

1 Samuel 9-10  
The Merciful Sovereign

**Main Point:** When we see God's sovereign mercy in the midst of foolish, feeble, and fearful unbelief, we should turn from our folly to faith in the King of kings.

I. Man's Foolish Choice & God's Merciful Providence (9:1-16)

II. Man's Feeble Doubt & God's Merciful Power (9:18-10:16)

III. Man's Fearful Unbelief & God's Merciful Purpose (10:17-27)



March 3, 2024

Prelude  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

Jamie Brill

**APPROACH TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship From Rev. 5:8-14  
\*Song of Praise  
*Rejoice*  
\*Prayer of Praise  
\*Song of Praise  
*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

**RENEWAL IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness From Psalm 103  
\*Song of Assurance  
*All I Have is Christ*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Message  
Children's Church (3-5-year-olds)  
Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 9-10  
Sermon "The Merciful Sovereign"

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**RESPONSE TO GOD**

Offertory Prayer  
Song of Response *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
\*Affirmation of Faith WLC #18  
Congregational Prayer  
\*Benediction  
\*Doxology  
\*Postlude

Hymn #365

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

“Israel’s rejection does not paralyze Yahweh’s providence. Although Yahweh sees Israel’s idolatry in her cry for a king, he also hears her distress in her cry for relief...surely, if you are a child of God, you rejoice to see that your God is ‘mule-ish’ on mercy, that your sin does not dry up the fountain of his compassions, that his pity refuses to let go of his people” (Dale Ralph Davis, *1 Samuel*, 96-97).

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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 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  
Pine Haven Men's Chorus – 4:30pm  
Core – 6:00pm

Monday – 6:30pm Women's Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday – 1:30pm Ladies of Faith  
-8:15pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect  
- 6:30pm Quest  
- 6:30pm Prayer Group  
-7:45pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday – 6:00am Men's Bible Study  
-1:00pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday – 6:00pm Game Night

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

March 14 – Food Pantry  
March 15-16 – Men's Retreat

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

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

**Nursery for March 10:** Beth Rauwerdink & Garret Rauwerdink

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

**Greeters March 3** – **Narthex:** Richard & Florence Jordan  
- **Great Room:** John & Kris Kettenhoven  
**Greeters March 10** - **Narthex:** Chris & Sarah Konzak Family  
- **Great Room:** Aaron & Ashlee Krizek 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 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 March,** we will be collecting **Starter Kitchen Kits:** Pots, Pans, Cookie Sheets, Bakeware, Silverware, Cups, Mugs, Mixing bowls & Cooking Utensils. 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. **March is full but there are still a few spots left for April.** 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 is TODAY.** 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 TODAY at 4:30pm.** So come on out and enjoy a great concert of praise as we glorify our Lord through song.

**The March newsletter** was emailed out earlier this week. However, if you would like a paper copy, you can pick one up in the information center.

## 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.

**Special Birthday in March:** Herb Dirkse will turn 89 on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to send a card to wish him a happy birthday and let him know you are thinking of him.

**Palm Sunday (March 24) – Children from 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** will open our worship service by bringing in Palm Branches. Please meet in the great room before the morning service to get your palm branches.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Life Not Death - Light Not Darkness

Join us in peaceful, prayerful vigil to pray for an end to abortion. Stand up and speak up for the vulnerable unborn babies, who only need the safety of their mothers' wombs to grow and be given a chance at life and to experience God's love. Pray for God's forgiveness, mercy, and healing for the atrocity of abortion in our time. Don't be silent—Life is not disposable.

February 14 - March 24

Prayer & Fasting   Constant Vigil   Community Outreach

Sign up for vigil hours 7 AM-7PM outside Planned Parenthood, 909 S. Taylor Dr. Sheboygan:

[www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan)

or contact Germaine 920-918-2310 or Michele 872-233-9305

## Youth News

**MS CORE - Tonight, March 3rd** the MS Core small groups will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!** (The 6th-7th Boys, 6th Girls, and 7th-9th Girls WILL meet.) The HS groups will take the weekend off due to the FORT retreat.

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

**HS FORT Winter Retreat** - Please continue to pray for safe travels home and that God would work in the lives of the young people that went on the trip!

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**Congratulations** to JJ & Sabrina Buczek on the birth of their son Kaiden Tyler born February 25<sup>th</sup>.

