

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Randy Smit*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #2 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
#83 “Lord, We Praise You”

✠Prayer of Confession (read in unison) – *Kim Geiken*

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Video*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message – *Sandy Zwart*

Scripture Lesson – Psalm 91:1-5 (page 930) – *Brian Narcomy*

Message: **“Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God”**

Prayer of Commitment

✠Hymn #353 “A Shelter in the Time of Storm”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings – *Dennis Ebright*

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

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

Ever-giving God, source of all goodness and charity, your ear is always open to our needs. When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us. With joy we bring our thanksgiving. For all your mercies, we return to you from our abundance. All that we give, we dedicate to your glory. All that we keep, we commit to your care, for we are only stewards of your bounty. Bless what we give and what we keep, for all is your creation. Amen.

Church Family Ties – *Susan Bultena*

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

✠Benediction – *Brian Narcomy*

✠Closing Song #354 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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 Brian Narcomy, Outreach Pastor for Center of Hope, for bringing the message this morning.

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 tomorrow morning.

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.

The Philathea Guild will meet in the coffee side room following worship next Sunday, August 30. All women are invited.

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.

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 \$2,370 for the general fund (\$3,457 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$100 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: Helen Groen

Greeter: Kent DeJong

Coffee: Gerry & Sue Schryvers and Doyle & Jill Christensen

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:

Monday – September newsletter information due in the office by 9:00 AM

Tuesday – “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM

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 “Blessing of the Backpacks”; Music – Helen Groen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Nathan & Molly Townsend; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Brock Hoogestraat and Pastor Harlan & Verlaine Hayunga; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; Philathea Guild meeting at 10:40 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for students, families, teachers, staff, and administrators as a new school year begins.

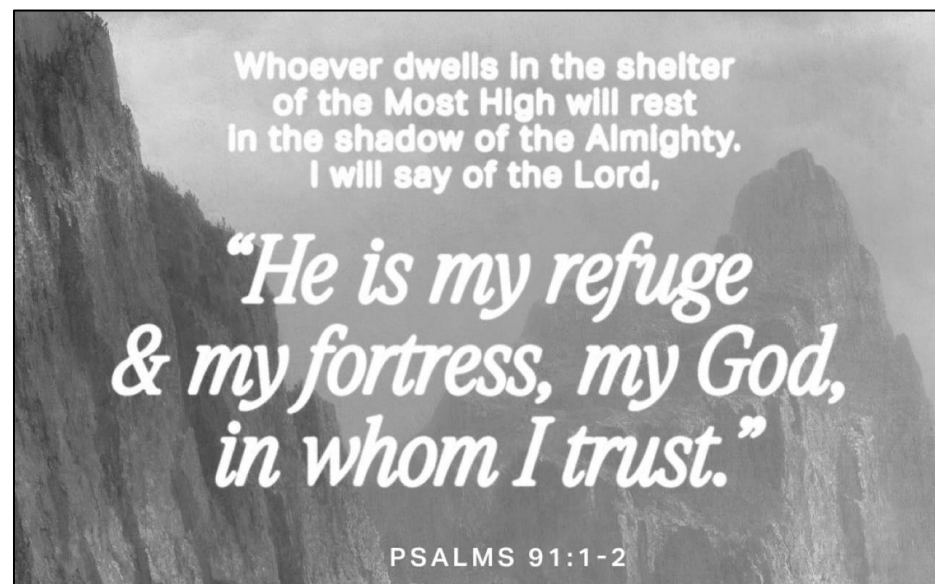
Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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