We Approach God

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship (Opposite)
A Time of Praise
*Hymn No. 140 “Great is the Lord”
*Hymn No. 169 “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” verse 1, 3, & 5
Hymn No. 87 “Fairest Lord Jesus” verse 1, 2, & 3
Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon (Opposite)
*Passing of the Peace

Special Music: “Give Me Jesus” --Pastor Mark Waterstone

The Word of God

A Time for Children
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon: “Childlike Faith: The Neighborhood”

We Respond to God

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer
Offering and Offertory
*Hymn No. 815, “Doxology”
*Offertory Prayer
*Benediction
*Parting Hymn No. 87 “Fairest Lord Jesus” verse 4 only
*Postlude

Distressed 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 no love for our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us; so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**SHIRLEY MULDER** begins chemotherapy August 2nd.

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Merle Vander Woude. He passed away on July 21 and his funeral was this past Thursday.

**KATE GROENDYKE** has returned home and continues to recover from surgery.

**THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE’S** prayers and support during Bryon’s chemo. It was very much appreciated! ~Bryon and Letty Storm

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK** everyone who showed love and support in so many different ways to our family in the days since Merle’s passing. What a special church family you all are! Special thanks to Pastor Mark who was there for us through it all! We are so blessed! ~Gayle Vander Woude and family

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU** for the prayers, cards, and expressions of kindness to our family in our loss of our dad and grandpa Ken Brower. Thank you to Pastor Waterstone for helping us with the service and his words of encouragement. Thank you also to the lunch work group for doing an excellent job. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. ~Don and Rhonda Brower & Family and Larry and Donna Anderson

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** for all those who remembered our family with prayers, cards, food, and hugs, during the difficult time of our Mother’s (Patricia Swets) passing. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring and thoughtful church family. ~Randy and Tanya Egdorf and family

**GREETERS TODAY**

**WEST DOOR:** Gerrit and Carol Wiekamp

**EAST DOOR:** Brad and Rachel Meendering family

**GREETERS** Next Week

**WEST DOOR:** Fred and Faye Anema

**EAST DOOR:** John and Sue Hengeveld

**NURSERY TODAY:** Mary Iedema and Carolyn Kleve

**NURSERY** Next Week: Marne and Cade Schiphoff

**COFFEE TODAY:** Tylene Egdorf, Diana Prins, Sheila De Groot

**COFFEE** Next Week: Arlene Boscaljon, Shirley Smith, Evelyn Jacobsma

**OFFERING RECEIPTS** of July 24: General Fund, $3,550.00; Benevolent Fund, $335.00; Building Fund, $10.00; Special Offering for 7TH St. Property, $700.00

**AUGUST USHERS** are Galen Beyer, Tim Brinkman, Chad Lyman, and Marlin Vander Velde.
ANY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS should be emailed or dropped off at the church this week as office hours will be different for the week of August 1-5.

THE SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP leaves this Thursday morning at 9:00 AM for their Kansas City Missions Trip. Anyone who would like to send them off with prayer is welcome to meet at the church.

SUMMER OF SISTERHOOD will be having a “Round-Up” get together on Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 PM. Pull out your cowboy boots, dust off your hats, and get your lassos ready for an evening of fun as we “Round-up” our Deuteronomy Study!

THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to help move snow this winter in the church parking lot and in the parking spaces around the church. If you would be willing to help, please contact Dave Grooters or Ray Schnurr.

THE NEXT MOVIE NIGHT is August 10. We will be watching the movie “Inside Out” at 7:00 PM. Invite your family and friends!

JOIN US FOR THE FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL August 31st from 5:00-7:30 PM. This will be a kick-off for all the ministries of First Reformed Church. Everyone is invited! There will be food, games, and fellowship! If you would like to donate or volunteer to help at the event, contact Josh or Bev.

FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! The adult and high school Sunday school classes will be studying the book Counterfeit Gods by Timothy Keller. If you would like your own copy of this book, there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall. Books are $10.00 each and checks can be made out to First Reformed Church.

ATTENTION ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH: YOUNG AND OLD!! We are making new work-group books for working events held in our church. There has been interest by several men in our church wanting to be included on a list in a work-group. If you are interested, please contact Evelyn Kroese (712-729-3785) or Henri Schnurr (712-729-3637) or sign up in Fellowship Hall today after the service. There will be options of times it would be the most convenient for you to be involved in a work-group! Thanks for the idea, men!

LADIES OF THE CHURCH: There will be a guild outing to the Lakes on August 3rd.

**Note the date change from your RCWM booklet. More info to come!**

RCWM CRADLE ROLL PROGRAM is September 1 at 7:00 PM. Any child not previously enrolled may be registered for a gift of $5.00. Contact Carol Van Meeteren (736-2535) with the complete and correct spelling of the child’s name, birthdate and parent’s names by August 24. All mothers and babies are welcome.

JOIN LOVE INC ON AUGUST 1 AT 6:30 PM FOR POVERTY SIMULATION: Walk a Mile in these Shoes. Participants will be submerged into realistic circumstances that include physical, relational, emotional, and spiritual poverty. Imagine being out of work, without a home, and down to your last $1,000. How long could you survive? Also, mark your calendars for August 3rd as LOVE INC will be holding a community dinner/benefit at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sheldon from 5-7 PM. LOVE INC JULY NEEDS are: Kleenex, Toilet Paper, All Purpose Cleaner, Conditioner, and Laundry Detergent.

SAVE THE DATE! Invite a friend and plan to come to a unique retreat—designed to glorify God through great music and speakers, and to renew and uplift all who attend. Bible League International Volunteers is hosting Retreat with a Reason on Tuesday, September 13 at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Enjoy a presentation from Adelle Dickie who will share about the power of forgiveness as well as a concert from the musical duo “Captivating Keyboards”. The retreat begins at 9:30 AM and concludes after an evening banquet and concert. Please check your mailbox for the information brochure and registration.

~ Sermon Notes ~