

FRC Contact Information

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Sermon Notes

Scripture | Luke 23:26-56
Speaker | Paul Van Maaren



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First Reformed Church

"Building God's Kingdom One Life at a Time"



"Declaration and Proclamation"

Luke 23:26-56

Next Steps Code



Palm Sunday - April 13, 2025

Worship | 9:30 AM

Sunday School | 10:45 - 11:30 AM

Online: www.sheldonfirstreformed.com/worshipservices.cfm

GROW

Groups and classes are available for all ages to connect and grow. For more information, visit the Welcome Table or contact Wendy.

SERVE

Sign up for opportunities to serve Sheldon, on a mission trip, or at FRC. Visit the Welcome Table or sheldonfirstreformed.com.

GIVE

Giving is an act of worship. You can give by placing your gift in the black offering boxes before worship, text "SFRC" to 833-484-7253, or give online at sheldonfirstreformed.com/give/.

YOUTH

Our Wednesday night ministry for 7th & 8th grades will meet at 6:15-7:30 PM. Our high school will meet at 7:45-9 PM. Both meet in the Youth House at the southwest corner of the campus. Contact Caitie at caitie@sheldonfirstreformed.com or check for updates on Facebook, [frcsheldon-student ministries](https://www.facebook.com/frcsheldon-student-ministries).

CHILDREN

During worship, childcare is available for children birth-3 and Children & Worship for kids 4 years-K. During Sunday school, classes are available for ages 3 and up. On Wednesday night, TeamKID for grades 1-6 is from 6:15-7:30 PM. For more information, contact the church at sami@sheldonfirstreformed.com.



WHO WE ARE

FRC provides worship, discipleship and community to grow in faith in Jesus Christ. Together we are building God's kingdom one life at a time.

NEXT STEPS

Can we help you get connected? Stop by the Welcome Table at the front entrance today to learn about opportunities or visit sheldonfirstreformed.com for more info.

WORSHIP

Worship at FRC any Sunday at 9:30 AM and stay for fellowship during Sunday School. Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please ask a host at the Welcome Table.

MARCH MONTHLY GIVING

General Fund:	\$ 54,061.97
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 11,472.98
2025 Monthly Needs:	\$ 48,842.50
2025 Annual Budget:	\$ 586,110.06
Average Attendance/Views:	336/123
Monthly Volunteer Hours:	

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Apr 13 **PAIM SUNDAY SERVICE**

8 AM PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

CREATIVE MOVEMENT PERFORMANCE: PRACTICE @ 8:45 AM - Please have your girls meet in downstairs restroom to get ready
3 YR- K SING: 9 AM - Please have your children go downstairs to Room 12. After they are done singing they will be released to sit with their parents.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT: MIDAFTERNOON RETURN - Youth will contact you about actual arrival time as they get closer to Sheldon

Apr 17 **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: 7 PM** with communion **COMMUNION @ CRH: 7 PM**

Apr 18 **KIWANIS GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST: 6:30 AM** @ Sheldon Middle School

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Apr 20 **EASTER SUNDAY**

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE: 8 AM

EASTER BRUNCH: 8-9 AM in church lounge & Fellowship Hall
NO CHILDREN & WORSHIP
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Apr 21 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY**

SHELDON UNITY MEAL: 5:30-6:30 PM @ Living Water Church

Apr 22 **EVENING CIRCLE: 7 PM** in the church lounge

Apr 23 **LAST FAMILY NIGHT MEAL**

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY - APRIL 16

5:30-6:30 PM: Pork Loin

6:15-7:30 PM: TeamKID

6:15-7:30 PM: Middle School (Alpha Teens)

6:30-7:30 PM: Adult Bible Study

7:45-9 PM: High School (RCYF)

PAIM SUNDAY & EASTER SERVICES

Both of these services are generally well attended. This means that seating can be an issue. Please come to these services on time. We ask that you move to the middle of the pews to accommodate others that are attending the worship. Also - please don't save seats for family. We want to ensure that those who get here in a timely manner have a place to sit. There will be additional seating in the Fellowship Hall and at the back of the sanctuary for late comers.

MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11. We are again putting a bouquet of carnations together to honor our mothers and other special women in our lives. It seems that everything costs more today, even flowers!

A suggested donation of \$5/name is being asked. Any funds collected over the cost of the flowers will go to Beth Blankers Borgens and her work with CRU. **Please get your money to the church office by Monday, May 5.** The flowers will go to Fieldcrest after the May 12 service.

Make checks out to First Reformed RCWM.



First Reformed Church

Free Books and Bibles

All of the books and Bibles on the table at the back of the Sanctuary are free. Please take a Bible and give it away to someone who needs one.



Love on the Locals Food Collection for NCC Thunder Cupboard

We would like to collect these groceries for the NCC Thunder Cupboard to provide to students needing them. **Please leave your groceries in the Fellowship Hall tubs by April 29.**

Here is a list of items that have been helpful, but other items are welcome as well!

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| • Sugar | ☯ Milk |
| • Wheat flour | ☯ Butter |
| • Pasta | ☯ Eggs |
| • White rice | ◇ Bananas |
| • Brown rice | ◇ Apples |
| • Cooking oil | ◇ Oranges |
| • Cereal | ◇ Tomatoes |
| • Bread | ◇ Potatoes |
| • Juice | ◇ Onions |
| • Kidney/pinto beans | |
| • Pancake mix | |
| • Peanut butter | |
| • Jelly | |
| • Ramen noodles | |
| • Tea | |
| • Coffee | |
| • Spaghetti & other noodles | |
| • Tortillas | |
| • Tomato paste | |
| • Canned chicken | |

Place items that need to be refrigerated (☯) in the south refrigerator in the kitchen. Place fruit & vegetables (◇) on the west counter in the kitchen.

A special thanks to Norma Van Gorp, Lisa Merley, Reka de Boer, JoElyn Ten Clay and Cheryl Wolthuizen for all their work getting the 3 year olds - Kindergarten kids ready to sing for us on Palm Sunday. Also a big thanks to Jennifer Groot for her work with the Creative Movement girls readying them for their performance. And obviously - a **HUGE** thanks to all the kids that helped make the service a memorable one.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH REVERSE OFFERING

2025



The Love on the Locals team along with the deacons will be distributing envelopes on April 27, 2025 that include \$10 in “seed” money. Please use these funds and add some of your own to help someone in a personal way—face to face, person to person—in a relational way. It can be tempting to call an organization and donate the \$10 to them, but this is not the intention of the Reverse Offering. The Reverse Offering is to help you experience being a missionary in your own community. You will also be asked to write a brief note about what you did with the funds and how the recipient of your gift responded. No names, please. Make sure to explain to the people you bless why you are blessing them! Then return the note to the church in either the offering boxes or to the church office. Help encourage others by sharing how you creatively shared the Love of Jesus.

Some past examples of how people have used the Reverse Offering include:

- ◆ Pool your money with others to replace someone’s appliance that has gone bad.
- ◆ Buy ingredients to make baked goods, have a bake sale, and use the proceeds to purchase groceries for a family.
- ◆ Buy the meal or coffee for the car behind you in the drive-thru.
- ◆ Bring lunch to the administrative staff at East Elementary.
- ◆ Call the Sheldon middle school, tell them you have some extra funds and ask, “What do you need?” You might be amazed what a difference \$10 plus a little of your own money can make!
- ◆ Buy diapers for a family with a newborn or young child—they are expensive!!
- ◆ Buy pool passes for a family that is not likely to buy them for their children.

Thank you for your participation in the 2025 Reverse Offering!