

## 1 Samuel 8:1–22

## Rejecting Our King

**Main Point:** Although God has proven Himself as our Savior and King, we are prone to reject His rule for substitutes. Therefore, we need a clear vision of our sin so that we would live under God's gracious reign.

## I. The Rebellious Heart of Sin (8:1-9)

## II. The Tragic Justice of Sin (8:10-18)

### III. The Stubborn Stupidity of Sin (8:19-21)

#### IV. The Mysterious Grace of God (8:22)



Faith Reformed  
BOLDLY LIVING GOD'S WORD

**February 25, 2024**

Prelude  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

Jamison Velzke

## APPROACH TO GOD

\*Call to Worship    Psalm 146  
\*Song of Praise  
*Sound of Adoration*  
\*Prayer of Praise  
\*Song of Praise  
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

## RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness      Colossians 2:13-15  
\*Song of Assurance  
    *I Will Wait for You*  
Presentation of New Member

## THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Church (3-5-year-olds)  
 Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 8:1-22  
 Sermon "Rejecting Our King"

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## RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer	
Song of Response	Psalm 146
*Affirmation of Faith	Heidelberg Q. 2
Congregational Prayer	
*Benediction	
*Doxology	
*Postlude	

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

“We should learn from this how stiff-necked and rebellious and unthankful we are.... That is not just the story of Israel. It’s the story of humanity. It’s the story of my life and your life. Even as Christians, we are not steadfast in our affections for God” (John Piper, *Spectacular Sins*, 91).

“Although kingship originated from man’s ill-conceived motives, it was ultimately part of the Lord’s plan to provide a line of kings that would culminate in the coming Messiah” (John Mackay, *1 Samuel*, 108).

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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 February is Andy Brill (920-917-8690). The Elder on call for March is Jim Meinen (920-889-3223).

# 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**

Ward Meinen-prayers for healing as he recovers from ankle surgery  
Shirley Wieberdink – is home after a hip replacement, prayers for continued healing.  
Norm DeRuyter – continued prayers that the toe continues to heal and will not need surgery and that his broken arm would heal well.  
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – back has been some better, continue to pray for healing  
Donna Caljouw –is off her antibiotic and is starting her oral cancer treatment again. Prayers for good health so she can also begin her Chemo again as well.  
Edie Beernink – had a pacemaker put in on Friday – prayers that this would be the answer to her health problems.  
Don Schreurs – is at Pine Haven Oostburg Campus, prayers as he has decided to discontinue treatment for his cancer  
Bob Caljouw – pray for wisdom for the doctors as they decide what to do for his leaking heart valve and for peace and patience for Bob through the process.

## **Shut-ins**

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

## **Mission & Outreach**

All Saints Reformed – Ben Kappers  
For our unchurched neighbors

## Schedule

### TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am  
Sunday School – 10:30am  
Lunch & Learn – 11:30am  
Core – 6:00pm

Monday – 6:30pm Praise Band Practice

Tuesday – 6:30pm Women's Bible Study  
-6:30pm Deacon Meeting  
-8:15pm Men's Bible Study

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

Thursday – 6:00am Men's Bible Study

Friday thru Sunday – HS Fort Winter Retreat

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

March 1-3 – HS Fort Retreat  
March 3 – Pine Haven Men's Chorus  
March 14 – Food Pantry  
March 15-16 – Men's Retreat

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

**Ushers for March:** Ben Droppers, Dane Van Allen, Tyler Wonser

**Nursery for February 25:** Margie Schultz & Jamison Velzke

**Nursery for March 3:** Macy Ewing & Jack Meinen

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

**Refreshments for March:** Care Group #3 (Mary & Linda)

**Greeters February 25** - **Narthex:** Andrew & Stephanie Huenink Family

- **Great Room:** Chris & Jan Jerabek Family

**Greeters March 3** – **Narthex:** Richard & Florence Jordan

- **Great Room:** John & Kris Kettenhoven

**Serving in the Military:**

Jackson DeRuyter

\*Pray for all our troops serving around the world

## Family Life at Faith

Today we have the privilege of welcoming Kyle Korb into the Family of Faith.

**The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 31 families** at the February Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, March 14th. **Right now, we are low on cereal, soup, and paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex & paper towels).** 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 February,** we will be collecting **Towels & Linens:** bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, blankets, sheets, and pillowcases. Gently used items accepted. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

**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.

**Thank you** to all those who have signed up to bring food for the Salvation Army meal the last few months. They have been very appreciative. There is now a **sign-up sheet for March and April** in the information center. If you have any questions, please see Wendy Wonser.

**Easter Flower Order sheets** - If you wish to order a flower to decorate the church for Easter and remember our loved ones who are no longer with us – fill out the order sheet and put it in the envelope in the church office. Don't forget to **mark the color plant** you want and **make checks to Faith Reformed Church. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. You will be able to take your flowers home after the Easter morning service.

**The Pine Haven Men's Chorus** is celebrating their 73rd year of singing praises to God in support of Pine Haven. Funds raised this year will be used to improve the nurse call system at the Oostburg campus. **They will be here at Faith Church on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm.** So come on out and enjoy a great concert of praise as we glorify our Lord through song.

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

## Family Life at Faith

**Ladies of Faith** will meet Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. We will do Bible study lesson #2 led by Carol DeRuyter. Hostesses are Carol DeRuyter and Shirley Wieberdink. You can pick up a copy of the secretary and treasurer's report in the information center.

**We will have another Inquirer's class from 9-1 on Saturday, March 23rd, in the church library.** Sign-up in the information center. This is for anyone interested in joining the church, or who have grown up in the church but have yet to make a public profession of faith in Christ.

**Game Night at Faith** — Join us for a night of fun at "Game Night" on Saturday, March 9th at 6:00p.m. We are playing Sheepshead, cribbage, and other games. If you have a favorite, bring it along. The game night is open to middle school and above. **Sign up for the Sheepshead Tournament on the sheet in the Information Center.** Snacks and drinks will be provided

**Thank you to everyone who has been sending cards to Kelly Wieberdink.** She has greatly appreciated them. However, she will be moving and has asked that no cards be sent at this time. Please pray that her move goes well and that she will get settled into her new place soon.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

After 18 months with no abortions being done in Sheboygan, Planned Parenthood resumed distribution of abortion pills in late December. We can't rely on courts or legislators to protect human life, but we know that God hears our prayers, transforms hearts, and can accomplish what is humanly impossible.

For 12 hours a day between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, we pray and fast and keep vigil outside Planned Parenthood asking God to end abortion. Unborn babies cannot speak for themselves, but we can be their voice for the right to be born. Sign up for vigil hours: [www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan). Be not afraid. Contact Germaine 920-918-2310 or Michele 872-233-9305 and be a voice for the least among us.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

## Youth News

**CORE** (Grades 6-12) - **Tonight, February 25th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

**CONNECT** (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, February 28th** 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, February 28th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM.** Registration and games begin at 6:10.

**HS FORT Winter Retreat** - Please be in prayer for the 47 youth and 7 chaperones that will head to Crescent Lake Bible camp next weekend to learn about God's grace!

**Soup Songs & Serving Christ** - **Thank you** for your generous donations and to all who helped make this week's fundraiser a success. Thanks for your continued support of the youth!

**Mulch for Missions** - For those who are planning to order mulch by the bag to be delivered by the youth this year, note that we will be delivering on a Saturday in **May** this year instead of March. Watch for sign-up information in mid-April.