

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church  
October 16, 2022  
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

*Dear Lord: "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103).*

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

**GOD GATHERS US**

**Prelude**  
**Call to Worship**  
**\*Opening Praise**

*Like a River Glorious  
And Can It Be?*

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

*Give Thanks*

Offering Reminder – Words of Hope

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**Prayer of Illumination**  
**Children's Message** (Kids Church – ages 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs)  
**Scripture** Matthew 18:21-35  
**Sermon** "Prayer in Mind: *Life Runs on Grace*"

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

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

**GOD SENDS US OUT**

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

*Then Shall I Live*

*Glory Be to the Father*

*\*Congregation please stand.*

**Next Week's Scripture:** *Matthew 13:24-30*

**Those Serving Today**

**Organist:** Darlyn DeYoung  
**Nursery:** Rylea Alvin

**Kids Church – Today**

Leader: Heidi Braker  
Helper: Ella Braker

**Next Sunday – October 23**

Leader: Erin Anderson  
Helper: Katelyn Saeman

**Sunday School**

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

**Today**

Jesus urges us to pray always and not lose heart (Luke 18:1). So we gather today for prayer, and also to give God praise and thanksgiving. Welcome.

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

**This Week's Activities**

**Monday, October 17**

**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

**6:30 p.m.** – Women's Bible Study Lesson 27

**Wednesday, October 19**

**3:30 p.m.** – Catechism  
No Youth Group

**5:00 p.m.** – Sisters Keepers Spaghetti Supper

**Thursday, October 20**

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

**Sunday, October 23**

**9:00 a.m.** – Morning Worship  
Pianist: Lois Wendlandt

**Nursery:** Deb Cupery

**Announcements**

**Sunday School Special Music** - Next Sunday, October 23 the Sunday School children ages 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade will be singing during the morning worship service. Please have your child meet in the fellowship hall by 8:45 a.m. to practice through the songs.

**RCYF Food Scavenger Hunt** - The RCYF annual food drive competition is coming up on October 26 (Wed). Teams of high schoolers will compete to see who can collect the most pounds of food in an hour for the local food pantry. But high schoolers aren't the only ones who can participate! If you'd like to be a part, gather whatever amount of non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, school supplies, etc. and contact Pastor Luke by October 25 (Tue) to have your donation picked up by one of our competing RCYF teams.

**Offering Reminder: Words of Hope** - Next week's mission-of-the-month offering will be for Words of Hope. More than just a devotional ministry and more than just a missions agency, Words of Hope provide access to Scriptures for people living around the world. To donate either use a blue offering envelope available in the pews or use First Reformed's *Tithe.ly* phone app and select "Special Offering".

**God's Calling Next Year's Leaders** - You've heard the message many times: Church is not a building; it's people! And for a church to be faithful to its mission as a community of faith God calls leaders at all levels. This is the season that Consistory begins contacting men and women God may be calling as next year's elders and deacons. As Consistory members begin making their contacts, please prayerfully consider whether this may be a time God is calling you to help tend the work of our church.

**RCS Apple Pie Fundraiser** - Randolph Christian school is once again kicking off Fall with our annual Apple Pie fundraiser. Pies are \$13 each and will be made October 19-20. If you would like to place an order you may contact any RCS family (they deliver!), call the school office at 920-326-3320 or online at <https://www.randolphchristian.org/pies>. We are also looking for volunteers! If you have a couple of hours to spare, please consider helping us on October 19 starting at Noon and October 20 starting at 8:00 AM in the school gym. Anytime you can give is appreciated