

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
May 14, 2023
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor

God of strong and tender love, thank you for those who have shown me your love in motherly ways, and for the opportunities I have to care for others.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude
Call to Worship
***Opening Praise**

*Here I Am to Worship
Lord, Reign in Me
For the Beauty of the Earth*

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 Mark 3:20-21, 30-35
Sermon “Mom to Jesus”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements
Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

***Sending Song** *Standing on the Promises*
***Charge & Benediction**
***Doxology** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*
***Postlude**

**Congregation please stand*

Next Week’s Scripture: John 1:43-51

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt
Nursery: Kati Hiley

Kids Church – Today

Leader: Holly Pfeffer

Next Sunday – May 21

No Kids Church

Sunday School

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

Today

Welcome to worship! Today we acknowledge mothers and special mother-figures in our lives – thank God for you!

Our special offering today will be received for Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County.

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

This Week’s Activities

Monday, May 15

6:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study Lesson 38

Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
Organist: Darlyn DeYoung
Nursery: Deb Cupery

Announcements

2023 Graduates – Please let Jana know if you will be having a graduate this year from 8th grade, high school, or college.

Right to Life Sunday – Today we are celebrating Right to Life Sunday. The Dodge County Chapter of Right to Life will be donating roses and the roses are available to all women. You do not have to give birth to value God’s greatest gift of life and to have an impact on the lives of those around you. Look for Karen VanHerwaarden as she will be handing out the roses.

Promotion Sunday – Next Sunday, May 21, we celebrate the completion of another Sunday school year, including memory work from our classes, gratitude to this year’s teachers, and acknowledgement and prayer for our high school graduates. Also join us for a reception after worship!

Next Sunday: Profession of Faith - As part of next week’s Promotion Sunday, we are excited to welcome and celebrate with Katelyn Saeman and Jacob Anderson who will be making Profession of Faith! Please pray for Katelyn and Jacob as they prepare for next Sunday, as we look forward to welcoming them as full members into the life of First Reformed Church.

Like Church Music? - The Music Team is looking for an additional member to help in selecting music for weekly worship. Each Music Team member is assigned to assist Pastor Luke in choosing music for one Sunday a month, and most communication is done via email. Familiarity with a range of church music is helpful. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Luke

Youth Director Position - The Consistory is exploring the possibility of creating a paid part-time Youth Director position to oversee, plan and help lead our RCYF and Cornerstone youth programs. This position would be responsible for planning regular Wednesday night groups as well as special events, retreats, fundraisers and mission trips. The position would involve communication with family and volunteers as well as leading (with the assistance of Pastor Luke and others) on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in more information, including a draft job description, please contact Elder Harold DeYoung or Pastor Luke

Have A Van to Rent? - This year's youth mission team is 16 members who will be traveling to Kansas City, MO for a week, June 25-July 1. The majority of the group will be traveling in two minivans. The team will either rent minivans through a rental service, or we can rent from you! If you are willing to rent a safe, dependable minivan that seats at least 7, the mission team is offering \$600 for a week of use. If you are considering or have questions, contact Pastor Luke by May 14.