

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
February 16, 2025
9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Greetings**

***Song #431** "He Leadeth Me"

***Song #448** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom

Children's Message: Pastor Cliff

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Joshua 6:1-27

6 Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ² And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³ You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. ⁴ Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him." ⁶ So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord." ⁷ And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord." ⁸ And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before

the Lord went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the Lord following them. ⁹ The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁰ But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." ¹¹ So he caused the ark of the Lord to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp. ¹² Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. ¹³ And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁴ And the second day they marched around the city once and returned into the camp. So they did for six days. ¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city. ¹⁷ And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. ¹⁸ But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. ¹⁹ But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the Lord; they shall

go into the treasury of the Lord." ²⁰ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. ²¹ Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword. ²² But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her." ²³ So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. ²⁴ And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. ²⁵ But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. ²⁶ Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, "Cursed before the Lord be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. "At the cost of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son shall he set up its gates." ²⁷ So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

Message: "The Walls Came Down"

Prayer

***Song #419** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshipping with us. Please join us for coffee, juice & cookies in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Calendar for the Day:

9:30 AM Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship
 10:45 AM Sunday School & Catechism.

Serving Today:

Pianist: Krista Van Engen
Sound: Blankespoor family
Nursery: Ross & Marissa Van Kekerix
Lift: Steve Van Den Top
Coffee Servers: Bev & Jenna Vande Vegte
Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Prayers & Praises:

Arlan Verburg & Adriana Dykstra remain under the care of Hospice.

Chuck Ver Steeg fell and broke his pelvis; he is in the local hospital.

Congratulations to *Bryant & Brittani Van Kekerix* on the birth of a baby boy, Zander Wayne. Zander was born on Friday, February 7; he weighed in at 7lbs 4oz. He is welcomed home by big sister Brekyn and big brother Jace. Blessings on this precious gift.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

February 18: Anna Vande Vegte
 Marcus Van Kekerix
 February 21: Andrea Bajema
 Bill & Carol Bouwman (61)
 February 22: Marlan Hoogendoorn
 Luke & Brittany Wiebe
 February 23: Brittani Van Kekerix
 February 16: Lyle Klein

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, February 17:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Tuesday, February 18:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Wednesday, February 19:

6:30 PM Awana – Wacky T-shirt
 JAM
 6:30 PM Grace Bible Study
 7:30 PM Class

Thursday, February 20:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Sunday, February 23:

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship; an offering will be received for the Building Fund.
Music: Team 1
Sound: Bouwman Family
Children's Message: Julie Vande Kamp
Nursery: Seth & Julie Vande Kamp
Lift: Todd Netten
Coffee: Rod & Lil Netten
Offering: Church Ministry Fund
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Word and Spirit, serving others.

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