

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
January 2, 2021
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor

God, you are always doing “a new thing” (Isaiah 43:19) in the world and in my life. On the cusp of this new year, open my heart to your good plans.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude *(Please conclude conversations to prepare for worship)*

Call to Worship

***Opening Praise**

*Who You Say I Am
Jesus Saves*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Refrain of Thanks

The Longer I Serve Him

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Children’s Message

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52 & I Samuel 2:18-21

Message

“The Family Business”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

Sending Song

A Christian Home

GOD SENDS US OUT

***Charge & Benediction**

***Doxology**

***Postlude**

**Congregation please stand.*

Next Week’s Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Mary Paul

Nursery: Jamie Weaver

Kids Church

Next Sunday – January 9

Leader: Heidi Braker

Helper: Ella Braker

Today

As the shepherds and magi worship the Word-made-flesh, we too gather to worship the Lord. Welcome, one and all.

Today we welcome Rev. Laura Wessels as our guest pastor. Pastor Laura is an RCA chaplain serving at Rainbow Hospice Care in Johnson Creek. Pastor Laura grew up in Alto and was a member of Alto CRC. She and her husband Tim live in Waupun, where Tim teaches at Central Wisconsin Christian (CWC).

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

This Week’s Activities

Monday, January 3, 2022

11:30-5:00 p.m. – Community Blood Drive
at First Reformed

6:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study Lessons 6 & 7

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

6:30 p.m. – Prayer Team

Sunday, January 9, 2022

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Organist – Darlyn DeYoung

Nursery: Holly Pfeffer

Announcements

2022 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 9, Catechism and Cornerstone will meet on January 12, and RCYF on January 19. Schedules are in the December *Messenger*.

2022-23 Elder/Deacon Installation - We're grateful to Harold DeYoung, Michelle Retzlaff and Jeff VanderVelde who will be answering the call as elders next year, and to Aubrynn Leystra, Travis Rose and Stan Holwerda who will be serving as deacons. Ordination and installation of these new leaders will take place during worship on January 9.

Dial-In Devotions Christmas Pause - There will be no Dial-In Devotions for the next two weeks. Devotions will pick up again in the new year on Tuesday, January 11 at 11:45 a.m.

2022 Church Directory – As we start a new year it is time to update our church directory. It is important to update ANY and 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 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.

Randolph Blood Drive – The Randolph Community Blood Drive will be held on tomorrow, January 3, 2022, 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
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 the blood supply is in an EMERGENCY SHORTAGE. If anyone is interested in volunteering some time, they may contact Michelle at 920-210-0253.

Global Prayer Partners - Our monthly prayer meeting for our missionaries will be postponed one week from its normal first-Sunday date in January. Global Prayer Partners will meet after worship on January 9 in the Prayer Room. Anyone is invited to get updates from our missionaries and fulfill our commitment to lift them and their work up in prayer.

2022 Prayer Chain Sign-Up - Anyone who would like to be on our 2022 Prayer Chain, please list your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. The Care Team is making some changes to how you can receive prayer requests, so be sure to also designate whether you would like to receive notifications by call or text. The Prayer Chain is an "immediate response" prayer ministry of our church, designed to quickly mobilize our church for prayer when needed. If you would like to know more, or you have a request, contact Pam Bylsma or Barb Westra.

Nursery Volunteers Needed – If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin shelf.