

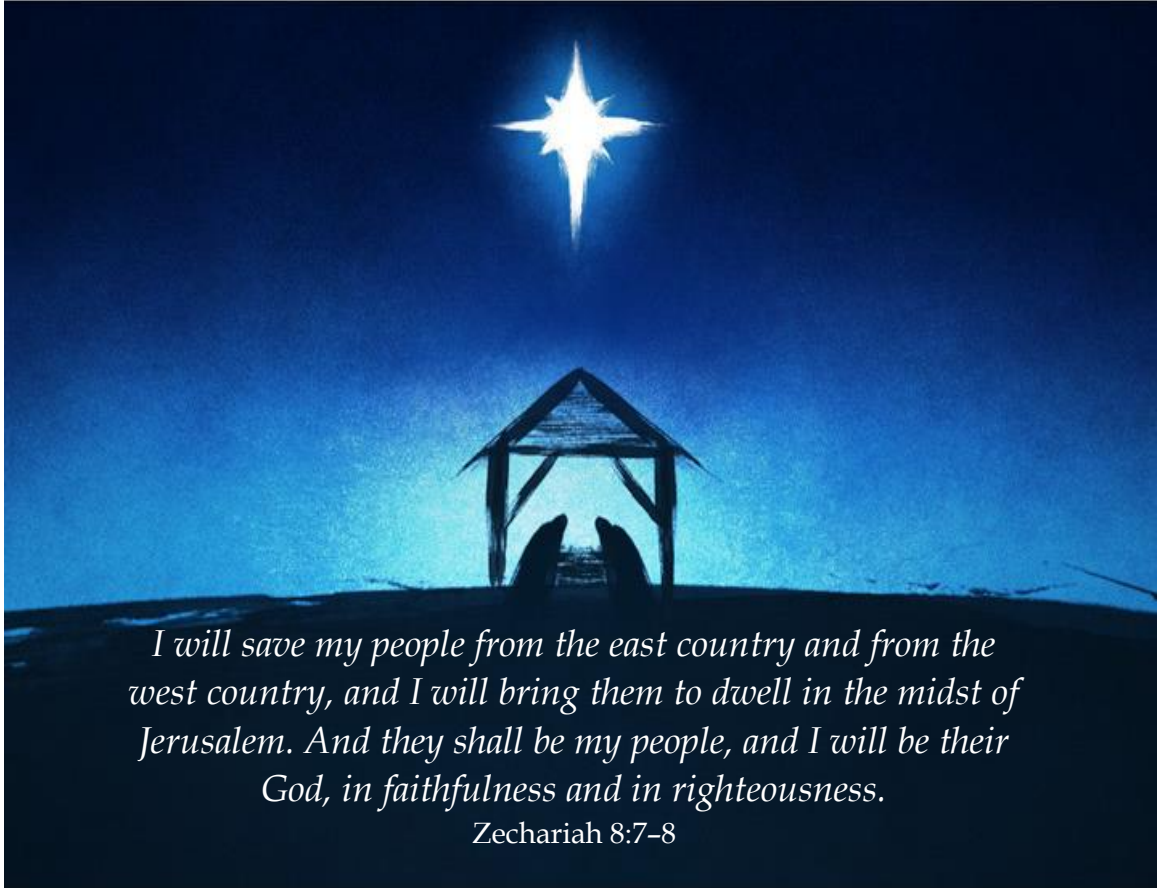


# Seventh Reformed Church

December 25, 2024

*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine!*

2024 Motto Text: Isaiah 43:1b



*I will save my people from the east country and from the west country, and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.*

Zechariah 8:7-8

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))

# Christmas Day Service

**Prelude:** *Carols and Songs of the Season*

**Invitation to Worship**

**Choral Call to Worship:** *How Great Our Joy*  
*arr. Rutter*

**Confession That God Is Our Help**  
**LH 82** *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
**Prayer for Blessing**  
**A Greeting from God**  
**Response:** *Doxology*

**Apostles' Creed**

**Anthem:** *Sussex Carol*  
*arr. by Elaine Hagenberg*

**Pastoral Prayer**  
**Response:** **SH** *Emmanuel*

**SH** *The First Noel* (vv. 1-3, 5, 6)  
**Sermon:** *The Word Became Flesh (John)*  
**Scripture Text:** John 1:14, p. 1,127  
**Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God**  
**SH** *There's a Song in the Air*

**Parting Blessing from God**  
**Response:** *The Hallelujah Chorus*

Preacher: Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven  
Music: Senior Choir  
Music Director: Mrs. Dawn Pastoor  
Accompanist: Ms. Kris De Koster

# Sermon Notes

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- Introduction: The Introduction of God in the Flesh
  1. Jesus (The Word) in Eternity past (1:1–2)
  2. Jesus (The Creator) During the Creation the World (1:3)
  3. Jesus (The Light and Life) in His Earthly Ministry (1:4, 9–10)
  4. Jesus (Grace and Truth) Among His Disciples (1:14)
- Application: Come to the Light of the World

## Christmas Day Announcements

We warmly welcome you to our Christmas service today. Questions about our church? We would be glad to connect with you. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection plate at the front or rear sanctuary entrance. More information about our church can be found by visiting our website [www.7thref.org](http://www.7thref.org).

**Collection Designation:** The offering is for Pregnancy Resource Center.

**A heartfelt thank you** to Ms. Kris De Koster for blessing us with a special program of Christmas music before the service this morning; and for leading us in *The Hallelujah Chorus* at the end of the service.

**Final Response:** As has been our tradition for the last couple of years, we will end the service today with *The Hallelujah Chorus*. We have small booklets of the music that will be available for the congregation to sing from—simply raise your hand during the final hymn if you would like one. You can either sing from your pew or make your way up to the choir loft during the singing of the last hymn. We kindly ask that you deposit your music in one of the labeled boxes on your way out of the sanctuary.

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

**Beloved brothers and sisters of Seventh Reformed Church**, we are so grateful to God for His kindness toward us in 2024. All of you have so blessed us in more ways you wouldn't probably realize! Our prayers are for your continuous joy in Christ and love in our heavenly Father. We thank you for all the kind words, prayers, and support. May we always look forward with expectancy to knowing that the Lord will always do above and beyond what we may ask. We pray that God will grant you a happy, healthy, and grace-filled New Year.

*With love in Christ—Pastor Paul, Jisun, Abigail, Noah, and Hugo van Engelenhoven*

**Dear church family**, we give our sincere appreciation for the many tokens of love and encouragement we have received. Your love and care for us has been felt throughout the year and we are most thankful to our Lord for all of you!

—Ben and Jeannette Bessett

### Christmas Day Service

Greeting Elders: Steve Lynde

Escort: Ward De Vries

Welcome Ctr: Sharon Visser

Nursery: Izzy/Jessie Novakowski, Sarah V.Dyke

Usher: Dave Huber

### December Door Duty

Rear East—Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven

Rear Center—Ken Ganzevoort

Rear West—Jim Eldersveld

Front East—Gerrit Tromp

Elders	Deacons	Staff
<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
<b>Bob Schellenberg</b> , Clerk	<b>Fred Van Dyke</b> , Secretary	<b>Dawn Pastoor</b> , Music Director
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<b>Ken Ganzevoort/Israel Quaresma</b> , SE District	<b>Jason Novakowski</b>	<b>Alex Sikma</b> , Video and Podcast Editor
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