

Welcome to

# The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains



Summer Sunday  
July 21, 2019

9 a.m. Outdoor Worship  
(beside Friendship Hall)

10:15 a.m. Sanctuary Worship



## Our Mission

*FRC stands at the intersection of faith and life in our community. Our mission is to create experiences that connect us with Christ and inspire us to serve.*

## We Live That Through...

### OPEN DOORS

*We welcome all people regardless of race, ethnicity, ability, orientation or identity. We also welcome people with different cultural and political understandings. Our unity is found not in our uniformity, but in our desire to live and learn as followers of Christ.*

### OPEN HEARTS

*We are all valued, loved and called to enter into a deep transformational relationship with Christ. We seek spiritual, emotional, and relational growth, modeling our lives on Jesus' life and mission.*

### OPEN HANDS

*We guide people into a redemptive way of living, knowing that the way we behave towards one another is the reflective expression of what we believe. Our goal is to live wholeheartedly in the movement and love of Jesus Christ.*

## Welcome

**TODAY IN WORSHIP:** Modern society often views our world as unenchanted-void of any spiritual or transcendent qualities. This three-week series will help us to reengage with God's glorious wonder and our call to discover it. We also have the privilege this morning of baptizing two new babies into our family of faith at First Reformed Church.



### WELCOME GUESTS

We are grateful for your presence and would love to connect. If we miss the opportunity to introduce ourselves, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself. For more information about our church, visit our website: [www.firstreformedchurch.com](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com)

### WELCOME CHILDREN

Activity packets for children to complete during the service will be provided. Nursery care is available throughout the summer in the Ministry Center Building for children age 3 & under.

### SUMMER YOUTH

Summer is a great time to dive into the Youth Ministry at FRC. FUEL youth group meets on Wednesday nights in the summer from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall. For more info, contact [dave@frc-pp.org](mailto:dave@frc-pp.org)

### WEBSITE & LIVE STREAM OF SERVICE

When traveling, watch the 10:15 a.m. service live through our website: [www.firstreformedchurch.com](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com) An MP3 audio of all sermon messages is available on website.

### FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS & ONLINE DONATIONS

You may choose to contribute an offering during our service this morning. We encourage you to consider online donations, which can be made one-time or regularly through our website. You can also scan the QR Code to the right to take you there now.



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## Reflection Before Worship

*"Wonder is the beginning of wisdom." — Socrates*

*"We all have within us this capacity for wonder, this ability to break the bonds of ordinary awareness and sense that though our lives are fleeting and transitory, we are part of something larger, eternal and unchanging." - Richard Rohr*

*"O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all."* Psalm 104:24a (NRSV)

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## We Gather with Open Doors

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION *(responsive)*

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

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

God the Creator,  
Creator of color, sound, texture, quietness,  
and the restless beauty in all living things,  
**We bless you.**

God the Creator,  
Creator of granite and mustard seed,  
of grey clouds and starlight,  
of every breath and heartbeat,  
**We bless you.**

God the Creator,  
Creator of all that is unseen,  
of all that has been,  
of all that words could never capture,  
**We bless you**

for your creation,  
your trusting, loving-kindness  
your never-ending goodness,  
**We worship you today.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE “For the Beauty of the Earth” *Pierpoint /Monk*

*Traci Bopp, Pianist*

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies—

***Refrain:***

***Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

For the wonder of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light

***(Refrain)***

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind’s delight.  
For the mystic harmony  
For all gentle thoughts and mild

***(Refrain)***

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild

***(Refrain)***

\*CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsive) Based on Isaiah43, Psalm 29, Luke 3*

Creator of the universe,  
we stand amazed at your power and glory.  
We are eager to worship you and offer our praise,  
but we are often slow to answer when  
we hear you calling our name to respond.  
We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary,  
but shy away from actions in the face of resistance.  
We proclaim you are the Creator of everything,  
but forget to be in awe of your creation.  
Forgive us when we try to put you in a box.  
Renew us with a sense of awe, wonder, and joy  
to proclaim your grace and justice  
throughout the world.

**Amen.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”** (sing through twice)

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Dear Me” by Nichole Nordeman Michele Crefeld, Amy Patterson, soloists

BAPTISM

9 A.M. - Emma Lynn Heider, daughter of Nicolas & Erin  
10:15 A.M. - Nolan Reed Klutsarits - son of Ryan & Allison

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## We Listen with Open Hearts

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 34:8

*“O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.”*

Psalms 19:1-3 (NRSV)

*“The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out  
through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.”*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSV)

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that*

*you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "World of Wonder: Called to Marvel"      *Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## We Respond with Open Hands

**\*CLOSING SONG "To God Be the Glory"**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

***Refrain:***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!***

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

***(Refrain)***

INVITATION TO CONNECTION & CONTRIBUTION

\*BENEDICTION

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# Announcements

## TODAY & THIS WEEK



**NEW MESSAGE SERIES BEGINS – “WORLD OF WONDER”:** Today, we begin a new three-part sermon series in which we are exploring a biblical perspective of God’s work in the world and our call to a sense of wonder as we consider it. We also have the privilege of baptizing children, welcoming them into the family of faith at both our outdoor and indoor worship services.

## THINGS TO KNOW

**YOU ARE INVITED THIS SUMMER TO C.H.A.T.:** Over the summer, Pastor Kathleen and the leadership staff are having intentional conversations to check the vital health of the congregation. We are calling this “CHAT: Church Health Assessment Talks.” So, this summer, Pastor Kathleen, Dave Sippel and other leaders are hosting small group gatherings, having lunches and dinners with individuals and families, gathering the Great Consistory, connecting with staff, talking to former members, and asking the congregation to participate in surveys both online and in worship. Our goal is to listen and have honest conversations in an effort to obtain a broad perspective about FRC from our member and adherents. Ultimately, these CHATs will guide our decision making in the next seasons of the church. All will be invited to participate in some way.



(Church Health Assessment Talks)

**HAVE YOU COMPLETED A WORSHIP SURVEY?** As a part of our CHAT (above), we distributed a 5-minute worship survey and invited the congregation to complete a written copy or link to the survey website and take it online. The survey is anonymous, or you may optionally write in your name. Written copies are in the back of both worship services. Stamped church-addressed envelopes are available if you want to take one home and mail it in. Or, you can follow this link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/SP59J5X](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SP59J5X) or scan the QR Code (to the right).



## GIVE/SERVE



**ITEMS NEEDED TO SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):** Looking for a way to support our VBS program? Be sure to check out the animal tags for items still needed. The poster will be in the back of both worship spaces. Some items on the wish list are: Bottles of juice, Skittles, Cornflakes, Beach balls, Nabisco Animal Crackers, Little Debbie Zebra Cakes, Baby Wipes & Sponges. Take a tag and return it with your items either after worship or to the church office during office hours. Please

return all items by July 28th.

**ROAR VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Additional volunteers are still needed for our ever-growing Vacation Bible School program, including crew leaders and station leaders. If you can spend a few mornings or even the entire week on safari with us between August 5-9, please sign up online.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH OR HELP:** This fall, we are looking for additional helping hands and smiling faces to assist in our nursery, as well as during our Spark Kidz program. Our current openings include a **1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher** and assistant. Contact Janet for more details.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**WEDNESDAY EVENING FUEL DATES IN JULY AND AUGUST:** FUEL Youth Group meetings on Wednesday nights continue throughout the summer. Middle and High School Youth are invited to join us these upcoming Wednesdays; July 24 and 31, August 14 and 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend. Bring a friend and a snack to share.

### MIDDLE & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH - SUMMER CAMPOUT:

**AUGUST 9-11:** Sign up right away for this outdoor adventure. Let's go camping at River Beach Campground on the Delaware River. We'll spend two nights in tents along the river's edge. On Saturday we'll take canoes down the river. We'll prepare our own meals and enjoy a cool swim. Space is limited so pay your \$50 deposit right away. The total trip cost is \$100 per kid. It will be reduced to \$75 for all youth that volunteer all five days at Vacation Bible School. Sign up online for the campout and Vacation Bible School.





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# Prayer List

## CONCERNS:

**Karen Kamp's mother, Florence Spiess**, in rehab after two falls. Prayers for her recovery  
**Neil Lacomia**, Alyse Cafasso's father, who was recently moved to Hospice in a care facility.  
**Donna Plansoen Aldom**, longtime FRC member as she is end-stage cancer and has not been doing well.

**Joyce Colfax, Jane Young's mother**, 98 years old, end stage Hospice care.

**Dorothy Mushala**, friend of Jane Young, receiving hospice care

Prayers for **Doris Hayenhjelm**, who is having some health issues. Cards to 703 Runnymede Dr., Wayne 07470

**Carl R. Edwards**, uncle of Amy Patterson, John Hellyer & Mike Carbone, who recently moved to the Atrium at WayneView. Prayers for strength.

**Bernard Rogan**, Kathleen Pennington's dad, in serious condition.

**Bill Reilly**, Kathleen Pennington's grandmother's husband, transferred to Atrium at WayneView. Cards to 101 Boulevard, Apt. 50, Pequannock 07440

## LONG TERM ILLNESS:

**Ada Sauer**, Carolyn Connerton's nephew's daughter, **Valerie Floyd** (Joan Muller's cousin), **Susan Rayner**, **Rusty Ayers** (receiving Hospice), **Diane Grossmueller** (Joan Muller's niece), **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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