

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, November 11, 2018
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC "Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader
Lori Yost, Musician

WELCOME Veteran's Day Recognition
The Lord be with you. **And, also with you.**

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

VETERAN'S DAY VIDEO

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:6

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #808 (blue) "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

PSALM 46:10

CHORAL ANTHEM "Be Still My Soul" arr. by Benjamin Harlan
Chancel Choir, John Hellyer, Director

BAPTISM Zachary Edward Flannery, son of Kevin & Katherine

SONG OF RESPONSE #285 (green) "May the Lord, Mighty God"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you. **And, also with you.**
(Children and youth are invited to leave for their classes)

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #166 (blue) "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 127:1 & Mark 12:38-44

MESSAGE "Growing Connected: Widow's Might"
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.

*THE BELLS OF PEACE

*CLOSING SONG "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Let There Be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me.

Let There Be Peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be!

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.

With every breath I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today & This Week

THE BELLS OF PEACE WILL RING TODAY 11/11 @ 11 AM: On Nov. 11, 1918, world leaders signed the Armistice ending WWI and its four years of conflict when 116,516 Americans died and 200,000 were wounded. Today marks the 100th Anniversary of that agreement. Veteran's Post 242 asked FRC to ring its steeple bells at 11 AM as "The Bells of Peace." So, at 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we will mark this occasion with 21 tolls of the bell and then together sing, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

THE NOVEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING WILL SUPPORT "NEW CITY KIDS"
New City Kids is an after school program for local low income youth in Paterson. NCK offers a safe place for kids to explore music and academics in a creative and fun way. This is a safe place where children and teens feel and hear that they are valued and loved. The teens are helping the younger children with homework. In other areas teens are receiving counseling. In another area there is singing, reading or learning a musical instrument and so much more.

"THE SPOTLIGHT" NEW CITY KIDS 5TH ANNUAL BENEFIT BASH: Thursday Nov. 15th 6:30-8 p.m. Join us for an evening of music, powerful stories, and an opportunity to make life-changing experiences possible for Paterson youth. RSVP at newcitykids.org/thespotlight-ps Secure parking on site.



ANNUAL FALL CRAFT FAIR IS NEXT SATURDAY:
November 17 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Friendship Hall: Come and shop to support the craft fair. There is always something new to discover! We need volunteer bakers for the bake

table. Please sign up to help out in any capacity such as set up the day before, clean up after fair, working at the bake table or cafe. Sign up in Friendship Hall or call Barbara Cook at 973-835-9355.

DROP OFF HARD COVER BOOKS FOR THE CRAFT FAIR: We are collecting gently used books to sell at the fair. Please place them neatly in bags on the stage

JOIN US IN MAKING OR BUYING APPLE PIES TOMORROW MORNING: Help the Deborah Circle make apple pies on November 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Look for sign-up sheets in Friendship Hall to help peel, roll out crust, or make crust at home to bring in. We also need donations of flour, sugar, and butter. Please leave supplies in the kitchen marked "pies".

PURCHASE HOME-MADE APPLE PIES: There will be a sign-up sheet to purchase frozen and ready to bake pies. Pies must be picked up at the craft fair by Noon on Nov. 17. Two crusted pies are \$10 and Crumb topped pies are \$12. There will also be no sugar added pies.

Support/Serve

PLEDGE SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK – NOV. 18 - CHECK OUT THE GROWING CONNECTED CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.firstreformedchurch.com. There is a 'button' in the middle of the homepage that says, "Capital Campaign." There, you can watch the video, read about the vision, projects and campaign. We are inviting the congregation to do three things: LEARN. PRAY. SUPPORT. Capital Campaign Pledge Day is November 18.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE TO SUPPORT MARKET STREET MISSION & BESSIE GREEN:
The homeless and disfranchised use their one coat as shelter against the weather. Please help keep others warm this winter by donating a clean coat, size. The coat racks will be in Friendship Hall thru Dec. 2.

Things to Know

ARTISTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER - SPARK KIDZ "THANKS GIVING" EXPRESSIONS: How about THANKS GIVING as two words? The holiday started when the Pilgrims wanted to celebrate and say "thank you" to God for their survival in a new country. For what do we want to say "thank you"? The drawings in the Art Gallery this month are visual expressions of thankfulness created by our Spark Kidz children.

Advent Study



MAX LUCADO'S "BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM": What's the big deal about the baby in the manger? Who was he? What does his birth have to do with me? These are the questions that Max Lucado's DVD small group study "Because of BETHLEHEM" seeks to answer. The answers he's found give us all hope. Take a break and

come and grow. Book is only \$10 & DVD is provided free for any host of a small group. Books can be picked up in Friendship Hall starting the week of Sunday, Nov. 11. Register in Friendship Hall or online: www.firstreformedchurch.com under the heading on the bar: "Grow With Us" then: "Adult Education."

Thanksgiving & Christmas

COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE Sunday, November 18 at 5:30 PM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Pastor Kathleen is preaching. Join leaders and congregations from other churches as we worship together giving thanks.

IT'S TIME TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – DUE NOV. 18:
Christmas Poinsettias may be placed in the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas bulletins. Plants will be delivered to shut-ins or members who have had a loss in their family this year. You may also pick up your plant after the 11 PM Christmas Eve Service. Plants are \$12 each. *Proceeds will be donated to the Deacons Fund.* Look for the green forms in the back of each worship space or in the church office. Orders are due in to the office no later than Nov. 18.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & RECEPTION: Sun., Nov. 25th at 6 PM: Gather with us for the Town Christmas Tree Lighting at the north end of our parking lot (to the side of the Town Hall, next to Senior Center) at 6 PM on Nov. 25th. The High School Band, Fire Department, Township Representatives, and other community groups will help us bring in the season on that first Sunday of

Advent. Then, join us for refreshments afterward in Friendship Hall

WREATH & POINSETTIA SALE: Boy Scout Troop 144 are currently taking orders for their annual Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia sale which will take place at Grace Chapel on Saturday December 1st from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. Decorated wreaths are \$20. Memorial blankets \$30 and a variety of poinsettia sizes and colors will be available. A 5 inch pot \$10.00, 6 inch \$15.00, 8 inch \$25.00 and 10 inch for \$30.00. Advance orders are encouraged. Parishioners can place an order by emailing Anna Stanaback (stanaback@optonline.net) or call [973-214-3314](tel:973-214-3314)

Youth Ministry

FUEL YOUTH GROUP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: FUEL Youth Group meets from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in Friendship Hall. All youth – Middle and High School are welcome. For more information, contact Dave Sippel at dave@frc-pp.org or [973-835-1144](tel:973-835-1144) (x28)

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

Welcome to First Reformed Church! 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 at 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 worshipping 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.

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

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

WITH APPRECIATION:

"A special thank you to the Congregational Life Team for preparing such a wonderful dinner, and mostly for their thoughtfulness behind this loving gesture. Thanks also to those in the congregation who joined me in celebrating my retirement and also to those who donated to the love gift." With love & blessings, Amy

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

Prayers for the **Stelzenmueller, Mackey and Osborne families** after the death of their nephew and cousin, **Gregg Possien** in Virginia. Cards to Elaine & Walt Stelzenmueller and Lori Osborne 104 Hillcrest Dr., Wayne 07470, to Darren & Lisa Mackay 134 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Wayne
Prayers for all those affected by the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg and for the 11 victims and their families

CONCERNS:

Suzanne Swendiman, dear friend of Sue Hellyer & Pat Lento, prayers for upcoming surgery Nov. 21. Cards to 2830 Arizona Terrace NW, Washington, D.C. 20016

Rusty Ayers who is hospitalized in Chilton with breathing issues. Cards to 27 Woodland Pl., PP

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Brian Spring, Connie, Jamie, Bob, friend of Joann Warner, **Andres Echevarria, Hannah Cerullo** (Lew Shafer's cousin's daughter), **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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