiser, including **donating ingredients through our envelope drive**. To do so, it's as simple as picking up an envelope in the Narthex, putting the specified amount in the envelope, and dropping it in the collection plate before **Sunday, February 18th**. Thanks for your continued support of the youth!

SAVE THE DATE:

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

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



Congratulations to Rich & Mary Navis who celebrated 60 years of marriage on January 25th.

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and many concerns for my heart implant. Thank you, also, for remembering me on my birthday with cards and wishes. I am doing very well.

Sincerely,
Glen Ten Dolle

Jon Sass has accepted the Church Maintenance Coordinator position. He will be the go-to person for any building needs.