

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Randy Smit*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”
#91 “Alleluia”

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

For Reflection:

Children’s Message – *Sandy Zwart*

Old Testament Lesson – Deuteronomy 8:11-14

Response Psalm – Psalm 62:7-10

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 6:19-33

Message: “Eternity Amnesia”

Prayer of Commitment

✠Affirmation of Faith #716 “The Apostles’ Creed”

✠Hymn #52 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (verses 1,2,3,4, and 6)

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

✠Presentation of our Gifts to God (read in unison)

Dear Lord, we thank You for the blessings You’ve poured into our lives seen and unseen. Every good thing we have is a gift from Your hand. As we bring our tithe today, we do it with grateful hearts, knowing that You are our ultimate Provider. Accept this offering as a sign of our trust and gratitude. Let our lives overflow with praise for Your goodness, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Church Family Ties

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #42 “Seek Ye First”

Postlude

✠*Please stand during these acts of worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Thank you to Rev. Dan Haggard for leading us in worship today. Brian Narcomy, Outreach Pastor for Center of Hope, will provide pulpit supply next Sunday, August 23.

Pastor Harlan & Verlaine are on vacation through August 18. Pastor Harlan will resume his regular work schedule on August 19, and will take August 23 as a fifth Sunday.

Kristi Rops has reduced office hours this summer. She is in the office most Mondays and Fridays from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.

September newsletter information is due in the office by 9:00 AM on Monday, August 24.

To mark the beginning of a new school year, a “blessing of the backpacks” will take place during the worship service on Sunday, August 30. All those involved in every level of education, including students, teachers, and staff will be recognized.

Rally Sunday is September 13. Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday.

Teachers are needed for preschool-5th grade Sunday School. Contact Shellene Smidt with questions or to volunteer.

We are collecting donations of school supplies during the month of August to support the Foster Care program. Children in crisis are often moved from their school and need basic supplies to begin at a new one.

“Sewing for Others” meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month at 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center. All are welcome.

The Love INC Office will be closed this week for the Turner County Fair. Stop at our booth and see us for water bottle stickers and free Bibles/devotionals that we are happy to share. If you have an emergent need during this time, please call 605-681-6550. *Michelle Paulson*

Inspiration Hills is holding a Warrior Run on Saturday, September 12. The Warrior Run is a fun community event that helps provide camp scholarships to Inspiration Hills. Register by August 28 and save \$10 with Early Bird pricing for the 5K Warrior Run: \$25 (regularly \$35) and a 1 Mile Fun Run: \$20 (regularly \$30). Everyone who registers by August 28 will also receive a FREE event t-shirt. Register or learn more at www.inspirationhills.org/warrior.

Volunteers are needed to mow our church lawn. Sign-up on the office door.

The July-September “Words of Hope” devotionals are available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall or online at woh.org. Please share them with others.

Go to www.secondreformed.com to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance. **You may also participate in a phone prayer chain group.** Contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller to be added to a phone group.

Contact Jerod Zimmer, Shellene Smidt, or Charish Weeldreyer if you would like to give offerings by automatic bank withdrawals.

Last Sunday we received \$3,230 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$150 for the mission fund.

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Music: Diana Smit

Greeters: Eugene & Dale Dannen

Coffee: Linda Olmstead and Janice Boomgarden

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

THIS WEEK:

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM with Brian Narcomy; Music – Diana Smit; Greeter & Special Music Coordinator – Kent DeJong; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Gerry & Sue Schryvers and Doyle & Jill Christensen; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for the Alliance of Reformed Churches as they hold their annual gathering August 19–21 at Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, MI. Pray for the participants as they explore how God calls us to equip disciples to faithfully follow Jesus in a shifting world. Pray that the worship, teaching, and shared learning, will sharpen vision and strengthen practices, and help us to step fully into God's call of discipleship.

Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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