

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
February 26, 2023
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

*Holy Spirit, when you lead us into the wilderness, assure us
of your constant presence.*

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude
Call to Worship
***Opening Praise**

*I Stand in Awe of You
You Are My King
The First Place*

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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Elementary Singers

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination
Children's Message (Kids Church – ages 3-4th grade meet downstairs)
Scripture Colossians 3:15-4:1
Sermon "The Center: *Simple Stages*"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements
Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

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

**Congregation please stand*

Next Week's Scripture: Colossians 4:2-18

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt
Nursery: Annika Reed

Today

Leader: Erin Anderson
Helper: Katelyn Saeman

Next Sunday – March 5

Leader: Holly Pfeffer
Helper: Tessa Reed

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

Welcome to worship on the first Sunday in Lent. A warm welcome to visitors joining us today.

Mission-of-the-Month Offering will be received today for Julie Claassen Fisher's of Men-Mexico. 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

Tuesday, February 28

5:30 p.m.– Lenten Soup Supper
White Chicken Chili
Minestrone

Wednesday, March 1

3:30 p.m. – Catechism
7:00 p.m. – CS/RCYF Group

Thursday, March 2

8:30 a.m.– Exodus Bible Study

Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
Organist: Clarice Koopmans
Nursery: Katelyn Saeman

Announcements

Lenten Soup Supper & Worship - The Lenten Soup Supper is back for another year, starting Tuesday, February 28, 5:30-6:30pm, and every following Tuesday during the season of Lent. Come enjoy warm soups on cold nights with good friends. The meal is free and open to anyone - freewill donations are accepted. Check the bulletin or Facebook each week for our menu of soups! And once you're done with your soup, you're welcome to join, new for this year, a short weekly service of worship - 6:15pm in the sanctuary. A chance through music and prayer keep our hearts fixed on Jesus and how his life and death shape our lives.

Resurrection Garden Order Forms - If you would like to place a floral plant in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and return to the mailbox marked Flowers along with your check made payable to First Reformed Church no later than Sunday, March 26. Extra forms are available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

Pollasch Family A Story Sharing Time – Chris Pollasch will be speaking on Wednesday, March 1 at Randolph EV Free Church from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come and learn more about the Pollaschs' mission experience while being in France and hear how God has been working thru them to bring kingdom fruit to the people of France.

RCYF/Cornerstone Youth Service - On Sunday, March 12 we will be worshipping together with Second Christian Reformed (SCRC) for our annual Youth Service, including contributions from students in our RCYF & Cornerstone youth groups. We are also excited to have Justin Oliver, youth leader at First Reformed Oostburg, as our special guest speaker! SCRC will host the service at 9:30am - there will be NO worship service at First Reformed on March 12.

Volunteer with Caring Cupboard - Are you interested in an opportunity to support your local community members in need? Randolph First Reformed is once again joining with Randolph United Methodist Church to stock their Caring Cupboard. Each month, a First Reformed Family will donate food items and hygiene products to those who could use a helping hand. Our schedule time is the 3rd week of each month and items need to be there by Thursday of that week. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

Cornerstone Love Meal Postponed - To avoid interfering with other events, the annual Cornerstone Love Meal fundraiser has been postponed to Wednesday, April 12. Look for more information near that date.

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.

New Member Interest? - If you are an adult attending our church and are interested in membership, please contact Pastor Luke. Depending on interest, Pastor Luke is considering a spring membership group.

Winter Soup Supper - Friesland Community Church youth groups are having our annual fall soup supper on March 8 | 5-6:45 PM. Please join us for a night of great homemade soups, deserts, fellowship and more. Everything is a free will donation and goes to support the youth ministry trips of our groups. Hope to see you there.

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.