

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, October 28, 2018
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE “Forever” with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *arr. Schrader*
Lori Yost, Musician

WELCOME & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive based on Psalm 46:1-2a*)

Psalm 46 says, God is our refuge and strength, therefore we will not fear.

So, when the storms come and the winds swirl,

God is our refuge

When we are in grief or disheartened,

God is our strength

When the future seems uncertain,

We will not fear.

As we gather for worship this morning, we remember that

God is our refuge and strength, therefore we will not fear.

We will not fear.

We will not fear!

*OPENING HYMN #151 (*blue*) “**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**”

READING Psalm 34:1-4

ANTHEM “Simple Gifts” *arr. by Lloyd Larson*
(Dedicated to the memory of Clifford M. Kozikowski, USMS,
husband of Handbell Choir member Joanne Geils)
Handbell Choir, John Hellyer, Director

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*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

GROWING CONNECTED CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

SONG #163 (*green*) “**Send Us Your Spirit**”

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13-21

MESSAGE “Scarcity or Abundance?” *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.

OFFERTORY “Holy, Holy, Holy” *arr. by Sandra Eithun* *Handbell Choir*

*SONG OF RESPONSE #166 (*blue*) “**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**”

*CLOSING SONG #401 (*blue*) “**The Church’s One Foundation**”

*BENEDICTION

Today

FIRST LABYRINTH OF THE SEASON OFFERED

THIS EVENING: A labyrinth is a simple walking path that simulates a spiritual journey.

Labyrinths have many uses: for calming the mind and soul, meditation, as an aid to prayer,

etc. The labyrinth is at FRC once a month. For all dates, pick up a flyer in both worship spaces and outside the church office. Simply come in Friendship Hall anytime between 6:00 and 8:30 P.M., take off your shoes, and when ready, follow the path.



Next Week

PRAY. LEARN. SUPPORT. “GROWING CONNECTED” CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

INFORMATIONAL GATHERING: We are excited to begin sharing with the congregation the vision, projects and plans for renovation on our campus and the support that will be needed. We would like to invite you to join us for an informational evening on Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall.



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.

FIRST SUNDAY CELEBRATION NOV. 4 @ 10 AM: Join us next Sunday for the All Saints Day Celebration. Kids in the 3rd grade through high school are invited to stay for 10am worship on the first Sunday of every month. Sunday classes and the nursery will be open to our younger children. Worship will feature a mix of traditional and contemporary music. There will be special activities for children. Our choirs will combine to sing together. The service will include a special remembrance of friends and family that have passed away. We’ll also celebrate Holy Communion together.

FRC TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 5 AT 7 P.M. IN FRIENDSHIP

HALL: This is a free workshop open to all who wish to elevate their public speaking, presentation and leadership skills. RSVP by Nov. 3 to Angie vpm-1425822@toastmastersclubs.org. The regular Toastmasters meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in Keator Parlor. Guests are always welcome.



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.

Support/Serve

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT BOY SCOUT CREW 144: Sunday Nov. 4 from 8-11 a.m. at Engine Co. 1 Firehouse, 30 Jackson Ave, PP. \$8 per ticket (3/\$20)
Email peqmom@optonline.net

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.

Events



ANNUAL FALL CRAFT FAIR: November 17 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Friendship Hall: Come support the craft fair. There is always something new to discover! We need volunteer bakers for the bake table which is all profit for the Women's

Ministries. (Pauline McKeown at 973-839-7281) 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.

JOIN US IN MAKING OR BUYING APPLE PIES You are invited to 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”. There will also be a sign-up sheet to purchase the pies. These pies are frozen and ready to bake. Pies are available for pick up at the Craft Fair on Nov. 17. Pies must be picked up by Noon on Nov. 17. Two crusted pies are \$10 and Crumb topped pies are \$12. There will also be no sugar added pies available.

NEXT SENIOR NIGHT - ARE YOU TECHNOLOGICALLY CHALLENGED? Come to our Tech Night, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in Grace Chapel. Learn tips on Facebook, email, messenger and other apps on your phone and computer. Tech experts will be on hand to assist with your phone and a computer will be supplied. Bring a friend. Sign up in Friendship Hall or contact Joyce Forde Muller to arrange a carpool 973-650-8870

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

Children’s Ministry

WORLD VISION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Our Spark Kidz classes will be celebrating the 15th birthday of Aracelly, our World Vision sponsored child from Bolivia, during class on **October 28th**. Please bring your offering so that we can send her our birthday wishes along with funds to shop for much needed items at her local marketplace.

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 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

OR Scan the URL



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Prayers & Concerns

JOYS:

Congratulations to **Jane Young & Joe Testa** for celebrating their 6th anniversary on Oct. 20

CONCERNS:

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

Carina Tiago, 2 yrs. old, bone marrow transplant was unsuccessful. Prayers for her health as she is very ill.

Prayers for **Robert Kymalai**, Evelyn Justesen's son in law. He is in a coma

LONG TERM 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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WELCOME TO WORSHIP