

# The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, February 24, 2019 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

WELCOME The Lord be with you. **And, also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*) *Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry*  
O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

**and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #225 (*blue hymnal*) **“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**  
*Traci Bopp, Musician*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

CHORAL ANTHEM “Wade in the Water/Wayfaring Stranger”

*arr. by John Purifoy Chancel Choir, John Hellyer, Director, Lew Shafer, guitar*

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Apostles’ Creed (unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Children and youth are invited to leave for their classes)*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE **And, also with you.**

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

\*SONG “Lord I Need You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE “Gospel of Matthew: Saved by Doubt”

*Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY “Raging Sea” by Michael W. Smith John Hellyer, Amy Patterson, duet

\*DOXOLOGY #166 (*blue hymnal*) **“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

\*SENDING SONG #564 (*blue hymnal*) **“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers today are in honor of Bud Muller’s 88<sup>th</sup> birthday given by Amy Muller*

## Today and This Week at FRC



**TODAY: JOIN US FOR A HEART-HEALTHY BREAKFAST FOR ONLY \$2:** The Health and Wellness Team is holding their annual Heart Healthy breakfast in Grace Chapel from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Join us in between services. There will be

literature and recipes on healthy eating for you to look at and take home with you. A staff member from Spa 23 will be here to discuss exercise & healthy living and bring information on their senior program “Forever Fit.”

**ORDER HOMEMADE SOUP!** This year’s soups are Chicken Noodle, Vegetarian Minestrone, and Split Pea. A quart container is \$7.00. Order forms will be in Friendship Hall and the Church office. Orders accepted today. Soup will need to be picked up next Sunday in Friendship Hall after each service.



**LABYRINTH TONIGHT FROM 6-9 PM IN FRIENDSHIP HALL:** Labyrinths have been used for over 4,000 years and help facilitate calming the mind and soul, meditation, prayer, a deeper relationship with God, healing, a feeling of spiritual peace and safety and

as a way to empower and develop self-knowledge. Simply come anytime between 6:00 and 8:30 P.M., take off your shoes, and when ready, follow the path.

**EMPTY BOWLS DINNER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 5:30-7:00 PM IN**

**PEQUANNOCK TWP HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA:** Help raise awareness of hunger



across the globe by joining us for a soup and bread dinner. In exchange for a cash donation, guests will receive a handcrafted empty bowl to take home as a reminder of all those who go hungry every day. Adults \$10, Children (10 &

under) \$5. Proceeds will be donated to Grains of Hope (*Sponsored by Women’s Hands in Mission, PTHS Art Department, and PV 8<sup>th</sup> grade students*)

**SENIOR ACTIVITY NIGHT IS FEB. 27 “Play Games or Have a Bible Scavenger Hunt”:** We will be having game night and a scavenger hunt within the chapel. Clues will be given to find the answers in the Bible. Photos of some of the answers will be taken as part of the game. Phones with cameras will be necessary. Carpool with friends or if rides are needed, contact Joyce Forde-Muller at 973-650-8870.

## Learning & Growth

**“SIMON PETER: FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL” BY ADAM HAMILTON BOOKS FOR SALE \$15 AND STUDY GROUPS FORMING NOW:** He was not rich or educated but was

familiar with hard work. He left everything to follow his teacher yet struggled with doubt and fear. Pastor Kathleen will be leading a 6 week study group on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30 PM beginning March 6 in the Blue Room. Another group will be offered at 10 AM Wednesdays in Keator Parlor. We will take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. Sign up on sheet or website

**FRIDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW** – We are continuing the Friday Noon Bible Study through Holy Week. You can join us in person or via video conference <https://zoom.us/j/9739390939>



## Upcoming Events

**THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES 7 AM & 6:30 PM:** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40 Days of Lent. It is a great way to commemorate the spirituality of the season and the inward journey you want to embrace. Join us for either of these 30 minute services at 7 AM (in the choir area in the Sanctuary) or at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR OUR ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER & MUSIC Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall:** Come enjoy an evening of a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner paired with the music of the “Skylands



Dulcimer String Band”. The Congregational Life Team will provide a great meal that will include corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, homemade Irish soda bread and dessert. Purchase tickets after worship, on the church website under “Events” or pick up tickets in the church office during business hours. Adults: \$10, ages 5-

12 \$5 and under 5 eat for free. Advance ticket sales only please. Invite some friends for all are welcome!

## Contribute & Support



**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: “GRAINS OF HOPE” FILLING UP QUICKLY FOR MARCH 24 PACKING EVENT:** Grains of Hope registration is filling up! Don’t miss your chance to register and participate. The Community Meal Packing

Day will be held at the Middle School is Sunday, March 24, 2019. This year, we will package 175,000 meals. To register, go to <http://goh2019peq.eventbrite.com/>

**SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS NOW FOR ‘SERVICE SUNDAY’ PROJECTS AND/OR**

**VOLUNTEER TO LEAD A PROJECT:** We will be canceling worship on Sun., April 7 so our congregation will be scattered to serve in mission in various locations. We would like some new ideas for Projects and we need leaders who will help organize the individual projects. Please contact Bob Nixon

at [robertnixon9@hotmail.com](mailto:robertnixon9@hotmail.com) or John Driesse at [johndriesse@optonline.net](mailto:johndriesse@optonline.net)

**CONSIDER SUPPORTING YOUTH MISSION BY ORDERING GIFT CARDS FROM SCRIP:** Orders will be accepted thru Sunday 3/3 and will be available for distribution on Sunday 3/10. Order forms and a list of available cards can be found on the kiosk in Friendship Hall and at [glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com). Give orders to Eileen Bundz after the 8:30 worship service or leave in the Youth Mission box in the office. Any questions, please contact Eileen at [bundzie@optonline.net](mailto:bundzie@optonline.net) or 973-476-2600 (phone or text). Thanks for your continued support of First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains Youth Mission.

## Children’s Ministry

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY – MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>:** Girl Scouts are needed to serve as greeters, readers & coffee hour hosts. Contact Janet at [janet@frc-pp.org](mailto:janet@frc-pp.org).

## Youth Ministry

**HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT:** March 8th to 10th. Students should come to the FUSE Room at 5:00pm on Friday night. They should bring a bag supper prior with them. We’ll return to the church at around 2:30pm on Sunday afternoon. Please go online to register right away: <http://firstreformedchurch.com/event/1183391-2019-03-08-youth-winter-retreat/>



## NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We are so pleased that you chose to share this New Year with us here at First Reformed. You'll find we are a community of faith trying to help people live and love like Jesus in their communities. If you are new to us, we'd love to help along the journey. No matter who you are or how you are, we hope you know you can belong here. Our vision is to be the church in the heart of this town with OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS & OPEN HANDS. If that is the type of church you are looking for, you can take a first step by filling out a connection card, which is located on the table by the entrance to our worship space at 8:30 a.m. service or in the pew at 10 a.m. service. Also, check out our website [www.firstreformedchurch.com](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com)

## ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that **discipleship** is a lifelong journey. There is never a time in our lives when we can be satisfied with our growth or our certainty. Certainty is about being right. Faith is about being guided by what's right and training yourself to do it. FRC's worshiping community welcomes faith with all the doubts, the questions and the mystery. Our hope is to provide space and opportunities for exploration and inquiry, questioning and listening, dialogue and discernment. There is also nothing like participating in hands-on service to deepen your faith and put it in action. Throughout the year, we offer many opportunities for missional service.

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

We have a thriving ministry with 6th to 12th graders here at First Reformed Church. There are trips, retreats, service projects, and fun outings scheduled throughout the year. We have a very dedicated team that has been working with the youth for many years. The middle school program is called IGNITE, and the high school program is called F.U.S.E. The youth meet on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in middle school and high school classes. They also meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. for FUEL youth group. Wednesday evening is a midweek opportunity to see your friends, learn and have fun.

## BABIES & KIDZ MINISTRIES

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available at both services. The nursery is located on the main floor of the Ministry Center near the church office. Our Spark Kidz program for children age 2 years to 5th grade begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary, where children attend the first 15 minutes of the service with their family and then are dismissed for their individual classes. There they explore the Bible through exciting hands-on multi-sensory lessons. Parents can pick up their children in their classrooms upstairs in the Ministry Center following the conclusion of our 10 AM service.

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Direct:** Donation into the plate

**Bank Transfer:** Set up donations directly from your checking or savings

**Online:** Donate thru our secure website [www.firstreformedchurch.com](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com)

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

### JOYS:

**Bud Muller** celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 23. Cards to 8 Atwood Ave., PP

### FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

**Evelyn (Bush) McGuckin**, 80 year member of FRC, passed away at the age of 98 last week. Services are being planned for a future date at FRC. Cards to her son John Bush 12893 West Harvard Avenue, Lakewood Colorado 80228

Continued prayers for the family and friends of **Christopher Stasiak**. For the families of the 3 people killed in Wayne by an impaired driver last week

### CONCERNS:

**Jean**, Fred Indoe's mother, receiving hospice care.

**William Vincent Byrne III**, health concerns

**Candice Rienstra**, for health concerns. Prayers for the family as they support her.

**Rusty Ayers** receiving hospice care. Cards to 27 Woodland Pl., PP  
Prayers for **Tammy Haro**, Pat Cunningham's niece, recently deployed to Kuwait for six months.

Prayers for **Charlie Cunningham**, who is recovering from knee replacement. Cards to 3 Lockwood Ave., PP

**All Families** who struggle with loved ones who have addiction and/or mental health issues.

### LONG TERM ILLNESS:

**Jane** (Joann Warner's neighbor), **Diane Grossmueller** (Joan Muller's niece), **Valerie Floyd** (Joan Muller's cousin), **Rusty Ayers**, **John Holmes** (Steve's brother), **Brian Spring**, **Connie**, **Jamie**, **Bob**, friend of Joann Warner, **Andres Echevarria**, **Jennie Byram**, **Eugene Fletcher**, **Carol Ratz**, **Kathy** (Sue Leonard's friend), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Michael Barch**, **Gavin Brady**, **Blair Ludemann**, **Cheryl**, **Lawrence Trumpore**, **Jim** (the Bundz's neighbor)



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Thanks for Coming*