

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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**Worship Service**  
**9:30am**

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

June 1, 2025

Worship Service – 9:30am

## PRELUDE

"God So Loved"

## WELCOME

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

"Jesus Paid It All" (Hymn #305)

"Goodness of God"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Holy and loving God, I confess to You how quickly I lose sight of Your glory and goodness, and how quickly I doubt Your ability to handle things in my life. Forgive me for my lack of faith, and for my longing to control what only You can control. Forgive me for the times I have resisted Your leading. "Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior." (Psalm 25:5) Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Jeremiah 29:11

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

"You Are God Alone"

## SERMON:

"Impressive Imitation"

Pastor Brad

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

## OFFERING

"Song in My Soul"

## BENEDICTION

**MISSION UPDATE:** Tyson and Hannah Kehler



*We welcome you to worship in the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains our faith and empowers us for discipleship!*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30am Sunday Worship

### TUESDAY

7pm Elders

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

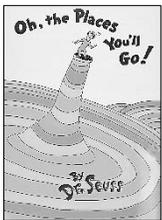


**WET 'n WILD** is being rescheduled to a later date.

### Time to hit delete?

If we really have too much to do, there are some items on the agenda that God did not put there. Let us submit the list to him and ask him to indicate which items we must delete. There is always time to do the will of God. If we are too busy to do that, we are too busy.

—Elisabeth Eliot



In 1990, Dr. Seuss published *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* This popular graduation gift tells in Seuss' inimitable style of all life's possible ups and downs, twists and turns. There will surely be excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness, purpose and confusion. And, yes, fear: "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on."

The sheer determination of the storybook's life-traveler moves him beyond trouble and fear. But God's children don't have to go it alone. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Furthermore, he walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner.

Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NIV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

**He who reads the newspaper knows what's going on in the world.  
He who reads the Bible knows why.**



### Hit the Sack!

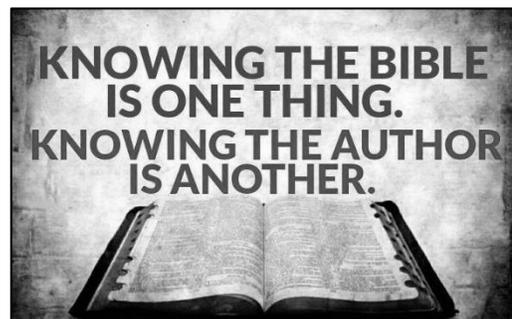
Sleep is a daily reminder from God that we are not God. Once a day God sends us to bed like patients with a sickness. The sickness is a chronic tendency to think we are in control and that our work is indispensable. To cure us of this disease, God turns us into helpless sacks of sand once a day.

—John Piper

### Dear Heavenly Father

Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings. May I ever marvel at your tender care for us and give you thanks and praise forever. Amen.

—Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19



# PRAISE & PRAYER

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. In addition to prayer requests, we would also like to list opportunities to praise God for His goodness in our lives.

- We pray for wisdom for all graduates; for direction in making decisions in each new situation and the new journey that the Lord has for them. May they listen closely to His voice, that they would have a heart to obey His word and have a desire to stay close to Him.
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MISSION  
of the  
WEEK



## GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

Founded in 1961, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry is a Christian outreach that provides chaplains, volunteers, counseling, and educational programs to jails and prisons in 21 US states and 21 countries or territories worldwide. Good News believes that each one of the 9.6 million (2.3 million US) people incarcerated in the world today represents a broken life and a family in pain. Yet they also embody amazing opportunities for hope, healing, hearts to be made whole, and lives to be given to Christ. When this happens, the transformational changes that result are carried forward exponentially and experienced eternally.

This is a ministry that reaches the forgotten people of the world. While inmates may be forgotten by people, they are never far from the heart of God. James Hildebrandt is the local chaplain.

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### Saved from Sinking

For Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time, fame and gold medals weren't enough to shore up a drowning self-esteem. The U.S. swimmer, who faced legal trouble and ended up in rehab, contemplated suicide during the prime of his sports career. "I thought the world would just be better off without me," Phelps told ESPN.

Then a friend, NFL star Ray Lewis, sent Phelps a copy of Rick Warren's bestseller *The Purpose Driven Life*. The book made such an impact on Phelps that he read excerpts aloud to fellow rehab-clinic patients, who dubbed him Preacher Mike. "It's turned me into believing there is a power greater than myself, and there is a purpose for me on this planet," Phelps says. "It helped me when I was in a place where I needed the most help." The swimmer's message to Lewis? By extending a hand and sharing the gospel's message of hope, "You saved my life."

# Impressive Imitation

6-1-25

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Series: *Equip to Engage*

*You became imitators of us and of the Lord ... And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.*

- 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ of Faith to Believe the M \_\_\_\_\_  
*Faith that leads to turning results in work produced by faith.*

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ of Love to Become a M \_\_\_\_\_  
*Love that leads to telling results in labor prompted by love.*

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ of Hope to Belong to the M \_\_\_\_\_  
*Hope that leads to trusting results in endurance provided by hope.*

**“Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.”**  
~ Theodore Roosevelt



**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.*

		<b>MINISTERING TODAY June 1</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK June 8</b>
<b>USHERS</b>		Steve Klescewski Kevin Lammers	Steve Klescewski Kevin Lammers
<b>GREETERS</b>		Steve & Lisa Klescewski Kevin & Margie Lammers	Curt & Sheila Teunissen Jeff & Nancy Van Wyk
<b>NURSERY</b>		Katie Fabian Joe Fabian	Gail Huibregtse Avery Koene
<b>CAMERA</b>		Kylah Kappers	Abby Kappers
<b>SOUND</b>		Corey Kappers	Dan Otte
<b>COMPUTER</b>		Abby Kappers	Stephanie Veenendaal
<b>GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE</b>	<i>After the Service</i>	Dick Huibregtse	Ning Zhang

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