

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, November 18, 2018
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC *Traci Bopp, Musician*

WELCOME *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
God is good **all the time.**
All the time. **God is good.**

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #214 *(blue)* **“He Has Made Me Glad”**

*OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

All that we are is a gift from God.
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
All that we have is a gift from God.
The world, and all those who live in it.
There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.
Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

SPECIAL MUSIC “You Will Be Found” *by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul*

TESTIMONIAL *Consistory & Staff Leaders*

MOMENT TO FILL OUT PLEDGE

STEWARDSHIP 2019 PLEDGE OFFERING

SONG #230 *(green)* **“We Are an Offering”**

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 35:4-9. 20-24, 36:2-7 & 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9

MESSAGE “Growing Connected: Restrain that Giver”
Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(responsive)*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

SONG #816 *(blue)* **“We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

TESTIMONIAL

Capital Campaign Team Leaders

GROWING CONNECTED VIDEO

MOMENT TO FILL OUT PLEDGE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE OFFERING

SONG DURING PLEDGE #596 *(blue)* **“I Surrender All”**

PRAYER FOR VISION, PROJECTS & PLEDGES

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #429 *(blue)* **“They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

*POSTLUDE

Today & This Week

TODAY IS PLEDGE SUNDAY WE RECEIVE 2019 PLEDGES AND GROWING CONNECTED CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (2019-21): At designated times in the service this morning, we will receive the pledges for our regular Stewardship Offering for 2019 and our Growing Connected Capital Campaign (2019-21). If you are not aware of the Capital Campaign or need more time to learn about it, you can do that on our website: www.firstreformedchurch.com

TONIGHT – ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING 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. You, your family and neighbors – all invited!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: 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.

Support/Serve

RESCHEDULED – NEW CITY KIDS PATERSON “THE SPOTLIGHT 5TH ANNUAL BENEFIT BASH: Rescheduled for Wednesday Nov. 28th 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.

SUPPORT YOUTH MISSION BY ORDERING GIFT CARDS: Let us help you get ahead of your holiday shopping! Ordering just one card can make a difference. **Orders will be accepted Sunday 11/18 thru Sunday 12/9 and will be available for distribution on Sunday 12/16.** Order forms and a list of available cards can be found on the kiosk in Friendship Hall. Additionally the list of available cards can be found at glscrip.com. Orders can be given to Eileen Bundz after the 8:30 worship service or left in the Youth Mission box in the office. Any questions, please contact Eileen at bundzie@optonline.net or 973-476-2600 (phone or text). Thanks for your continued support of First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains Youth Mission.

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

OUR NEXT SENIOR ACTIVITY NIGHT IS PLANNED - CRAFTING WITH CAROLYN:

Are you crafty or at least crafty at heart? Come to craft night on Dec 12, at 7PM, Grace Chapel to make simple crafts for shut-ins and one for yourself. Just bring willing hands and hearts. See you there. Carpool with friends. If you need a ride, contact Joyce Forde-Muller ahead of time (973-650-8870).

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



STARTING NEXT WEEK - 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.

Pastor Kathleen will lead a Wednesday night group at 6:30 PM for 4 weeks in the Ministry Center building – Blue Room. You can join us in person or by video conference. But, you must sign-up.

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.”

Christmas

THE DRIVE THRU NATIVITY IS ONLY 2 WEEKS AWAY! The Drive Thru sign up board is on the table in Friendship Hall. Sign up to play one of the characters, help with costumes, provide baked goods, help with refreshments, put out candle holders, light candles, drive characters to the scenes, greet people, or help at 8pm to collect candleholders and props.



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.

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)

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:

The youth ministry would like to express our appreciation to several members of the Congregational Life team. Bill Kerber, Susy Kerber, Dave Szanto and De Szanto recently attended the youth ministry fall retreat. They prepared meals, snacks and desserts for the youth and adults in attendance. The food was fantastic and they made it more fun, too. We loved having them attend with us. Thank you for blessing our youth.

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

Anne Atwood passed away on Nov 12 at the age of 95. No service is planned for this area at this time.

Prayers for all those affected by the mass shooting in Thousand Oaks, California

Prayers for the first responders and victims of the two major California wildfires during this past week. Hundreds of thousands of acres have been destroyed and 59 lives lost to date.

CONCERNS:

Lucy, mental & emotional support while healing from assault & involuntary hospitalization

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

Rusty Ayers recovering in Care One. 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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