

**Matthew 4:1–11**  
**Temptation**



**Main Point:** Although Satan is seeking to tempt & destroy, we can resist Him through the One who was tempted as we are yet without sin.

January 26, 2025

**I. Embrace the Good News of Christ's Temptation (4:1-2)**

Prelude  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

Jamison Velzke

**APPROACH TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship  
\*Song of Praise  
*Nothing but the Blood*  
\*Prayer of Praise  
\*Song of Praise  
*Oh God of Mercy*

Rev. 12:9-11

**II. Don't Be Ignorant of Satan's Designs (4:3, 5-6, 8-9)**

**RENEWAL IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness  
\*Song of Assurance  
*Christ is Mine Forevermore*

Hebrews 2:14-18

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Message  
Equip (Ages 3-5)  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon

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**III. Follow the Pattern of Christ (4:4, 7, 10-11)**

**RESPONSE TO GOD**

Offertory Prayer  
Song of Response  
\*Affirmation of Faith  
Congregational Prayer  
\*Benediction  
\*Doxology  
\*Postlude

*Before the Throne of God Above*  
Heidelberg Q 127

Mary Holle

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\*Congregation standing if able

# FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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## Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

## Reflections

“[Believers] should never forget that they have a mighty Friend in heaven, who feels for them in all their temptations, and can enter into all their spiritual anxieties. Are they ever tempted by Satan to distrust God’s care and goodness? So was Jesus....Are they ever tempted to listen to some misapplication of Scripture....So also was Jesus.—He is just the Saviour that a tempted people require. Let them flee to him for help, and spread before him all their troubles” (JC Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on Matthew*, 22).

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If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. The Elder on call for January is Carl Velzke (920-917-0902).

# Prayer Guide

## **Praises and Thanksgivings**

Jesus Resurrection  
Our living hope in Jesus

## **Petitions**

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb  
For people to hear the gospel hope  
A heart of submission to Christ  
Spiritual wisdom and discernment  
Commitment to be reading Scripture  
Discipline and courage to obey  
To be guided by Scripture, not culture  
Courage to stand firm for the gospel  
Our ministry in the PCA  
Pastor Zach Tarter  
Jon Damkot – Youth Director  
Lincoln Rus – Pastoral Apprentice  
Disciple making at Faith Reformed  
Spiritual revival  
Our government leaders  
Our youth to grow in Christ  
Those serving in the military  
The Unity of Cedar Grove churches  
Those with addictions/in jail or prison  
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

## **Health**

Lloyd DeRuyter – will be having back surgery on Tuesday  
Linda Dykstra – prayers for continued healing and strength  
Ruth Ann Wieberdink –prayers for continued healing  
Donna Caljouw – prayers that her cancer would stay in remission, and she would be less tired and have less pain  
Don Teunissen – continued prayer for healing and strength as he starts therapy  
Kristy Weiss – is now at Rocky Knoll for healing and rehab for her broken leg. Prayers for quick healing.

## **Shut-ins**

Wayne Navis  
Delores Droppers – is at Samaritan Health Care in West Bend, room #386 and being treated for an infection.  
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10  
Jean Schreurs – Oostburg Pine Haven Campus – room 112

## **Mission & Outreach**

PCA Missions to the World  
PCA Mission to North America  
Future Church Planting Efforts  
For our unchurched neighbors

# Schedule

## TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am  
Sunday School for all ages – 10:30am  
Core – 6:00pm

Monday – 6:30pm Praise Band Practice

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect “Free Week”  
-6:30pm Quest  
-6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday – 9:30am Women’s Bible Study

Saturday – 6:00pm Game Night

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

February 8 – Women’s Conference  
February 11 – Blood Bank  
February 13 – Food Pantry

**Ushers for January:** Eric Meinnert, Jason Hopeman, Jim Wonser  
**Ushers for February:** Jeff Broetzmann, Gil Meinen, Brian Beernink

**Nursery for January 26:** Kim Rauwerdink, Grace Meinnert, Wylan Reichle  
**Nursery for February 2:** Beth Rauwerdink, Lauren Hopeman, Wyatt Dolfin

**Refreshments for January:** Care Group #1 (Kris & Kim)  
**Refreshments for February:** Care Group #3 (Mary & Melissa)

**Greeters January 26**    - **Narthex:** Randy & Ginny Kurth Family  
                                  - **Great Room:** Michael & Katie Lubbert Family  
**Greeters February 2**    - **Narthex:** Jason & Jeni Hopeman Family  
                                  - **Great Room:** Gary & Debbie Meeusen

**Serving in the Military:**  
Jackson DeRuyter  
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PO Box 1338  
Holloman AFB, NM 88330

# Family Life at Faith

**The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 35 families** at the January Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, February 13th. **We are currently low on cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables & fruit.** If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

**For Love INC in January,** we will be collecting **Personal Care Kits:** toilet paper, lotion, combs, tissues, soap, deodorant, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, and shampoo/conditioner. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

**The 2025 Women’s Conference at Faith is quickly approaching!** Please mark your calendars for February 8th from 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM. This is a morning of teaching, worship, fellowship, food, crafts, and shopping. Please register here: <https://faithcedargrove.breezechms.com/form/00d18792807783> or sign up on the sheet in the information center.

This year we have the pleasure of hearing from author and speaker Sarah Ivill on the theme “Living Water”. Using Scripture, she will help us understand why we are drawn to broken cisterns that hold no water and lead us to the Fountain of living water, who is the only One who will transform our hearts and eternally satisfy our thirst. Sarah is the author of several books and women’s Bible studies and has served in many positions in ministry.

All women are welcome, so invite your family, friends, and coworkers by simply sharing the link! Please make sure to sign up by the end of January. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the women’s ministry team.

**Salvation Army Meal** -Thank you to all those who have signed up to make/bring food for the past year. They are always very appreciative. There is a **sign-up sheet for February** in the information center. If you have any questions, please see Wendy Wonser.

**Ladies of Faith** will meet on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. They will do Bible Study lesson #9 which will be led by Carolyn Bruggink. Hostesses are Carolyn Bruggink and Shirley Wieberdink. You can pick up a copy of the secretary and treasurer reports in the information center.

**All information for the February Newsletter is due TODAY.**

## Family Life at Faith

**Our sympathy** goes out to Jean Schreurs and Dan & Kristy Weiss on the passing of Don, Jean's husband and Kristy's Dad, on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** to all the ladies who made sweet breads and muffins for the Presbytery Meeting and to the Fellowship Committee for organizing the light breakfast and lunch.

**The Care Connection** is asking for volunteers to continue to communicate with cards or words of encouragement to Kelly Wieberdink. Kelly is the daughter of Shirley Wieberdink and is living at Trempealeau County Health Care Center. She really enjoys getting cards from us. Let's continue to make her feel that she is being thought of and prayed for even though she is separated from family and people she is familiar with. You can sign up on the sheet in the information center. **There is just 1 spot left.**

**Pictorial Directory:** We would also like to update our church pictorial directory. New babies are being born, kids are growing up and new members have joined. **Please update pictures and check to make sure all information is right.** There are direction sheets in the information center that explain how to do this. If you need help or would like Wendy to update your picture, you can email her one or ask to have a new picture taken here at church.

**Please continue to be in prayer** for Mara (Jeff and Paula Risseeuw's daughter) and her unborn twin boys. The C Section is scheduled for February 14th. We continue to pray for the safety and normal development of the twins and for a healthy delivery.

**Save the Date! Secret Church 25:** The Gospel of Matthew on April 11, 2025! This 6-hour gathering starting at 6pm will take a deep dive into the Gospel of Matthew and learn more about how to lock arms with brothers and sisters around the world to make Jesus known in our neighborhoods and all nations. Our church will host a viewing session. Signups will be by the mailboxes soon! See a mission team member if you have questions.

## Youth News

**CORE** (Grades 6-12) - **Tonight, January 26th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

**CONNECT "Free Week"** (Grades 6-12) - This **Wednesday, January 29th** each group has their own special event planned for "Free Week." Please contact Jon or your group leader if you have any questions about what your son's/daughter's group has planned.

**QUEST** (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, January 29th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM**. Registration and games begin at 6:00.

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**Game Night at Faith** — Mark your calendars and join us for a night of fun and fellowship at "Game Night" on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00p.m. We are playing Sheepshead, cribbage, and other games. If you have a favorite, bring it along. The game night is open to middle school and above. Come on out and enjoy the fun. **Sign up for the Sheepshead Tournament on the sheet in the Information Center.** Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Inquirer's Class:** We are looking to have our next Inquirer's Class on Saturday, February 15th, from 9:00-1:00. This is for anyone interested in learning more about the church, or for those who would like to pursue communing membership. We spend time considering what it means to be a Christian, the value of the church, the meaning of membership, and how this comes together at Faith Reformed Church. A sign-up is in the Narthex (\*if you are interested but the time doesn't work for you, please sign-up and indicate that on the sheet).