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

**REFORMED** *First* **CHURCH**  
*with a*  
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**Worship Service**  
**9:30am**

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

April 26, 2026

Worship Service – 9:30am

## PRELUDE

*"How Good It Is"*

## WELCOME

*"His Mercy Is More"*

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Hymn #630)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Lord Jesus, I confess that I have tried to share in your life without listening to Your truth or living Your way. I so often live as if You said, "Seek ye first all these other things, and the kingdom of God shall be added unto you." But Your Word calls us to seek You first, and Your kingdom, and Your righteousness. Help me see that all the other "stuff" of life comes after that, and that everything I need will be given as well, as I trust in You. Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Isaiah 55:6-7

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kathy Felton

## SERMON:

*"When We Taste and See, We Will Tell and Share"*

Pastor Brad  
Psalm 34:1-10

## OFFERING

*"Lord, I Need You"*

## BENEDICTION



*The welcome mat is out for you! We are happy to have you here today as a partner in prayer, in song and in the hearing of God's word. Welcome to worship!*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30am Worship  
10:45am POW 45 / Sunday School

### MONDAY

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thur., May 7

Community: 9am at Pine Haven – Haven Drive campus community room

Church: 6:30pm – This is one of three First Thursday prayer gatherings: 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).

## COMMUNITY

### ANCHOR OF HOPE COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER – May 2-31

This community-wide effort helps provide essential items to families of infants and toddlers in need in Sheboygan County. The church's participation will support local parents and infants, ensuring that gifts collected will be distributed locally and serve those who need them most. As a community partner, Anchor of Hope will receive donations along with BabyCare, Kindred Hearts, Mary's Room, and WIC. Please place donated items in the designated box (to come).

▪ Items needed: formula; diapers (all sizes); board books; clothing (newborn-4T); baby essentials



### Trusting the Unseen

A gardener planted two peony bulbs side by side. In a few weeks, as expected, the first one poked a single stem through the ground. The other would soon follow, the gardener thought. But it didn't. Many more weeks went by with no sign of life.

Then one day, to his surprise, not one but five leaf points poked through the soil at once. When

the peony bloomed, its flowers were more beautiful and numerous than those of the first bulb.

John Piper said, "In every situation God is doing a thousand things that we cannot see and do not know." When God seems to have forgotten you and hope fails, don't despair. God is at work, and someday you will see.

*"Faith is like wi-fi: It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need."*

### Mark the Evangelist

The church knows Mark primarily as the author of the second New Testament book. Penned around A.D. 70, it was the first gospel written. He may be the Mark mentioned in Acts 12:12, also called John and to whose mother's house Peter went after being miraculously freed from prison. This same John-Mark of Jerusalem went on missionary journeys with Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin, according to Colossians 4:10). Though Paul had a disagreement with Mark early on, he later called Mark "useful in my ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11) and wanted to see him.


It's thought that Mark served the church in Rome for a time, and that as Peter's scribe he wrote down the lead disciple's firsthand accounts of Jesus, resulting in the gospel that bears Mark's name.

One tradition, though uncertain, dubs Mark the father of the Coptic (Egyptian Christian) church. Martyred in Alexandria on an Easter Sunday, he's commemorated by the church on April 25.

**Bible Quiz**

In Matthew's genealogy, which woman is *not* mentioned as Jesus' ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba



Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17.)

# 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.

- *Our sympathy to the family of Jean Sebald on her passing.*
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## MISSION of the WEEK



*Avant*

### **BRIAN & DANA PHIPPS** **Avant Ministries**

Since the 1890s Avant Ministries has focused on planting and developing the church in the unreached areas of the world.

Through church planting, church support ministries, media, education, camp and business, Avant hopes to establish churches among the unreached\*: mature, nationally-led churches that desire to plant more churches, first in their own city, and then all over the world.

Avant trains, sends and serves missionaries in 50 countries globally.

\*Avant defines "unreached" as places where less than two percent of the population is evangelical Christian.

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### **Waiting on God**

On May 7, Americans will observe the National Day of Prayer. Waiting on God is an important component of prayer. It's hard to understand why God delays when we cry out for help. Why does he allow us to suffer, when he could just say the word and make it all better? Why must we wait?

Consider a child whose parents always give her whatever she asks, as soon as she asks for it. That child has little opportunity to learn patience or gratitude. Because she doesn't know what it's like to not have, she cannot appreciate the true value of something.

God may have some of these things in mind when our prayers go unanswered for a time. As the psalmist exhorts, "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Psalm 27:14, NRSV).

# When We Taste and See, We Will Tell and Share 4-26-26

Psalm 34:1-10

Series: *Made to Make*

4/12 Delight in God – Worship

4/19 Delight in God – Word

Today Delight in God – Prayer

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.*

- Psalm 34:4

*"Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the for the hope that you have.*

- 1 Peter 3:14b-15

1. If you want to p\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, p\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. *Praise*

2. If you want to give a t\_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord, t\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord. *Repent*

3. if you want to s\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, s\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. *Ask*

Those who seek the Lord are: s\_\_\_\_\_

s\_\_\_\_\_

s\_\_\_\_\_

4. if you want to help others f\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, f\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. *Yield*

**"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."**

*~ Mother Teresa*



**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</b> <b>April 26</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b> <b>May 3</b>
<b>USHERS</b>		Travis Steffen Dave Stoffregen	Marty Halverson Vern Heidenreiter
<b>GREETERS</b>		John & Pat Boge	Doug & Katie Fabian
<b>CAMERA</b>		Ethan Teunissen Jordan Wagner	Kylah Kappers
<b>SOUND</b>		Dan Otte	Corey Kappers
<b>COMPUTER</b>		Ning Zhang	Abby Kappers
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>		Kathy Felton	xxxx
<b>GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE</b>	<i>After Service</i>	Steve Wilterdink	Aaron Lund
<b>SECURITY</b>		Dave Stoffregen	Gary Ten Haken

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