

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church  
January 8, 2023  
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

*God, thank you for calling each one of us "Beloved Child,"  
just as you did with Jesus at his baptism.*

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

**GOD GATHERS US**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Praise**

*Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer  
You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Welcome & Peace**

**Refrain of Thanks**

*O God, You Are My God*

**Life Together:** Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Children's Message** (Kids Church – ages 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs)

**Scripture** Luke 5:1-11

**Sermon** "Because You Say So"

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of the Church**

**GOD SENDS US OUT**

**\*Sending Song**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Congregation please stand*

**Next Week's Scripture:** Colossians 1:1-14

**Those Serving Today**

**Organist:** Clarice Koopmans

**Nursery:** Becca Leystra

**Today**

**Leader:** Holly Pfeffer

**Helper:** Annika Reed

**Next Sunday – January 15**

**Leader:** Stacy Jahn

**Helper:** Emma Grieger

**Sunday School**

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

**Today**

Welcome, beloved of God! As the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism, so does God's Spirit rest on us as we gather today – and always.

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

**This Week's Activities**

**Monday, January 9**

11:30 a.m. – Community Blood Drive held here

**Tuesday, January 10**

6:30 p.m. – Prayer Team

**Wednesday, January 11**

3:30 p.m. – Catechism

7:00 p.m. – CS/RCYF Group Snack: Kaylee Bates

**Thursday, January 12**

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

**Sunday, January 15**

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Organist: Darlyn DeYoung

**Nursery:** Stacy Saeman

**Announcements**

**2023 Nursery Volunteers** – We are in need of more volunteers to help in the nursery. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

**2022-23 Elder/Deacon Installation** - We're grateful to Casey VanderGalien and Don Cupery who will be answering the call as elders next year, and to Butch Dybvik and David Wendlandt who will be serving as deacons. Ordination and installation of these new leaders will take place during worship Today.

**Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour** – As we start a new year of coffee and fellowship after worship, we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

**Leftover Containers** – The Kitchen Committee is looking for some leftover containers. If you have too many and would like to share some, we could use them.

**Missing a Dish** - There is an abundance of miscellaneous glass dishes, Tupperware, baking dishes and clothing displayed in the narthex. Please look and see if one of them might be yours.

**2023 Church Directory** – As we start a new year it is time to update our church directory. It is important to update ALL information that has changed over the past year. Please check the information in the church directory in the narthex and make any changes you would like. If you have not been included in the Directory and would like to be, please add your name, address, phone number and email address on the sheet. I would like to make this as accurate as possible.

**2023 Youth Programming Start** - Plan to get back into youth programming the second week of January. Regular Sunday school and Kids Church will begin on Sunday, January 8, Catechism, Cornerstone/RCYF will meet on Wednesday January 11. Schedules are in the January/February *Messenger*.

**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 [masonzantow@gmail.com](mailto:masonzantow@gmail.com) in order to request and complete an application for this position. Thank you!

**Winter isn't over yet!** - There are more puzzles to be made. Puzzle exchange will happen again on Jan 15 through Jan 29. Bring your puzzles to exchange and take a few (or more than a few) to make. Please make sure the puzzle boxes are taped so that no pieces get lost. If you want your puzzles back, please put your name on the box or inside. If you need puzzles before that, please stop in at Covenant, where there are over four boxes of puzzles.

**Randolph Blood Drive** – The Randolph Community Blood Drive will be held on tomorrow, January 9, 2023, at First Reformed Church 11:30-5:00pm. Appointments are STRONGLY encouraged. Please consider using the RapidPass option. It is a faster simpler way to donate. All you have to do is:

1. Visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass)
2. Read the information
3. Answer questions
4. Print the pass or email it to your phone to show the Red Cross when you come to your appointment to donate.

We ask that you strongly consider donating as there are many appointments available.

**One Heart Women's Seminar** - We are pleased to share information about the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual One Heart Women's Seminar to be held Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.