

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
April 16, 2023
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

Jesus, my faith, like that of Thomas, is always tinged with some doubt. Thank you for blessing me anyway with your love and acceptance.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Praise

*He Lives
Jesus is Lord of All*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Welcome & Peace

Refrain of Thanks

I Know Whom I Have Believed

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Children's Message (Kids Church – ages 3-4th grade meet downstairs)

Scripture Psalm 71

Sermon "L'Chaim!"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

*Sending Song

Come Thou Fount

*Charge & Benediction

*Doxology

Rejoice, the Lord is King

*Postlude

**Congregation please stand*

Next Week's Scripture: Philemon 1:1-25

Those Serving Today

Organist: Clarice Koopmans

Nursery: Aubrynn Leystra

Kids Church – Today

Leader: Holly Pfeffer

Next Sunday – April 23

Leader: Erin Anderson

Helper: Annika Reed

Sunday School

Sunday School will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m.

Today

Happy Easter! Indeed, the season lasts 50 days. Welcome as we continue celebrating our risen Lord.

*Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for coffee time.

This Week's Activities

Monday, April 17

6:30 p.m. – Elder's Meeting – Anyone wishing to request baptism, make Profession of Faith or join our church by transfer of membership is invited to attend.

7:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study Lesson 35

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 p.m. – CS/RCYF End of the Year Party

Sunday, April 23

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Pianist: Mary Paul

Nursery: Faith Stiemsma

Announcements

Thanks for Supporting Cornerstone - Thank you to everyone who bravely took the plunge at Cornerstone's Mystery Dinner fundraiser last Wednesday. We hope everyone had fun, enjoyed their food, and maybe learned a few new Bible verses! Your support helped raise \$600 for youth group activities, including this year's summer mission trip!

Profession of Faith Class - Pastor Luke will be holding a 4-week class for students of any age who are interested in professing their faith. Profession of Faith is a personal, public commitment to being a follower of Jesus Christ and a full member of our church. Profession of Faith class will begin immediately after Easter (Apr.16-May 7) during Sunday school hour. The class is not required for anyone wanting to make profession, but it is an opportunity to prepare, learn and ask questions as part of a group. If you have questions or are interested in the class, please contact Pastor Luke.

RCS Spring Concert - The elementary students will present their spring program on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 2:00pm and 6:30pm. The program will include songs and readings by grades 4K-4th. Featured this year is the musical "Who, What, When, Where, Why" starring our 4th grade investigators as they discover a relationship with Jesus. Please join us for an exciting show as we celebrate Jesus and the talents and abilities He has gifted the RCS elementary students!

RCS Employment Opportunities - Randolph Christian School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year: 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Classroom Teacher (mornings, part-time, but could be mixed with other open positions to become full time); Music, Choir and Band (part-time, but could be mixed with other open positions to become full time), athletic director, bus driver, and full time Resource Room teacher. Please visit our website at randolphchristian.org/employment to fill out an application. You may also send a resume to Laura Westra at lwestra@randolphchristian.org. Please call the office at (920) 326-3320 if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

National Day of Prayer Gathering in Randolph - The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. It's a time set aside for local communities to gather and pray for their communities, for our country, and for the needs of the world. A service is being planned by our local churches for the community as a whole: Thursday, May 4, 4:00pm at the Randolph Village Hall. All are invited!

Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County – Pregnancy Support Center will be having an open house on Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 108 Parallel Street Beaver Dam. Tour our facility and have a hot dog or brat. There will also be a plant sale.

Prayer and Praise Service – Mark you calendars for a song service at First Christian Reformed Church in Waupun on for Sunday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. We plan to have a hymn sing and also a time of prayer together, in light of the National Day of Prayer a few days before on May 4. Different church members will lead us in prayer for our Churches, our Community, our Nation, and our World.