

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

November 10, 2019 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

— Jesus in Gospel of John 16:33

"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

— Nelson Mandela

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

— Helen Keller

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

VETERAN'S DAY VIDEO

A LITANY FOR VETERANS (responsive)

We pause to remember those who go to war in our name.

We give thanks for courage, for love of country, for those who work to bring peace to our world.

Remind us, Oh God, that the goal of any war need be justice and peace.

On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God for veterans.

And seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.

Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.

And remind us, dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran – all know the cost of war.

Challenge us to love the warrior but hate the cost of war.

And we pray for a time when peace will reign and swords become plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books.

We give thanks, gracious God, that you remain with us as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name. May we be a people who seek to replace hate with love, injustice with righteousness, and violence with peace. AMEN

SACRED SILENCE FOR CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #404 (blue hymnal) "Faith of Our Fathers"

Lori Yost, Musician

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Let All Things Now Living" *Traditional Welsh Melody*

Recorders: Kim Lampe & Karen Mazur; Guitar: Martin Williams

*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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SONG OF RESPONSE #51 (green song book) "Shine On Me"

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 READING Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (NRSV)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-5 (NRSV)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE "Helping the Next Gen Win: Generational Resilience"

Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

*SENDING SONG #415 (blue hymnal) "We Are Called to Be God's People"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers are in memory of Arline Friedrich
given by Jan Friedrich*

Prayer List

WITH SYMPATHY:

For the family of Doris Hayenhjelm, who passed away on Nov. 1. Prayers for her son Daniel, daughters Amy & Melissa and 8 grandchildren. Services were held on Friday.

CONCERNS:

Dot Groener, prayers for healing.

Linda Wilson, prayers for upcoming surgery. Cards to 260 Sunset Rd, PP

Lori Rose Osborne will be having surgery to remove her gall bladder on Nov. 13. Cards to 104 Hillcrest Dr., Wayne 07470

Kerri Squires, prayers for upcoming surgery after an aneurysm.

Dave Way, is in rehab at Renaissance at Cedar Crest. Prayers for healing. Cards to 211 Timber Ridge, PP

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Dave Cox, Yvonne Hughes, Amy Finigan's sister, **Ewa Toczyska** (Eve Lotito's aunt), **Jan Savage** (Jane Young's friend), **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), **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)

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](http://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 worshiping 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.

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