



# Seventh Reformed Church

December 29, 2024

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

Motto Text: Isaiah 43:1b

## Morning Service 9:45 a.m.

### Invitation to Worship

#### Confession That God Is Our Help

LH 575 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Old Testament Reading: Exod. 31:12-32:20 p. 91

Prayer for Blessing

A Greeting from God and Response: *Doxology*

Law of God and Summary of the Law

#### Pastoral Prayer

Response LH 348 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* v. 1

LH 579 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Sermon: *All Is Brevity, Reflecting on Life*

Ecclesiastes 12 p. 711

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God

#### Office for the Administration of the Lord's Supper

*(Gluten-free bread wrapped in center of plate)*

SH *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

LH 405 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* vv. 1-3, 5-6

#### Parting Blessing from God

Response

LH 933 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* v. 1

Preacher: Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven

Accompanist: Ms. Kris De Koster

## Afternoon Service 5:00 p.m.

### Invitation to Worship

#### Confession That God Is Our Help

LH 548 *My God, How Wonderful You Are* vv. 1, 3, 5, 6

New Testament Reading: Acts 28:11-31 p.1,192

Prayer for Blessing

A Greeting from God

Nicene Creed (recite together)

Response: *Gloria Patri*

#### Pastoral Prayer

Response LH 358 *Give Thanks* \*no repeats

LH 309 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* vv. 1-4

Sermon: *Knowledge, Pride, and Sensitivity*

1 Corinthians 8 p. 1,216

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God

LH 551 *All Creatures of Our God and King* vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

#### Parting Blessing from God

Response LH 927 *God, the Father of Your People* v. 2

Preacher: Pastor Ben Bessett

Accompanist: Miss Kaili Prins

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.

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## Morning Notes

*All Is Brevity, Reflecting on Life*  
Ecclesiastes 12

Introduction: The Lessons of Ecclesiastes

1. Remember Your Creator

2. Remember Eternity

3. Remember Wisdom

4. Remember God's Judgment

## Evening Notes

*Knowledge, Pride, and Sensitivity*  
1 Corinthians 8

Questions to Consider:

- 1) What is your attitude toward those who are unaware of gospel truth and live in opposition to it?
- 2) Do you tend to look down upon those who are lost and confused in this world, thinking they should just simply get their act together?
- 3) How conscious are you of the struggles others may have who have come out of difficult circumstances from their past, such as addictions or false religions?
- 4) Do you find yourself empathizing with those who have had similar struggles that you have also faced, or do you inwardly condemn those people with a self-righteous attitude?
- 5) Why do you suppose people who acquire knowledge tend to think they are naturally superior to others? When false belief is behind this? Why is this a normal temptation human beings face?