

**Matthew 20:20-28**  
**“True Greatness”**



# Faith Reformed

January 5, 2025

**Main Point:** Whether church officers or members, our approach to leadership and greatness must be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**I. Abandon the Pursuit of False Greatness (20:20-24)**

Prelude  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

Jamison Velzke

**APPROACH TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship From Psalm 30:4 & Philippians 2:5-11  
\*Song of Praise  
*Rejoice*  
\*Prayer of Praise  
\*Song of Praise  
*Christ is Mine Forevermore*

**II. Embrace the Path of True Greatness (20:25-27)**

**RENEWAL IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness Psalm 103:8-14  
\*Song of Assurance  
*He Will Hold Me Fast*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Equip (for ages 3-5)  
Scripture Reading Matthew 20:20-28  
Sermon “True Greatness”

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**III. Follow the Pattern of Christ’s Greatness (20:28)**

**RESPONSE TO GOD**

Ordination/Installation of Officers  
Offertory Prayer  
Song of Response *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
\*Affirmation of Faith WLC Q. 46  
Congregational Prayer  
\*Benediction  
\*Doxology  
\*Postlude

Nicole Velzke

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\*Congregation standing if able

# FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

*Rev. Zach Tarter, Pastor*      *Jon Damkot, Youth Director*  
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## Today's Ordination & Installation Service

Today we have the privilege of ordaining and installing new elders and deacons. Below you will find the questions and the order of that portion of the service.

### Questions to Officers

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

### Questions to the Church

1. Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

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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**

Linda Dykstra – prayers that her shoulder would heal well, and she would not need surgery and that the procedure she had to take care of the fluid buildup around her heart would be successful  
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – prayers for continued healing  
Donna Caljouw – prayers as she goes back on her cancer medication that it will not have an adverse effect on her body in other ways as before  
Don Teunissen – continued prayer for healing and strength  
Jeff Debbink – prayers that the chemo would have been affective to heal his cancer  
Keith R. – (cancer)  
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 – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 1 – room 15  
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10  
Don Schreurs – is now at Sharon Richardson Community Hospice  
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 Women’s Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect  
-6:30pm Quest  
-6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday – 9:30am Women’s Bible Study  
-4:30-6pm Food Pantry

Friday-Sunday – HS Winter Retreat

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

January 12 – Care Group Meeting  
January 25 – Wisconsin Presbytery Meeting at Faith

**Ushers for January:** Eric Meinnert, Jason Hopeman, Jim Wonser

**Nursery for January 5:** Kim Rauwerdink, Garret Rauwerdink, Caleb Heinen  
**Nursery for January 12:** Macy Ewing, Amelia Velzke, Levi Heinen

**Refreshments for January:** Care Group #1 (Kris & Kim)

**Greeters January 5** – **Narthex:** Jim & Wendy Wonser Family  
- **Great Room:** Aaron & Ashlee Krizek Family  
**Greeters January 12** - **Narthex:** Chris & Sarah Konzak Family  
- **Great Room:** John & Kris Kettenhoven

### **Serving in the Military:**

Jackson DeRuyter  
49 EMS  
PO Box 1338  
Holloman AFB, NM 88330

## Family Life at Faith

**The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 40 families** at the December Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, January 9th. **We are currently low on cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, canned vegetables & fruit, gloves & mittens for adults and children.** 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.

**Ladies, mark your calendars** for the 2025 Women’s Conference at Faith Reformed Church for Saturday, February 8th, 2025, from 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM.

**Ladies of Faith** will meet Tuesday, January 7th at 1:30pm to do Bible Study Lesson #8 led by Carol DeRuyter. Hostesses are Carol DeRuyter & Mary Ann DeHaai. You can pick up a copy of the secretary and treasurer report in the information center.

**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 now a **sign-up sheet for January & February** in the information center. If you have any questions, please see Wendy Wonser.

**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 are just a few spots left.** Her address is:

Trempealeau Co. Health Care Center  
Kelly Wieberdink – Courage Center  
W20410 State Rd 121  
White Hall, WI 54773

## Family Life at Faith

### Special birthdays in January:

Delores Bruggink will turn 93 on January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Glen Ten Dolle will turn 83 on January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jane Mentink will turn 76 on January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Shirley Wieberdink will turn 90 on January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Richard Jordan will turn 77 on January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Edie Beernink will turn 90 on January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**New 2025 Directory:** I have put out the directory sheets on the table in the great room for you to look over. **Please check your name and details about your address, phone numbers, & email address.** Write down any changes you have on the sheet or cross out home phone numbers you do not use anymore. **This is the last day to do so.** Thanks for your help. Wendy

**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.

Faith Church is holding the Wisconsin Presbety Meeting here on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Fellowship Team is looking for donations of **25 sweetbreads and/or a dozen muffins.** You can sign up on the sheet in the information center.

**Ordination/Installation Service:** Today during the service, we will have our ordination and installation of incoming officers. Dave Reichle and Brett Voskuil will be ordained as deacons and Gary Dunn and Jamie Meinen as elders.

**Open House:** Edie Beernink will be turning 90 years old on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the family would like to invite the congregation to an open house to celebrate with her. It will be held here at Faith Reformed Church on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm.

**Please continue to be in prayer** for Mara (Jeff and Paula Risseeuw's daughter) and her unborn twins. We continue to pray for good heart, brain and cord dopplers each week, normal growth and for her water not to break prematurely.

## Youth News

**CORE** (Grades 6-12) - **Tonight, January 5th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

**CONNECT** (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, January 8th** students are invited to Connect with each other and God at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:30PM!** Worship begins at 6:20.

**QUEST** (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, January 8th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM.** Registration and games begin at 6:00.

**HS FORT Retreat** - Please pray for God to work in the lives of the high schoolers that will attend our retreat from January 10-12!

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