

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
February 12, 2023
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

*God, you call me to choose life and goodness every day.
With your Spirit's help, I will do so.*

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude
Call to Worship
***Opening Praise**

*Lord Most High
The First Place*

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Welcome & Peace
Refrain of Thanks

O God, You Are My God

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination
Children's Message (Kids Church – ages 3-4th grade meet downstairs)
Scripture Colossians 2:6-19
Sermon "The Center: *Already In*"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

***Sending Song**
***Charge & Benediction**
***Doxology**
***Postlude**

There Is a Redeemer

**Congregation please stand*

***Next Week's Scripture:* Colossians 2:20-3:14**

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Mary Paul
Nursery: Gracyan Homan

Today

Leader: Amy Reed
Helper: Tessa Reed

Next Sunday – February 19

Leader: Heidi Braker
Helper: Ella Braker

Sunday School

Sunday School will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m. ALL children from 3 yrs-12th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School.

Today

Paul tells us, "We are co-workers in God's service" (1 Cor. 3:9, NIV). So we gather to be fed for a new week of ministry. Welcome!

Communion Special Offering – Today our Communion special offering will be received for Local Need. Please use the blue envelopes that are in the pew.

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

This Week's Activities

Monday, February 13

Noon – Widow/Widower Valentine Party
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

Wednesday, February 15

3:30 p.m. – Catechism
7:00 p.m. – RCYF Virtual Sports Night

Thursday, February 16

8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – Exodus Bible Study

Sunday, February 19

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
Organist: Darlyn DeYoung
Nursery: Abigail Stiemsma

Announcements

Global Prayer Partners - Today after worship, the Global Prayer Partners group will be meeting in the prayer room off the front, south side of the sanctuary. Global Prayer Partners is a monthly group that is committed to regularly praying for and staying informed about our missionaries. For the latest from our missionary partners, check out the latest issue of *The Messenger*.

2023 Church Directory – The new directory is available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

Livestream Troubleshooting - We apologize to those who have been having issues over the past month with our livestream audio. Randy has been working to address the issue, but it may be a few weeks before it can be fully resolved. If you find issues with livestream audio, you will always be able to visit our website after the service to listen to the full service.

Prayer Chain Correction – Due to an incorrect phone number on the Prayer Chain pamphlet, you will find an updated copy in your mailbox.

Ash Wednesday Worship - The 40-day season of Lent is a yearly time of quiet reflection on our own need for God's grace and on the depth of Jesus' loving sacrifice for us. The Lenten season always begins with Ash Wednesday, a service that takes seriously the fragility and struggle of our lives in a fallen world, but also the hope we have in the gracious power of Christ. Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6pm on February 22.

Cornerstone "Love Meal" Riddle Dinner - The middle school Cornerstone youth group is cooking up a unique kind of dinner for this year's Love Meal fundraiser. Come for a four-course meal with personalized service but with some riddles on the menu as well! Look for more information soon for the Cornerstone Love Meal fundraiser on Wednesday, March 1.

2023 Consistory Appointments - At its January meeting, the Consistory has appointed the following officers: Jeff VanderVelde - Consistory Vice President, Casey VanderGalien - Consistory Clerk, Stan Holwerda - Deacon Chair and Butch Dybvik - Deacon Vice Chair. More Consistory and Church Team information is available in the 2023 Church Directory.

Drug Trends in our Local Communities Presentation - Lt. Taylor Nehls from the Dodge County Sheriff Dept will be doing a presentation on Drug Trends in our Local Communities. This presentation is for PARENTS/ADULTS only, no students. Topics include current drug trends, identifying signs of drug use in teens, talking to your child about drugs, and more. This is open to the public. Please feel free to join us for this event on Monday, March 6th at 6:30p.m. in the Randolph School District Cafeteria.

Youth Summer Mission Trip - This summer, middle- and high-school students are invited for the experience of serving Christ on mission in Kansas City, MO, June 25-July 1. Our summer mission trips are a great opportunity for students to serve others, make new friends, and contemplate being followers of Jesus in a new setting. The mission trip is open to students from First Reformed and Second Christian Reformed, or who participate in RCYF or Cornerstone. Total registration is \$200, with a \$50 deposit due with registration. Registration deadline is March 12. We are also looking for adult chaperones for this trip. If you are interested, contact Pastor Luke.

One Heart Women's Seminar - We are pleased to share information about the 28th Annual One Heart Women's Seminar to be held Saturday, February 25th, 2023, at the Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells. The One Heart Committee is composed of women from various local churches in the area and is interdenominational in scope. We meet, pray, and plan to provide a special day for women in the area—a day of worship, Biblical teaching, and spiritual enrichment. The name for this ministry comes from Acts 4:32 "... all the believers were one in heart." Our speakers have prepared messages based on the word of God that we believe will be of great help and encouragement to each woman who attends. Registration forms can be found on the narthex.

Living Hope Food Pantry Job Description for Program Coordinator - The Living Hope Food Pantry of Fox Lake, WI is seeking a part-time volunteer Program Coordinator. This individual would coordinate daily operations, supervise, and delegate tasks as needed to the wonderful volunteers we already have on board, maintain effective communications, act as primary representative of the Food Pantry and provide periodic reporting of operations. This position would be a rewarding opportunity for a couple to share. If you are interested in joining our team and serving our community in this exciting and dynamic role, please email Mason at masonzantow@gmail.com to request and complete an application.