



# Seventh Reformed Church

January 1, 2025

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you  
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

2025 Motto Text: Philippians 1:6

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## New Year's Day

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Welcome!

**Seventh Reformed Church** is a covenant community of God's people that exists to glorify God by gathering, nurturing, and equipping believers according to the supreme Word of God for life in the Spirit, Christian service, and witness to Jesus Christ in Grand Rapids and throughout the world.

Seventh Reformed Church is a member of the World Reformed Fellowship ([www.wrfnet.org](http://www.wrfnet.org))

# **New Year's Day Service**

## **Invitation to Worship**

### **Confession That God Is Our Help**

**LH 863** *Take My Life and Let It Be*, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

### **Prayer for Blessing**

### **A Greeting from God**

**Response:** *Doxology*

## **Remembrance of Our Brother and Sisters Departed 2024**

**SH** *Be Still My Soul*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Response: LH 661** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, v. 1

**LH 859** *Be Thou My Vision*

**Contextual Reading:** Ephesians 5:1–21, p. 1,244

**Sermon:** *Make the Best of 2025*

**Text:** Ephesians 5:15–21

### **Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God**

**LH 329** *Lead Me, Guide Me*

### **Parting Blessing from God**

**Response: LH 745** *Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit*, \*both verses

Preacher: Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven

Accompanist: Mrs. Virginia Rubingh

# **Sermon Notes**

*Make the Best of 2025*

Ephesians 5:15-21

○ Introduction: Children of Light

1. The Christian's Careful Walk

2. The Christian's Wise Walk

3. The Christian's Sober Walk

4. The Christian's Spirit-Filled Walk

5. The Christian's Grateful Walk

## New Year's Day

9:45 Morning Worship  
 Greeting Elder: Gerrit Tromp  
 Welcome Center: Jisun van Engelenhoven  
 Nursery: Andrea Gillon/Chris Lynde  
 Usher: Steve Lynde

### *Elder Assignment*

Rear Sanctuary: East—Jim Eldersveld  
 Center—Pastor Paul  
 West—Roy Visser  
 Front Sanctuary: East—Israel Quaresma

**We warmly welcome you to our New Year's Day service!**

**2025 Motto Text:** Philippians 1:6. Postcards are in your mailbox today.

**Collection Designation:** The offering this morning will be for Kids' Life Bible Club.

## Announcements

**Bible Reading Plans:** There is an assortment of reading plans available in the Foyer.

**Much Appreciated:** The Consistory expresses their appreciation for all of those who helped with the special services in recent weeks. We were all blessed by those who participated in the annual Sunday School program, those who led us in worship for the Service of Lessons and Carols, and to the music director, choir, and musicians for their offerings of praise this Christmas season. Thanks also to those who brought refreshments for the fellowship times after our special services.

**This service is broadcast** over WFUR FM 92.9 at 11:00 a.m. and will be live streamed on YouTube. The message can be heard at a later time on YouTube and at [www.7thref.org](http://www.7thref.org).

## In Memoriam—2024

Fred Rosendall	July 4	81 years
Dorothy Gaastra	December 19	96 years
Beth Stellema	December 23	65 years

<i>Elders</i>	<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Staff</i>
<b>Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven</b> , President	<b>Dave Huber</b> , President	<b>Paul van Engelenhoven</b> , S.B.G., Pastor
<b>Jim Eldersveld</b> , Vice President	<b>Jeff Scharphorn</b> , Vice President (Ex-Officio)	<b>Ben Bessett</b> , M.Div., Pastor of Visitation and Outreach
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