



Seventh Reformed Church

January 12, 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

Morning Service 9:45 a.m.

Invitation to Worship

Choral Call to Worship:

He Who Began a Good Work in You by Jon Mohr

Confession That God Is Our Help

SH *Trusting Jesus*

Old Testament Reading: Exod. 33:7-34:9 p. 93

Prayer for Blessing and Lord's Prayer

A Greeting from God and Response: *Doxology*

Law of God and Summary of the Law

Anthem: *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Hamill

Pastoral Prayer

Response LH 861

In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified v. 1

Children's Message

LH 25 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

Support Texts: Hebrews 12:1-3, 5:7

Sermon: *Living in Hope, Patience, and Prayer*
Romans 12:12 p. 1,206

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God

LH 897 *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*

Parting Blessing from God

Response SH *There Is a Higher Throne*

Preacher: Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven

Music Director: Mrs. Dawn Pastoor

Accompanist: Miss Molly 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.

Seventh Reformed Church is a member of the World Reformed Fellowship (www.wrfnet.org)

Afternoon Service 5:00 p.m.

Invitation to Worship

Confession That God Is Our Help

LH 582 *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

New Testament Reading: Romans 2 p. 1,195

Prayer for Blessing

A Greeting from God

Apostles' Creed (recite together)

Response: *Gloria Patri*

Pastoral Prayer

Response: LH 739 *I Surrender All* v. 1

SH *Christ, for the World We Sing*

Sermon: *The Heart of Ministry*

1 Corinthians 9:1-18 p. 1,216

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God

SH *Facing a Task Unfinished*

Parting Blessing from God

Response LH 927 *God, the Father of Your People* v. 1

Preacher: Pastor Ben Bessett

Accompanist: Mrs. Lindsay Clark

Morning Notes

Living in Hope, Patience, and Prayer
Romans 12:12

Introduction: To Survive and Thrive (As Jesus Did)

1. Rejoice in Hope (As Jesus Did)

2. Be Patient in Tribulation (As Jesus Did)

3. Be Constant in Prayer (As Jesus Did)

Application: Walk Slowly and Carefully with the
Lord

Evening Notes

The Heart of Ministry
1 Corinthians 9:1-18

Questions to Consider:

1. Why is it that we tend to lack empathy for ministers as to how they feel and deal with difficulties they face?
2. Why do pastors tend to become the “lightening rod” for criticism while at the same time being set on a pedestal and elevated higher than they should?
3. What was behind the apostle Paul’s desire to continue in preaching and being faithful to his calling throughout his ministry, regardless of the criticism and false claims he faced?
4. How can Christians take the lessons the apostle Paul has learned and apply them to their own lives, regardless if they are called to pulpit ministry or not?