

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church  
April 30, 2023  
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

*Jesus, Good Shepherd, as you lead, help me know your  
voice better each day and eagerly follow you.*

**Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**Prelude**  
**Call to Worship**  
**\*Opening Praise** *Our God Reigns  
There is Power in the Blood*

**Prayer of Confession**  
**Assurance of Pardon**  
**Welcome & Peace**  
**Refrain of Thanks** *I Know Whom I Have Believed*  
**Life Together** Declaration of Faith: The 10 Commandments

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**Prayer of Illumination**  
**Children’s Message** (Kids Church – ages 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs)  
**Scripture** Philemon 1:1-25  
**Sermon** “*Forgiveness Story: Why Should I Forgive?*”

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**Announcements**  
**Prayers of the Church**

**GOD SENDS US OUT**

**\*Sending Song** *Redeemed*  
**\*Charge & Benediction**  
**\*Doxology** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*  
**\*Postlude**

*\*Congregation please stand*

**Next Week’s Scripture:** Philemon 1:1-25

**Those Serving Today**

**Pianist:** Mary Ann Westra  
**Nursery:** Sarah Leystra

**Kids Church – Today**

**Leader:** Holly Pfeffer  
**Helper:** Katelyn Saeman

**Next Sunday – May 7**

**Leader:** Stacy Jahn  
**Helper:** Violet Saeman

**Sunday School**

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

**Today**

With the psalmist we proclaim, “You prepare a table before me...my cup overflows” (Psalm 23:5, NRSV). Welcome to worship as we praise and thank the Lord our Shepherd.

Our Mission of the Month Offering will be received today for Child Evangelism Fellowship – Wisconsin. Please use the blue envelopes for the offering.

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

**This Week’s Activities**

**Monday, May 1**  
**6:30 p.m.** – Women’s Bible Study Lesson 37

**Tuesday, May 2**  
**6:30 p.m.** – Prayer Team

**Thursday, May 4**  
**4:00 p.m.** – National Day of Prayer Service

**Sunday, May 7**  
**9:00 a.m.** – Morning Worship  
Organist: Clarice Koopmans  
**Nursery:** Patti Hiley

**Announcements**

**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.

**May Messenger** – The newest Messenger is available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

**Randolph Christian School Annual Society Meeting –**

Plan to attend the RCS Society Meeting on Monday May 8th at 6:30 PM in the music room. All society members are encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda will include: election of new board members, review of 2023-2024 school budget and tuition schedule, and an amendment to the RCS constitution. To view the entire agenda please follow the link. [RCS 2023 Society Meeting Agenda](#) Hard copies of the agenda will be available upon request in the RCS office.

**RCA Restructuring Team Virtual Meeting - You're invited!**

Join members of the RCA restructuring team and GSC staff leadership for a denomination-wide, virtual event on Thursday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. During this time, attendees will hear what the restructuring team has been working on and the outcomes around which they feel called to restructure, after much discernment. Attendees will have the ability to ask questions and provide feedback on what is presented in the Zoom chat. This invitation is for all RCA members, especially young people with a heart for the RCA's future. RSVP is required. To register, use this link: [www.rca.org/virtual-roundtable](http://www.rca.org/virtual-roundtable)

**Sisters Keepers Women's Event –**

Join us for a woman's event on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. here at First. Enjoy a salad luncheon, singing, entertainment and fun. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin shelf in the narthex or call or text Shirley Schueler at 920-344-0139. Any age is welcome, invite your family, neighbors, and friends.