

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
October 2, 2022
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:1, ESV). We praise you this day and always.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude
Call to Worship
***Opening Praise**

*Your Name
We Are an Offering*

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

*Give Thanks
Introducing RCS Head of School
Laura Westra*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination
Children’s Message (Kids Church – ages 3-4th grade meet downstairs)
Scripture Luke 15:11-32
Sermon "Prayer in Mind: *Who You Pray To*"

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**

*Be Thou My Vision
Glory Be to the Father*

**Congregation please stand.*

Next Week’s Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Mary Paul
Nursery: Becca Leystra

Kids Church – Today

Leader: Rylea Alvin
Helper: Lauren Grieger

Next Sunday – October 9

Leader: Amy Reed
Helper: Tessa Reed

Sunday School

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

Today

Welcome to worship this autumn morning. I invite you to greet those near you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Communion Offering – Today we will be receiving our communion offering for local needs.

8th Grade Parents - There will be a meeting after worship today in the back of the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour about Christmas program planning.

Thank You Daryl! - October 2 is "National Custodian Day" which is a great opportunity to lift up the faithful work of Daryl Katsma in keeping our sanctuary and facilities clean and ready for ministry on Sundays and throughout the week. Thanks also to those who, from time-to-time have filled in for Daryl over the past year to help tend our church home.

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

This Week’s Activities

Monday, October 3
6:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study Lesson 25

Tuesday, October 4
7:00 p.m. – Prayer Team

Wednesday, October 5
3:30 p.m. – Catechism
7:00 p.m. – CS/RCYF Snack: Saeman Family

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

Sunday, October 9
9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
Organist: Clarice Koopmans
Nursery: Stacy Saeman

Announcements

Words of Hope – The new Words of Hope devotional is available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

October Messenger – The Messenger is available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

Volunteers Needed – Sisters Keepers is looking for help with the Spaghetti Supper and Bingo night on Wednesday, October 19 at 6 p.m. If you are willing to help, please meet in the front of church after today’s worship service.

Global Prayer Partners Next Week - Next Sunday after worship, gather with friends for updates and prayers for the work of our missionaries worldwide. Want the latest information on what our missionaries are up to, check out the latest copy of *The Messenger!*

Grace Presbyterian Rummage & Bake Sale - Find some bargains at the annual Rummage & Bake sale at Grace Presbyterian Church in Beaver Dam (215 Gould St), October 5-7 (Wed-Fri). For times and more details, check the flyer in the narthex.

Sunday School Offering - Offering Piggie Banks are in the classrooms starting this week (Pre-K-6th grade)! The money collected over the year will be used to buy animals for families in need through Compassion International. Unlike previous years, Piggie Banks will not be sent home. Instead, students will bring their offering with them to Sunday school. This can be a great opportunity to help your students think about the practice of regular giving. A handout with more details will be coming home with the students today.

77th Annual Cambria Gymanfa Ganu – All are invited to attend the 77th annual Welsh/English Hymn sing on Sunday October 9 at 2:30pm and again at 5:30pm at the historic First Presbyterian Church in Cambria. Join in and experience this traditional hymn sing sung in 4-part harmony. This Gymanfa Ganu will be directed by the Rev. Joseph Corbin and accompanied by Steve Jensen. A supper will be served in the church between sessions. The suggested donation for the supper is \$10.00. Any questions, call Tom at 608-434-1404.

Donations for RCS Apple Pie Fundraiser - Randolph Christian School is getting ready to make their delicious Apple Pies. This is one of their major fundraisers of the year and helps tremendously in supporting Randolph Christian's purpose of offering Christian Education. Part of what makes this such a great fundraiser is that much of the cost is offset by sponsor donations, whether of food product or funds. If you appreciate what is happening at RCS and would like to help offset the cost of making the Apple Pies, you can either contact Paula VanBuren at 920-210-4853 or the school office at 326-3320. Thank you!

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

Practice of Communion at First Reformed - In order to clarify our guidance on Communion and how members, baptized members and visitors are invited to participate, the Elder Board has approved the following policy regarding Communion:

The Lord's Supper (Communion) is a covenant meal for the family of God and a sacrament commanded by Jesus for spiritual nourishment for all who follow him. The sacrament at its heart is a mystery of grace which every believer receives without fully comprehending, and yet basic instruction in Communion is necessary to participate faithfully.

Adult Members, Regular Attendees & Visitors: *All those who have been baptized and made Profession of Faith as members of First Reformed are invited to participate in Communion after examining their hearts for a true faith, repentance from sin, and desire that Christ would be alive in them. All those from other churches who are baptized and have faith in Jesus Christ are also welcome to the Communion table. Church leaders fulfill their responsibility to the integrity of Communion by reminding congregants of Scripture's command for believers to examine themselves and participate in reverence to avoid eating and drinking in "an unworthy manner". Leaders should exercise pastoral care with members who avoid Communion or are struggling with whether or not to participate.*

Baptized Children: *First Reformed recommends that families refrain from having children who have not yet made Profession of Faith participate in Communion, unless the child has already received church instruction on receiving Communion elsewhere. For students of any age who are interested, First Reformed offers a regular Profession of Faith class, including instruction on participating in Communion.*