

Following
 *Jesus*
together in mission
as His *love* 
transforms
lives for God's glory

First
REFORMED  **CHURCH**
with a
VISION *for* *Cultural Influence*
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March 11, 2018
Traditional Service – 8:15am
Contemporary Service – 10:30am

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PRELUDE

Julie Sonnentag

WELCOME

HYMN #17 – *"Our Great Savior"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Lord, You have made known to us the path of life; we have chosen instead to turn away from Your Word and Your ways. We have taken our focus off of where You want to lead us. We have allowed doubts and fear to weaken our faith and trust in You. We have allowed temptations to fool us into following paths that promise pleasure but only produce pain. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to fix our eyes on You as the one who will lead us in paths of righteousness. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Choir

"Yield Not to Temptation"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN #734 – *"Be Strong in the Lord"*

SERMON

Pastor Brad

"Resistance Training for the Challenges of Climbing"

Matthew 4:1-11, pg. 957

OFFERTORY

HYMN #638 vs. 1-3 – *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG #349 vs. 1 – *"O How He Loves You and Me"*

O how He loves you and me! O how He loves you and me!
He gave His life; what more could He give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – 10:30am

PRELUDE

"Soul on Fire"

WELCOME

"Chain Breaker"

"Even If"

PRAYER

"Grace Like Rain"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bev Dulmes

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"The Cross Has the Final Word"

BENEDICTION

WELCOME

"By grace you've been saved...(as a) gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)
All are welcome here! Let us worship together.

VISITORS

We especially want to welcome you to our service today.
Please be sure to fill out the Welcome Card that is in the bulletin.

Please turn off any pagers or cell phones.

THIS WEEK

TODAY:

8:15am Traditional Service
9:30am Sunday School and
Ambassadors Class
10:30am Contemporary Service

MONDAY:

9:15am Women's Bible Study
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY:

6:30pm Choir
7:00pm Choir rehearsal for Palm
Sunday
7:00pm Consistory

WEDNESDAY:

6:30pm Promiseland, Believe and
CrossCenter

SATURDAY:

10am-noon Shepherd's Closet open

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE SCHEDULE UPDATE

Anna will be gone on vacation all week. Bulletin information deadline is Wednesday. The church office will be closed on Tuesday as Pastor Brad will be gone to the Wisconsin Classis meeting.

ATTENTION ABLE-BODIED, ALL-AGED VOLUNTEERS

We're organizing the 2nd Annual Sanctuary Spring Cleaning Event, to be held on Saturday morning, March 24, 2018, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please bring a bucket, rags and a vacuum cleaner (if available). Together, we'll wash window sills, pews, all wood surfaces; we'll dust shelves, wash floors and vacuum all pew cushions and carpets. We'll supply Murphy's Oil Soap, Pine-Sol, Pledge and paper toweling.

With enough helpers, we can finish the project by noon or before --- and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP 920-457-3417. Thank you. - Mike & Mary Rammer

EASTER LILIES – Donate a lily during this Holy Season in memory or in honor of a loved one. A list of donors will be in the Easter bulletin. Fill out a form that is on the foyer table and put it in an envelope that is also provided along with cash or a check (made out to First Reformed Church) and put it in the box on the table. Cost is \$10. Any questions contact Amy Van Wyk at 627-0097 or Leon & Carol Kaat at 627-4196.

PALM SUNDAY/EASTER BREAKFAST

When: Palm Sunday, March 25

Time: 8:30am

Where: Family Life Center

Join in the celebration of this Holy Season on Palm Sunday morning with breakfast and fellowship with friends and family. EVERYONE'S INVITED! Donations of fruit (ready to serve) would be greatly appreciated but is optional. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer table for number attending and for fruit donations. Help for serving and clean-up would be appreciated. Contact Leon & Carol Kaat at 627-4196.

GREETING CARDS

Carol Debbink is no longer able to handle the greeting card ministry. If anyone is willing to take over the ordering of the boxes of cards to keep this ministry going, Carol is willing to show you how she does it. If you are interested please contact the church office.

WORK GROUPS

We are reorganizing the work groups. In order to keep this ministry going to serve our families we need your help. Please sign-up to be on a group and consider being a chairperson. We are hoping to get enough volunteers to have 2 chairmen per group and enough groups so you only have to serve maybe once or twice a year. Without your help we will not be able to continue this service. Forms are on the foyer table and in the office. Fill out a sheet and place it in the basket on the foyer table or in the church office. Men, Women, Couples are all encouraged to sign up. Thank you!

KITCHEN ITEMS MISSING

Two cutting boards are missing from our church kitchen, the red one and the white one. If you know what happened to them or if you mistakenly took them home or possibly borrowed them would you please return them to the rack in the kitchen ASAP? Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL EVENT AT PINE HAVEN:

Falls Clergy churches are partnering with Pine Haven to assist in their Spiritual Life Week March 12-16 to provide a week-long VBS experience for residents. This will consist of an hour-long program involving music, Bible lesson, snack, and craft at each of the three Pine Haven campuses. **We need a team of 10-12 volunteers from our church for Friday, March 16.**

3-4 volunteers at Giddings Ave. from 9:00-10:00 am

5-6 volunteers at Haven Dr. from 10:30-11:30

2-3 volunteers at Oostburg from 1:00-2:00

Help at just one location, or help at all three. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Everything will be planned and provided by the staff; all you need to bring is a heart for serving the Lord and helping the residents with the various activities. To participate, sign up on the sheet at the information table.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Kim Schuld – 714 E Clifford St. Plymouth

Home phone: 920-892-8569

Cell phone: 920-912-2109

HELPING KIDS NEEDS YOU!

First Reformed Church is collecting needed hygiene items for Helping Kids. Members are asked to bring tooth brushes, full size tooth paste, dental floss and deodorant (men's and women's) on Sunday March 18th. Sherri Halverson will be at the back of church after both services to collect your items and to share information with you about Helping Kids and how this collection drive is being supported by a Thrivent Action Team. Questions, contact Laura Hartlep or call Sherri at 920-980-6220.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Promiseland (1st -5th grades):

March 14 - 6:30pm

March 21- 6:30pm (Bust up party, Pizza)

Believe (Middle School):

March 14 - 6:30pm

March 21 - 6:30pm

March 28 - 6:30pm

CrossCenter (High School):

March 14 - 6:30pm

March 21 - 6:30pm

March 28 - 6:30pm

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

March 25:

8:30am Breakfast

9:30am Combined Music Service
(One service only)

March 29:

7:00pm Maundy Thursday service

March 30:

11:30am Community Crosswalk
(Meet at Municipal Building)

Noon (immediately following
Crosswalk) Community Good

Friday service at Word of Grace

April 1 Easter Sunday:

8:15am Traditional Service

10:30am Contemporary Service

April 15:

6:00pm Pine Haven Men's Chorus

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GIBBSVILLE REQUEST PROGRAM

Mark your calendars! REQUEST PROGRAM at Gibbsville Reformed Church on March 18 at 6:00 pm featuring many talented musicians and soloists. A freewill offering will be taken to help support a group from GRC church and others in the community who will be traveling to Caceres, Spain this summer to conduct a basketball and English camp through Iglesia El Puente Church and missionaries Tim & Paula Tjernagel. Information will be shared as well on how you can be praying for this group!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for part-time work? Our Home Christian Ministries has two part-time positions available. We have a Personal Cares position open: 2-3 weekday mornings for two hours. We also have a Relief Staff position open: 1-2 weekends a month. Both of these positions include training, lots of laughs, and meaningful work. Please contact Kristin at office@ourhomecm.com or 920.207.4623 if you are interested in a position at Our Home.

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE TRAINING FOR LOVE INC VOLUNTEERS

Every day we are learning more about how adverse experiences (aka toxic stress or trauma) in childhood as well as in our adult years can impact us and our ability to participate in relationships, employment and our communities in healthy ways. Katy Pruitt, Trauma Informed Care Coordinator for Sheboygan County Health and Human Services will introduce the ACE study which informs us on the medical, social and economic implications of toxic stress that we are so often seeing today in our family lives, work forces and communities. She will also introduce the concept of trauma-informed care (TIC) which is an approach to engaging people with histories of trauma that recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role that trauma has played in their lives.

Please register for this FREE training session scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 20th, 4:00pm-8:30pm at Sheboygan County Health & Human Services 1011 N 8th St, Sheboygan, WI 53081

IMPORTANT: Deadline to register is:

Monday, March 12th, 2018 by 3:00pm

PRAISE AND PRAYER PAGE

To add a request to the page for yourself, or for a family member or friend, simply contact the church office by phone, or by email, or by leaving a note. And, in addition to prayer requests, we'd also like to list opportunities to praise God for His goodness in our lives.

- Wisconsin Classis meeting Tuesday, March 13
- **Don Schmitt** is recovering from hip surgery
- **Tom Fahrbach** is recovering from surgery

- **Mission of the week – Bob & Sally Dontje – Mission Aviation**

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our church family for all the calls, cards, and prayers since the passing of our mom, Audrey Mulder. We greatly appreciate each and every gesture of kindness. Thanks also to Amy and Sam, Betty and the rest of the kitchen crew, and all the other behind the scenes work done to make moms memorial service perfect.

Joan and Dale Hoffmann and Jane and Dan Van Wyk

Resistance Training for the Challenges of Climbing

3-11-18

Matthew 4:1-11

The Climb to Calvary – Mountaintop Moments on the Way to the Cross

Feb. 4: Testing and Trust Mar. 4: Transformation

Feb. 11: Truth Today: Temptation

Feb. 25: Trials

The devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written ..."

- Matthew 4:8-10

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- James 4:7b

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MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION

Following Jesus together in mission as His love transforms lives for God's glory.

OUR MISSION

At First Reformed Church of Sheboygan Falls, through the leading of the Lord, we seek to:

Live with Jesus, seeking the greatness of God through worship, the Bible, and prayer, in unity with the Lord and with each other.

Live like Jesus, seeking to glorify God and fulfill His kingdom mission of transformation in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Live for Jesus, seeking to share the good news of the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

MINISTERING TODAY

NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS	Service #1	Rick & Ronda Arthur Marlys Van Wyk Kathy Rauwerdink	Mark & Tiffany Bimmel John & Pat Boge
	Service #2	Kevin & Lauri Claerbaut Steve & Kim Beeck	Marty & Sherri Halverson Kim Schuld, Margie Reiter
NURSERY	Service #1	Tong Wang, Sophia Zhang	Tonja Veenendaal, Jared Veenendaal
	Service #2	Jean Kappers, Lila Houwers	Mary Loewen, Olivia Blaha
CAMERA	Service #1	Chris Zhang	Jon Fritsch
	Service #2	Steve Beeck	Dan Otte
SOUND	Service #1	Dan Otte	Ken Van Wyk
	Service #2	Dan Otte	Ken Van Wyk
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	After 1 st Service	Dave Mulder	Dick Huibregtse
CHILDREN'S SERMON	2 nd & 4 th Sundays of the month at 2 nd service	Bev Dulmes	
USHERS FOR THE MONTH	Each Sunday in March	Service #1: Dave Herwig Dale Wingert	Service #2: Dan Van Wyk

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