

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
February 11, 2024
9:30 AM

Prelude
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship
Greeting

***Song** "Who You Say I Am"

***Song** "In Christ Alone"

Children's Message: Sheri Bousema

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-14

Elijah Taken to Heaven

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. **2** And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. **3** And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. **5** The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." **6** Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I

will not leave you." So the two of them went on. **7** Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. **8** Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. **9** When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." **10** And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." **11** And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. **12** And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. **13** And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. **14** Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Message: "Hope in The Struggles of Life"

Prayer

***Song** "Lord I Need You"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee, tea, cappuccino, hot chocolate, juice, and cookies in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service

Calendar for the Day:

9:30 AM Pastor Cliff will lead worship.

10:45 AM Sunday School & Catechism

Serving Today:

Music: Team 2

Sound: Taylor family

Nursery: Todd & Niki Netten

Lift: Marv Hoogendoorn

Coffee: Rod & Lil Netten

Offering: Church Ministry Fund
Love INC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Feb. 12: Deb Kempema

Feb. 13: Marinus Vande Kieft

Feb. 15: Sandi Scholten
Gerri Reinke (87)

Feb. 16: Lyle Klein

Feb. 18: Anna Vande Vegte
Marcus Van Kekerix

Prayers & Praises:

Dear church family,

We want to send a heartfelt thank you to those who have supported us through the last weeks during the loss of our father and grandfather. We appreciate the messages, calls, visits, meals, and prayers. We are grateful to be part of a church family who cares for us so well.

Brian, Kris and family

Next Week:

Monday, February 12:

3:30 PM The Block
7:00 PM Elder & Deacon Mtgs.
8:00 PM Consistory Mtg.

Tuesday, February 13:

8:00 AM Rebecca Circle
3:30 PM Kids' Block

Wednesday, February 14:

6:00 PM Awana Meal – Spaghetti (Valentines)
6:30 PM Awana/JAM
7:15 PM Grace Bible Study
7:30 PM CLASS

Thursday, February 15:

3:30 PM Kids' Block

Sunday, February 18:

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.

Organist: Ruth Vande Stroet

Sound: Bouwman Family

Ministry of Music: Kingdom Builders

Children's Message: Julie Vande Kamp

Nursery: Weston & Heather De Jager

Lift: Steve Van Den Top

Coffee: Todd & Niki Netten

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

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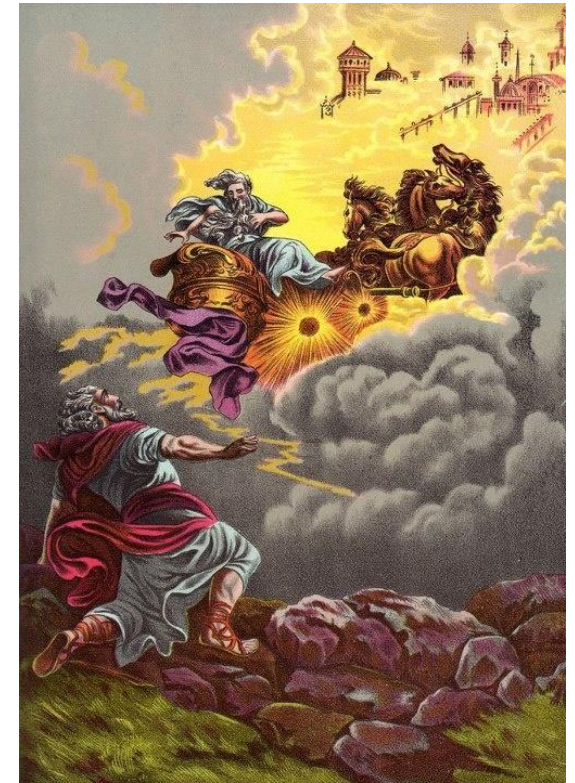
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Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and serve all people.



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