

**1 Samuel 16**  
**“God’s Choice of a King”**

**Main Point:** Even in a world of darkness and sin, we find hope and a calling when we submit to the God who raises up a King after His own heart.

**I. Submit to God’s Sovereign Purpose (16:1-5)**

**II. Submit to God’s Searching Wisdom (16:6-13)**

**III. Serve in Christ’s Gracious Spirit (16:14-23)**



**April 14, 2024**

Prelude Grace Konzak  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

**APPROACH TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship Revelation 7:9-12  
\*Song of Praise  
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
\*Prayer of Praise

**RENEWAL IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness Colossians 1:11-14  
\*Song of Assurance  
*Behold the Lamb*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16 Page 282  
Sermon “God’s Choice of a King”  
The Sacrament of Communion

**RESPONSE TO GOD**

Offertory Prayer  
Song of Response *Rejoice! The Lord is King!* Hymn #245  
\*Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Q. 31  
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

“...there is something encouraging in YHWH’s instructions. Yahweh is able to provide a new beginning; he will provide for his people when all is coming undone. The true King never loses control of his kingdom; he is never nonplussed by the latest emergency in his realm” (Davis, *1 Samuel*, 169)

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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 April is Steve Rauwerdink (920-946-3896).

# 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  
Norm DeRuyter – praise that the toe is healing well and prayers for continued healing  
Donna Caljouw – is still very tired, but was put back on a small dosage of her oral medication for her cancer  
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  
Good News Jail Prison Ministry  
For our unchurched neighbors

## Schedule

### TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am  
Sunday School – 10:30am  
Core – 6:00pm

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

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

Thursday – 1:00pm Women's Bible Study  
-6:00pm Care Group Leader Meeting  
-7:00pm Worship Team Meeting

Friday – 6:00pm Secret Church

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

April 21 Men's Breakfast  
April 28 Youth Sunday  
May 4 Youth Brat Fry at Calvary  
May 5 Lunch & Learn

**Ushers for April:** Justin Obbink, Troy Rauwerdink, Jon DeRuyter

**Nursery for April 14:** Isabelle Dolfen, Claire Dolfen & Grace Meinnert

**Nursery for April 21:** Nate Zimmermann, Caleb Eberspacher & Amara Beernink

**Refreshments for April:** Care Group #2 (Jane & Lynn)

**Greeters April 14** – **Narthex:** Jamie & Abbie Meinen

- **Great Room:** Jim & Cory Meinen

**Greeters April 21** - **Narthex:** Eric & Anna Meinnert Family

- **Great Room:** Andy & Kari Meinen

### **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 25 families** at the April Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. **Right now, we are low on cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce & paper products.** 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 April,** we will be collecting **Personal Care Kits:** toilet paper, lotion, combs, tissues, soap, deodorant, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, and tote bags. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

**Special Birthdays in April:** Carolyn Bruggink turns 86 on April 13<sup>th</sup>

Bob DeRuyter turns 81 on April 17<sup>th</sup>

Mary Ann DeHaai turns 85 on April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Men's Breakfast:** Join us for our next men's breakfast on **Sunday, April 21 at 7 am** to hear from a panel of men who will be discussing how we can use sports to glorify God without falling into the trap of idolizing them. Men and boys of all ages are welcome!

**TODAY we will be taking a special offering for the Mission to the World PCA Compassion Fund.** Through the years, Compassion funds have enabled the PCA to respond quickly to crises that touch our missionaries and their communities around the world. Urgent needs were met with medical and construction assistance, food, and shelter for displaced families and personal care and counseling for victims of natural disasters. And most recently with assistance to those impacted by devastating wildfires in Chile. If you would like to donate to this cause you can put your donation in a separate envelope labeled MTW and place it in the offering bag.

**Love INC Brat Fry and Bake Sale- Mentink's Piggly Wiggly Oostburg** - The annual Brat Fry and Bake Sale held by the Oostburg churches and Faith Reformed to benefit Love INC will take place on April 27. We are in need of bake sale items and a few people to work in the food trailer from 10am -12pm and from 12pm-3pm. Contact Jodi Danforth or look for the sign-up sheet by the mailboxes. Baked goods can be dropped off that morning directly to the bake sale between 8:30 - 9:00 am. Thank you!

## Family Life at Faith

**Secret Church is THIS FRIDAY, April 19 at Faith Reformed Church!** The live simulcast will be in the Great Room and plays from 6 pm-midnight. Lemonade and water will be provided. Please consider bringing a snack to share (optional). David Platt will be teaching verse by verse through the book of Ruth. Additionally, there will be a focused time of prayer for the persecuted church around the globe. If you would like your own personal workbook, there's a suggested donation of \$12 to cover the cost. The sign-up is by the mailboxes; however, we want to host this event free of charge for people as well so please come even if you do not sign up! This will be a great night of fellowship and learning God's word and heart for the nations!

**All information for the May Newsletter is due Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**The women of Faith are invited to the 2nd Annual Confection Connection Baking Night!** Join us for an evening of baking, recipe-sharing, and fellowship on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm in the great room. We're also looking for 4-5 women to showcase their favorite recipes during the event. If you have a signature treat that you'd love to share, please let Emily Tarter or Emily Van Allen know. We are looking forward to a sweet night of fellowship and growing in Christ together!

**Seniors** - The Care Connection will be hosting a Senior Luncheon here at Faith Church on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. We will start serving punch at 11:30am. The guest speaker will be Hubert Nett and he will be talking about the children's books that he has written. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center. Please feel free to bring a guest. The deadline for signing up is April 21st. If you are house bound and would like a meal delivered to you, we will gladly do that, after the presentation that afternoon. Just let Wendy know in the office.

**Our family** is grateful to the congregation for the many cards, prayers, and expressions of kindness during our recent loss. Your Christian thoughtfulness is appreciated.

*Jeff and Paula Risseeuw*

*Nate and Alison Zimmermann and girls*

## Youth News

**CORE** (Grades 6-12) - **Tonight, April 14th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

**CONNECT** (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, April 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, April 17th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM.** Registration and games begin at 6:10.

**Mulch for Missions (Due Thursday!)** – The HS youth group will deliver mulch by the bag on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** from 9AM-3PM (and even spread it if desired)! You can place your order at the link or by the mailboxes; orders are due by **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.** Link: [faithcedargrove.breezechms.com/form/mulch24](http://faithcedargrove.breezechms.com/form/mulch24)

**Brat Fry / Envelope Drive** - On Saturday, May 4th the youth group will serve brats & burgers at Calvary from 10:00AM-2:00PM in conjunction with the community garage sale! You can support the fundraiser by coming out for lunch, picking up an **envelope** by the mailboxes to help provide ingredients (and returning it to the offering before May 5th), or signing up to bring a **pan of bars** on the sheet by the mailboxes. All proceeds will go towards the summer mission trip to Baltimore!

**Camp Calvin** - Youth currently in grades 3-8 are invited to Camp Calvin from **June 16-21!** Registration is open at [www.campcalvin.com](http://www.campcalvin.com). Faith Reformed is offering half-off to children of members/adherents; to take advantage of the discount, select the "half payment" option when you register, and text Jon and let him know that you're signed up!

### **Memory Work Recitation Schedule:**

**2nd Grade** - Books of the NT (April 21)

**3rd Grade** - Books of the OT (April 21)

**4th Grade** - Apostle's Creed (April 21)

**5th Grade** - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (April 28)

**6th Grade** - Psalm 23 (April 28)

**7th Grade** - Colossians 3:1-4 (May 5)

**8th Grade** - Colossians 3:12-17 (May 5)

**9th/10th Grade** - Heidelberg Q&A #1 (May 19)

**11th/12th Grade** - Ephesians 2:1-10 (May 19)