

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, October 7, 2018
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nathanael Crefeld

God said, "I will be your God."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "I will lead you in the paths of truth."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "I will forgive you."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "My kingdom is near."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

*SONGS (*on screen*) **"Open the Eyes of My Heart" & "Blessed Be Your Name"**

Traci Bopp & Jay Shim, Musicians

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

ACOLYTE INSTALLATION

Janet Chardavoyne & Dave Sippel

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*PASSING OF THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you. **And, also with you.**

Children in 2nd grade & under are invited to leave for their classes.

Older children and youth remain in the service

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 19:3-7

Emmy Chase

OFFERTORY "Forever" by Chris Tomlin

Children's Choir, Brooke Burgin, Director

Emma Hausch & Rose McBurney, Soloists

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

MESSAGE "Flying Priests and a Holy Treasure"

Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

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.

COMMUNION

The communion offering for October will support Church World Service

*CLOSING HYMN (*on screen*) **"Your Grace is Enough"**

*BENEDICTION

Support/Serve

THE COMMUNION OFFERING FOR OCTOBER - CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS):

CWS works with the poor, the refugee and asylee, and other vulnerable individuals. They also respond to natural disasters and calamities. At times, they provide for basic needs like food, water and community infrastructure. If you would like to support the communion offering this month, 100% of your donation today will go to CWS. Make your check out to "First Reformed Church" and note: "CWS." Or, give online.

COME BUILD WITH US - MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

WORK DAY, OCT. 13: Come to spend a day making a difference!

Contact Pauline McKeown for details gpmckeown@yahoo.com.

Sign up sheet will be in Friendship Hall mid-September.

NEED GIFT CARDS? CONSIDER SUPPORTING YOUTH MISSION

BY ORDERING SCRIP CARDS: Orders will be accepted thru Sunday 10/14 and will be available for distribution on Sunday 10/21. Another order will be placed on 12/9 and cards will be distributed on 12/16, in time for the holidays. 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)

ITEMS NEEDED FOR MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA:



This October we will send a team of 12 people to Guatemala to work alongside Randall and Jackie Darby, our partners in ministry there. Part of our work will include projects involving 300-500 children! Please

consider donating any of these items for us to take: Goldfish Crackers Snack size packets, M & M's Snack size (plain-no peanuts, please) and Gummy worms Snack size packets. Please drop off your donations to Friendship Hall or the Church Office, no later than October 21st.

TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES NEEDED: Bessie Green Community in Newark is in need of small, individual sized toiletries, the smallest sized tooth paste and mouthwash containers. Underwear for both genders with sizes XL, XXL even XXXL most needed. Reusable light weight bags would also be helpful. Please drop off these items into the bin in Friendship Hall marked Bessie Green Newark. If you have questions contact Pauline McKeown 973-839-7281.

Events

REBOUND: THE CHRIS HERREN STORY; October 18 @ 7 p.m.

Lincoln Park PAL/Community Center, 10 Boonton Tpke, Lincoln Park:

Join us for an inspiring presentation featuring former NBA professional basketball player, Chris Herren. A tale of descent into addiction, a miraculous recovery and his new life mission. Sponsored by the Lincoln Park Municipal Alliance, Community Partners for Hope and Lincoln Park Shop Rite. A printed ticket is necessary for admission. **Register at** <http://cpfh1804.eventbrite.com>

WEAR PINK ON OCT. 21 - BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES:

The Health and Wellness Team invites you to wear pink to church on October 21st. Then join us on October 22nd from 7-8:30 pm in Friendship Hall for our Pretty in Pink craft night. Come make an ornament or paint and decorate a rock and have all pink desserts. We are supporting the FIGHTERS, admiring the SURVIVORS and honoring the TAKEN and never giving up HOPE in our fight



against Breast Cancer. A good will offering will be taken for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Look for a sign-up sheet in Friendship Hall.

RAISE DONATIONS & WALK FOR CROP: Sun, Oct 28 – meet at 1:15 PM @ St Joseph's Catholic Church in Lincoln Park

Join others in the community to walk or sponsor a walker on October 28 for a short 3 mile walk to raise money for CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty). CROP raises money to provide resources to empower people so that they can overcome poverty. A portion of the money raised is donated to the Pequannock Food Pantry. Register at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lincolnparknj> or contact Eileen Bundz for more information or to support a walker bundzie@optonline.net or 973-476-2600.

COME PLAY! SENIOR ACTIVITY NIGHT OCT. 24 – 7 pm GRACE CHAPEL: Board game night for seniors who are 55+ years old. Bring your favorite board game, or use the ones supplied. Lots of fun and fellowship! Learn new games! Sign up in Friendship Hall or online under, "Events." Bring a friend! Let's carpool for those who rather not drive. Contact Joyce Forde-Muller 973-650-8870 to volunteer your driving services.

Staff Updates

RETIREMENT DINNER FOR AMY MULLER: Please join the Congregational Life team as we celebrate the retirement of Amy Muller as Facilities Manager. Amy has done a fantastic job during her six years at FRC, and we would like all to join us in saying thank you and good-bye on Friday, Oct. 26th starting at 6:00 p.m. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, string bean casserole, for 5.00 per person (children under 5 are free). Tickets may be purchased at coffee hour or through



the church office. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 23. We would like to give Amy a financial 'love offering' from the congregation as a way to express our gratitude. If you would like to contribute, you can do so on our website under "donate," or make a check out to "FRC" and note: "Amy Muller."

Children's Ministry

SPARK KIDS: Children's classes meet upstairs in the Ministry Center after children are dismissed from the Sanctuary. Leaders are available in the glass hallway to provide directions.

ACOLYTES: Children in grades 3-5 are invited to serve on our acolyte team. Training is provided on the first Sunday of each month beginning October 7th at 9:15 AM. Register online or contact Janet for more details.

ARRRMOR OF GOD: Calling all kids in grades 1-5. Join us every Wednesday night in October from 7:00-8:15 PM for fun Bible activities, skits, games & snack. Register online.



Youth Ministry

FUEL: FUEL Youth Group meets on Wednesdays 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 (x28)

FALL RETREAT FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL: November 9-11 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center. Registration is open online www.firstreformedchurch.com (under Middle & High School Youth Ministry). FRC of Lincoln Park will be joining us for this fun retreat experience.

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

Welcome to a new season of 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 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.

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

OR Scan the URL



Give Plus App



Prayers & Concerns

CONCERNS:

Prayers for **Charles Bowsher (83), Chad's grandfather**. He will be having a stent put in on Oct. 11.

Prayers for **Cris Bowsher, Chad's father**, who will be returning home after his recovery from a stroke in April. Prayers for his wife, Donna, as she adjusts to their new situation.

Betty Barrett was recently hospitalized and is recovering.

Prayers for **Michael Hancock** as he recovers from injury, and for his family Karen, Jason, Kyle & Tara

LONGTERM ILLNESS:

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