

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

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PRELUDE

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

WELCOME

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Hymn #11)
"In Christ Alone"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Holy and loving God, there are times when I have felt distant from You; yet it's not You who moved away--I was the one who pulled away. I have neglected my need to know You more fully, and to strengthen my relationship with You. I have tried to live the Christian life in my own strength, ignoring my need to trust in You and rely upon You. Help me to experience the power of Your promises, that we will seek You and find You when we seek You with all our heart, and that You reward those who earnestly seek You. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Isaiah 55:6-7

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

"His Mercy Is More"

SERMON

"Running from God, Pursued by Grace"

Jim Green
Jonah 1:1-17

OFFERING

"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

BENEDICTION



*Welcome! We worship in the name of God, creator and protector of all;
and of Jesus, our Savior and friend; and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter
and guide.*

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30am Sunday Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE UPDATE

Pastor Brad is attending a conference for the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Today Jim Green, executive director of Campus Life, is sharing a message from God's Word with us.

The **DORCAS SOCIETY** will again meet the first Tuesday of each month from 1-3pm starting Sept.1.

Please consider joining us to help put together quilts as our group is getting small. Sewing skills are not required but helpful. Any scrap fabric donations of 1/2 yd or larger are greatly appreciated. Any questions contact Pat Boge. Thank you!



PRAYER GATHERING

Thur., Sept. 3, 6:30 pm

Join us for one of our "First Thursday" prayer gatherings at the start of the school year (1st Thur. in Sept.), the start of the new year (1st Thur. in Jan.), and the National Day of Prayer (1st Thur. in May).

The **SHEPHERD'S CLOSET** is currently

well-stocked and ready to help those

in need. While most of the individuals we assist are referred to us through Love, INC, our current abundance allows us to open our doors even wider to support others in the community. We have clothing for men and women sized newborn to adult.

Do you have a neighbor or family member who is facing a health struggle, a job search, or simply needing help making ends meet? Many of us do. If they could benefit from receiving free clothing for themselves or their family, please reach out to them to show your support and care



Ask them to email

mslammers22@gmail.com with their name and a few options for times they are available to meet. We will arrange a time for them to shop for items at the Shepherd's Closet, which is located in the Lighthouse building on the church grounds.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with me, Margie Lammers, in person, call me at 920.918.2665, or email mslammers22@gmail.com.

Thank you!

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the set-up, take-down, serving, and supporting the church picnic with the wonderful salads, side dishes, and desserts. Everything was delicious. Please help yourself to containers of leftover sloppy joe meat and buns in the freezer if you would like to take some home or share with others. It was a beautiful day.



Follow God's Lead

Have you ever watched a well-trained dog walk with its master? On or off a leash, the dog will slow or quicken its pace, turn left or right, or immediately stop at the soft command of his master's voice.

Such isn't the case with my pooch. Either he's straining ahead or lagging behind, darting after a bird or stubbornly lingering over an interesting scent. He isn't content to follow my lead.

Sometimes that latter scene resembles my own walk with God. At times, I rush ahead or lag behind, veer to the right or stumble to the left, oblivious of my Master's pace and direction. How much better to walk closely with God and let him lead!

"O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart" (1 Kings 8:23, NRSV).

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.

*O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker!*

Psalms 95:1-6



MISSION of the WEEK



CAMPUS LIFE of Sheboygan County

Campus Life is a nonprofit, non-denominational Christian ministry dedicated to sharing the love of Christ with area families. For more than 50 years we have been helping people in need, from children to senior citizens.

Being non-denominational, we are considered "neutral turf." This means we avoid issues of theological debate, and instead focus on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, salvation by grace through faith and living a life pleasing to God. No matter where you are at in your faith or life, there's a place for you at Campus Life.

Campus Life is located at 6426 S. Business Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081
Visit us at gocampuslife.com

Praise – a Reflection

Praise is a communal call, not a private whisper. When we sing together, we acknowledge God's strength and our unity in Him. Your joyful noise doesn't have to be perfect; it just needs to be real. Celebrate your salvation loudly—He deserves it.



Sermon Notes

**“Running from God, Pursued by Grace”
Jonah 1:1-17**

A spiral-bound notebook with a silver-colored metal spiral binding on the left side. The notebook has a white cover with a subtle pattern of small, dark, repeating arches. The pages are white with horizontal ruling lines. The notebook is open, showing several pages of lined paper.

“Do you feel more loved when God makes much of you, or do you feel more loved when God, at the cost of His Son, allows you to make much of Him?”

~ John Piper



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 Aug. 23	NEXT WEEK Aug. 30
USHERS		Kevin Lammers Dale Wingert	Kevin Lammers Dale Wingert
GREETERS		Dick & Gail Huibregtse	Dale & Beth Wingert
CAMERA		Kylah Kappers	Ethan Teunissen
SOUND		Corey Kappers	Sheila Teunissen
COMPUTER		Abby Kappers	Abby Kappers
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	<i>After Service</i>	Steve Wilterdink	Stephanie Veenendaal

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