

# The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, September 16, 2018  
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC *Traci Bopp, Musician*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION  
*Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry*

GREETING *(responsive)* The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* Psalm 57:9-11  
Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
**Poeple: I will sing praises to you among the nations.**  
Leader: For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,  
**People: And your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**  
Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,  
**People: Let your glory be over all the earth!**  
**ALL: Come and worship - for God alone is worthy of our praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN #36 *(blue hymnal)* **“He Is Exalted”**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*SONG *(on screen)* **“Lord, I Need You”**

\*BLESSING OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

ANTHEM “The House We Build for the Lord” *by Jay Althouse*  
*Chancel Choir, John Hellyer, Director*

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY *Roy Okma & Pastor Kathleen*  
Tom Kamp, Deacon & Mike Petrucci, Elder

\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “Beautiful City” *by Stephen Schwartz* *John Hellyer, solo*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812 *(blue hymnal)* “Glory Be to the Father”

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-41 *(select verses)*

MESSAGE “Seeing Clearly” *Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN #562 *(blue hymnal)* **“Be Thou My Vision”**

\*BENEDICTION *(responsive)*

*The altar flowers today are offered in honor of Bea Kettlewood  
& Pat Horner, given by Kathy Harrison  
and in honor of friends, given by Linda Rooney*

## Welcome to a New Season at FRC!

**BELIZE MISSION DINNER TONIGHT:** Our Belize Mission Dinner will be held on Sunday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in Friendship Hall. Trip sponsors, donors, and family members of the Belize team are invited to the dinner. There is no cost to attend.

**A FRESH LOOK FOR FRC WEBSITE:** If you haven’t yet checked out our renovated website, please do so. We are very excited to have better and more complete info about FRC on it, a new fresh look, and the site is better on mobile devices.  
[www.firstreformedchurch.com](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com)

## Support/Serve

**COMMUNION OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER IS MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and material, Habitat helps create a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

**SAVE THE DATE - MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY, Oct. 13**  
Come to spend a day making a difference! Contact Pauline McKeown for details [gpmckeown@yahoo.com](mailto:gpmckeown@yahoo.com). Sign up sheet will be in Friendship Hall mid-September.

## Events

**RESERVE A TABLE AT OUR CRAFT FAIR:** Our yearly fall craft fair will be held on November 17. Tables are \$35 each. Applications can be found on our website under “Events”. Save the date to shop!



**COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR HOPE FORUM ON SUICIDE PREVENTION - REMEMBERING T.J.: A STORY OF TEEN DEPRESSION, LESSONS & HOPE**

**Wed., Sept. 26 @ 7 PM in Friendship Hall:** Coinciding with Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in Friendship Hall, the parents of a 16-year-old boy from Montville will share their story. The program will help parents and educators understand what depression can look like, describe many of the red flags often dismissed as typical teenage behavior and urge parents and caregivers to pay attention to mental health issues. Register at <http://cpfh1805.eventbrite.com>

## Things to Know



**EXPLORE FRC SUNDAY SEPT. 23 @11:30 AM IN THE MINISTRY CENTER BLUE ROOM:** If you are a long-term or recent guest of FRC, we invite you to join Pastor Kathleen and others to find out more about the

church, our vision, values and ministry, The session meets for about an hour and childcare is available, upon request. If you are interested contact Vicky in the Church Office (973) 835-1144 (x11) or [office@frc-pp.org](mailto:office@frc-pp.org)

**QUESTIONS ABOUT FRC FINANCES & GIVING? DROP-BY FINANCE TEAM MEET & GREET ON SUN., SEPT. 23 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES:** FRC leadership is committed to financial transparency and is holding a drop-by meet and greet in the F.H. lobby after each service next week, to connect with the Financial Team and ask any questions you may have.

**FRC-PP ART GALLERY FOR SEPTEMBER FEATURES MISSION WORK OPEN HANDS & OPEN HEARTS FROM HERE AND THERE:** Members of FRC-PP of varying ages help others locally on Service Sunday, in Annville Kentucky, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Belize and elsewhere. Stop by the gallery and see photographs and news articles of FRC-PP members working for and with those in need, gaining education about other places and establishing contacts.

## Staff Updates

As we enter a new season, there are a couple of staff changes we want you to be aware of.



We welcome **Matt Moguillanes** and **Karen Mazur** who will be sharing the **Technology Coordinator position**, with Karen serving once a month and Matt serving all other Sundays. Karen has been serving as a substitute in this position for a while for which we are grateful. Matt has been a member of FRC for several years and volunteered as an audio tech. He works in I.T. and has helped the church with its technology in the past. We thank Ian Liberato for several years of dedicated service.

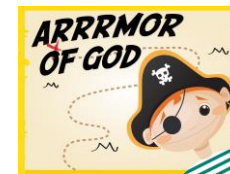
**Amy Muller** has announced her retirement as **Facility Manager**, effective later in the year. She has faithfully served in this position for six years and will continue to volunteer for Property Team, as able. We would like to give Amy a financial ‘love offering’ from the congregation as a way to 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.” We will begin searching for a person to fill this position soon.



## Children & Youth Ministry

**SUNDAY MORNING KIDS & YOUTH CLASSES RESUME TODAY:** Classes for children, middle school and high school resume today. All are encouraged to come to worship at 10:00am. They will be dismissed from there to their classes. Children meet on the second floor in the Ministry Center. Middle school meets in the room across from the choir room. High school meets in the basement of the Ministry Center. For registration of children contact [Janet @frc-pp.org](mailto:Janet@frc-pp.org). For registration of youth contact [Dave@frc-pp.org](mailto:Dave@frc-pp.org).

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in Friendship Hall. All youth – Middle and High School are welcome. Just show up.

**FALL RETREAT FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL :** November 9-11 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center. Registration is open online. 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](http://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](http://www.firstreformedchurch.com)

**OR Scan the URL**



**Give Plus App**



## Prayers & Concerns

### JOYS:

Congratulations to **Abby Young Miller** as she stars a new position as Director of Children's Ministry for Noroton Presbyterian Church, Darien, CT starting 9/16/18.

### FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

**The Dana Family**, after the death of **Jim** who passed away on Sept. 3. A memorial service will be held today at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by coffee & desserts in Grace Chapel. Cards to his wife Diana at 516 Indian Rd., Wayne, 07470

### CONCERNS:

Prayers for **Rob Shafer**. The genetic testing confirmed a diagnosis of Spinocerebellar Ataxia, type 8. This is a progressive disease that impacts his speech, memory and motor skills.

### LONGTERM ILLNESS:

**Lucia Haring, 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