

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) - Psalm 95:6-7

Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #11 (blue) **"Come Thou Fount of every Blessing"**

Lori Yost, Musician

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret,
forgive us!
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,
forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love,
forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought,
forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care,
forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive,
forgive us.
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret.
Amen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

BAPTISMS

*Kellen Thomas McKay, Brian & Michelle
Benjamin Lyle Bowsher, Chad & Maggie
Amber Maria La Chance, Michael & Stacey*

SONG (insert) **"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"**

*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

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE "Mistaken Identity" *Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*SENDING SONG #237 (blue) **"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are in memory of Jack R. Horner given by Pat Horner & Family

Today & This Week

***NEXT SUNDAY* ONE WORSHIP SERVICE FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:** We will celebrate worship at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary on May 26.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES PROGRAM WITH "GIRL CHALK" - MAY 22 @ 7 PM IN

GRACE CHAPEL: The Women's Ministries Team is sponsoring a program with Girl Chalk. Located on the Turnpike in Pequannock, Girl Chalk is "...sisters who share a passion of turning old furniture into new and beautiful works of art by custom painting and refinishing. They also specialize in kitchen cabinet, bathroom vanity, fireplace and faux wall painting. They are distributors of two superior lines of paint." An owner will refinish a piece of furniture and show us how to do it ourselves. Please consider joining us for a fun evening ending with dessert!



Events

FINAL LABYRINTH FOR THE SEASON - MAY 26

FROM 6-9 PM IN FRIENDSHIP HALL: A labyrinth is a simple walking path that simulates a spiritual journey. Labyrinths help facilitate calming the mind and soul, meditation, prayer, a deeper relationship with God, a feeling of spiritual peace and safety and are 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. The Labyrinth will resume in September.



CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC - JUNE 9 AT 11:30 AM: Please come and join your



church family and friends for our annual end of year picnic. As always, the Congregational Life Team will supply the meat dishes, rolls, and drinks, and church members are invited to bring salads and side dishes. The picnic will begin after the second service. There will be games for adults and children and a blow up for the kids to enjoy. Sign-up sheets will be placed in Friendship Hall beginning May 19th. We will probably not need desserts for the picnic. We look forward to seeing YOU, YOUR FAMILY and FRIENDS.

OUTDOOR SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS FATHER'S DAY JUNE 16

9 AM OUTDOORS & 10:15 AM IN THE SANCTUARY: Join us at 9 AM on Sunday mornings throughout the summer in the backyard of Friendly Manse (the historic stone house next to Friendship Hall, also known as Pastor Kathleen's house). Chairs will be available, or you are welcome to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Hang around after the service and connect. In the event of rain, the early service will worship in the sanctuary. If you would instead prefer air conditioning, we host a second service in the Sanctuary at 10:15 AM. Each service will be about 45 minutes. Activity packets will be available for the kids.

CHILTON MEDICAL CENTER, GARDEN STATE EQUALITY & FRC PARTNER TO SHOW FILM SCREENING: "GROWING UP GAY" WITH PANEL FOLLOWING - JUNE 24 AT 6:30 P.M. IN CHOIR ROOM:

In this eye-opening and timely film, young pop culture icon Olly Alexander, explores why the gay community is more vulnerable to mental health issues, as he opens up about his own long-term battles with depression. Olly joins young people on their journeys battling issues that parallel his own - from homophobic bullying to eating and anxiety disorders - and asks what can be done to address them. At the conclusion of this event,

there will be a panel answering questions regarding LGBTQ and mental health. This is a free event and will include a light dinner. Please RSVP to gsequality.org/growingupgay.

Give & Serve

FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS: Please help us stock the pantry for June by purchasing these items: Cereal, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, coffee, dish detergent, laundry detergent, canned tuna, packaged potatoes, snacks, paper towels, jelly, shelf stable milk, white rice, baked beans, Chef Boyardee meals in can, juice

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA: A co-ed group will work alongside Missionaries Randall and Jackie Darby in Guatemala City from **August 8-14, 2019**. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1000 but the Mission Team will help defray that cost for currently active members of FRC. The group will be limited to 12 participants. If you may be interested in serving or you have questions, please contact Angela Kohle atkohle@gmail.com or Michele Crefeld mcrefeld@gmail.com.

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR MAY WILL SUPPORT "HOPE THROUGH CARE IN GRANDMA'S PLACE", CLIFTON: In Grandma's Place shelter families can stay together in a healing, homelike environment with privileges and responsibilities that of a private home. Their objective is to empower each resident with tools to move from dependence to independence, with a goal in mind to help a family access permanent housing as quickly as possible. Make check out to First Reformed Church and put "Grandma's Place" in the memo line or donate online on our website.

Children's Ministry

ROAR VBS AUGUST 5 - 9 from 9 am - NOON: Registration is now open online for children age 5 - 6th grade. This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. This epic safari costs just \$25 per child and includes a t-shirt and music cd. Safari guides are also needed. Register or volunteer online by July 1st.



Youth Ministry

GRAD CELEBRATION SUNDAY WITH MEAL - Sunday, June 16th at 10 am: High school grads, their families, and our youth ministry volunteers will gather to share a meal and lots of fun memories. Grads and their families should plan to attend the 9 am outdoor worship service. After the service our attendees will move to Grace Chapel for brunch and lots of other fun stuff. Please send an RSVP to Dave Sippel.

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

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.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

For the family of Linda Shafer, who passed away on May 14. Cards to her husband Lew, 14 Brandywine Court, Lafayette, NJ 07848 and her daughter Traci Bopp, 51 New Read St, Pequannock 07440. A service will be held at 2 p.m. today in the sanctuary followed by a repast in Friendship Hall.

CONCERNS:

Doug Cook as he recovers from knee replacement surgery. Cards: 123 West End Ave., PP

Jane Young is in JDT for rehab after being hospitalized last week. Cards to 5103 Tudor Dr., PP

Linda Rooney, recovering after a fall. Cards to 4 Virginia Ave., PP

Bernard Rogan, Kathleen Pennington's dad, recovering from extensive spinal surgery

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Ada Saucer, Susan Rayner, JoAnn, Rusty Ayers (receiving Hospice), **Diane Grossmueller** (Joan Muller's niece), **Valerie Floyd** (Joan Muller's cousin), **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)

WAYS TO GIVE

Direct: Donation into the plate

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