

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, January 26, 2020 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. — Helen Keller

There is no such thing as a 'self-made' man. We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the make-up of our character and of our thoughts, as well as our success. — George Burton Adams

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME *Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry*

-EXPANSION OF OUR HEARTS-

SACRED SILENCE FOR CENTERING & OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

- L: Though we may be inclined to brag, let us come together with humility.
P: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.
L: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.
P: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.
L: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.
P: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.
L: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.
P: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.
L: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,
P: Let us worship the God who has called us together.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #225 (*blue hymnal*) **"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**
Lori Yost, Musician

*PASSING THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

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

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

-RECEPTION OF GOD'S WORD-

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of unity and love, place within each of us
a spirit of hope and community.
Have mercy upon us when we speak without love
or act without humility.
Cleanse us with the living water of your grace.
Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness.**

**Raise us up to be your children,
growing toward maturity in faith and love.
Strengthen this church, that we may be a model
of ministry and unity for all the world to see.
In Christ's name, we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SONG OF RESPONSE #36 (*blue hymnal*) **"He Is Exalted"**

PREPARATION FOR READING

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:1-4 (NRSV) *Pew Bible pg. 555*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NRSV) *Pew Bible pg. 926*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE "Deliberate Unity" *Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry*

-TRANSFORMATION OF OUR LIVES-

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.**

-COMPASSION FOR THE WORLD-

*SENDING SONG #436 (*blue hymnal*) **"Freely, Freely"**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*The chancel flowers are in memory of John R. Bird, beloved father, James N. Bird,
beloved brother & Rita N. Bird, beloved mother, given by Eunice Bird*

Prayer List

CONCERNS:

Bill, Mary Indoe's brother, is hospitalized having complications with Diabetes .

Sue Benton, Evelyn Van Dyke's daughter, serious kidney problems. Cards to 47302 Branblewood Ct, Novi, MI 48374

Robert Mc Kowen, back problems. Cards to 262 Robertson Way, Lincoln Park 07035

Madden Quast, friend of the Stupski family, needs prayers

Nancy, prayers for good biopsy results

whose cancer recently metastasized to his bones.

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Candace (Jane Young's sister), **Connie, Bob, Fred** (friend of Linda Wilson)

In an effort to update the "Long Term Prayer List", we ask that, if you know someone who needs our prayers, please fill out a Connection/Prayer Request card and submit their names. Cards are in the pew pockets of the Sanctuary and the back of Friendship Hall. You can also email the office office@frc-pp.org

Message Notes

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We are so pleased that you chose to be 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

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Believing 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 worshipping community welcomes faith with all the doubts, the questions and the mystery. 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

This year will be a great one for our middle school and high school youth. The youth will have an opportunity to participate in Bible studies, service projects, fun outings, small groups and overnight trips.

Sunday morning classes open up God's Word in new ways. Wednesday evening FUEL unpacks relevant issues that kids deal with every day. Both of these fun weekly events are supported by a great team of adult volunteers.

Sunday classes meet at 10am on the 2nd to 5th Sundays of each month. Kids will be dismissed from the 10am worship service. The Wednesday evening program is from 7 to 8:30pm in Friendship Hall.

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

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Online: Donate thru our secure website www.firstreformedchurch.com

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A NEW YEAR WELCOME



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