

# The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, April 8, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

*Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry*

Leader: What would God have us do?  
**People: What gifts do we have that can serve God?**  
Leader: Lord, guide our lives and our service.  
**People: Lord, call us to ministries of hope and promise.**  
Leader: Help us, O Lord, to look beyond words.  
**People: Help us, O Lord, to see ways of service.**  
Leader: Open our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your guidance.  
**People: Help us to be those people who will bring good news to those in darkness and doubt.**  
Leader: Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving for gifts of ministry.  
**People: Let us praise God with joyful hearts for opportunities to serve. AMEN.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #104 *(blue hymnal)* “O Worship the King”

*Traci Bopp, Musician*

READING Matthew 25:31-40 (NRSV)

CHORAL ANTHEM “Resurrection Joy” *by Lloyd Larson*

*Chancel Choir, John Hellyer, Director*

\*PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you. **And, also with you.**

*(All children & youth are invited to leave for their classes)*

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

## SERVICE SUNDAY SKIT

HYMN #563 *(blue hymnal)* “Open My Eyes That I May See”

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10: 38-42 (NRSV)

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE “Let’s Use Our Powers for Good”

*Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry*

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*HYMN #267 *(green book)* “Will You Come and Follow Me”

### \*BENEDICTION This worship time is ended. **Let the service begin.**

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

## Today and This Week

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, April 8 from 9 A.M. – 1 P.M Grace Chapel.:** The Health and Wellness Team, along with Community Blood Services, is sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday April 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Grace Chapel. Give and save a life!

**WALL OF SUPPORT FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH:** 23 youth and adults from FRC will be traveling to Nicaragua from July 7th to the 14th. On Saturday, April 14th, we’ll be unveiling the “Wall of Support” in Friendship Hall. Donors can choose an amount between \$1 and \$200. The proceeds will help reduce the cost for the youth and adults going on the trip. Donors will again be invited to a mission trip dinner in September, and there will other perks, too. Thank you for supporting our youth.

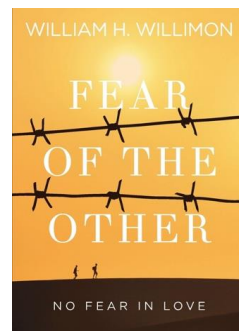
### SHAMROCK MUSIC STUDIO + FRC OFFER A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR YOUTH

#### NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP – Sat., April 14 beginning at 5:30 PM Friendship Hall

Enjoy a night of great music from various musicians and vocalists from ShamRock School of Music. Tickets are \$5/per person. Buy tickets on our website.

**NEW SHOW FOR APRIL ART GALLERY FEATURES SPARK KIDZ:** In coordination with Service Sunday, the April Art Gallery features artwork by our Spark Kidz depicting the various ways they can share God’s Love by showing kindness and helping others. Stop by, and perhaps be inspired yourself.

## New Adult Study



### FEAR OF THE OTHER: PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU DISAGREE BY WILLIAM H. WILLIMON; Wednesday Nights, 7 – 8:30 PM on April 11, 18 & 25; May 9 & 16:

Willimon defines the “Other” as someone who is “different than you” – different race or ethnicity, different sexual orientation, different in theological, social or political perspective, different worldview, different in perspective. The biblical call he makes is to not only figure out how to ‘live’ in the same culture together, but how to move toward valuing the “other”

person, even when you disagree with them.

WHERE: Church House Ministry Center - Gathering Place (downstairs)

WHEN: 5 Weeks - Wednesdays 7 – 8:30 PM on April 11, 18 & 25; May 9 & 16  
BOOK (Optional): “Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love” by William Willimon is \$13. SIGN-UP: Sign up is on our website or in Friendship Hall.

## Experience/Participate

**NO WORSHIP, JUST SERVICE SUNDAY – APRIL 15TH:** The Mission Team is organizing another Service Sunday for our members and guests on Sunday, April 15th. Rather than participating in a full worship service, we will gather for a 20-minute devotion and blessing at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary and then will be sent out to different locations and to areas of our campus. There will be service projects for people of all ages and abilities. Each service location has a limited capacity so please go online to register and reserve your spots. <http://signup.com/go/QPRTnGo> Nursery care will be available all morning.

**MEDIA & CYBER-SAFETY: PROTECTING CHILDREN & TEENS on Thurs., April 12 from 7 – 9 PM Friendship Hall** Sergeant Tom Rich will be leading this community seminar sponsored by “Community Partners for Hope.” Topics: 1) How to monitor your child’s phone, app & cyber use, 2) Overview of commonly used apps and websites by children/teens, 3) How to respond to cyber-bullying, 4) Tools & Apps to keep your child safe. Register to attend this FREE seminar: [CPFH1803.eventbrite.com](http://CPFH1803.eventbrite.com)

**BELLAVOCE SINGERS ANNUAL SPRING HARMONIES CONCERT - Saturday April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary:** Don’t miss an evening filled with a mix of popular hits from artists like James Taylor, Queen, the Beatles, and Eric Clapton as well as Broadway and movie selections. Tickets can be purchased at the door. (Friday concert 8 p.m. at Butler United Methodist Church)

**SPRING TEA FOR OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS 75 YEARS & OLDER - Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in Grace Chapel:** All men and women of our congregation who are 75 years young and older are welcome to join us. Please come for another fun-filled afternoon as we make new friends, reconnect with old friends, and enjoy a unique and wonderful fellowship. This spring event is hosted by the Pastoral Care Team. Call Pat Horner at (973) 835-4193 or the Church Office at (973) 835-1144 (x11) to RSVP.

## Support

**COMMUNION OFFERING FOR APRIL: “PROJECT HOSPITALITY”:** Project Hospitality, a private not-for-profit organization based in Staten Island, New York, provides comprehensive services for hungry and homeless and inadequately housed people. They focus especially on those who are living with multiple diagnoses such as HIV, substance use, and/or mental illness. Project Hospitality serves more than 5,000 residents per year, operates with more than 300 staff and a corps of more than 600 community, student, religious and corporate volunteers.

**WHIM GARAGE SALE, APRIL 28 AT 9 A.M.-3 P.M. IN FRIENDSHIP HALL:** WHIM (Women’s Hands in Mission) is having a garage sale so clean out your attic and basements! We welcome your donations of all household items and gently-used clothing. Drop-off on Friday, April 27 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Plan to shop for new found treasure on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds will support WHIM’s educational and community awareness programs.

## Children’s Ministry

**CHILDREN & COMMUNION CLASS:** Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade & up are invited to attend our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes on April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion celebration will be **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please complete the registration form by 4/15.

**PENGUINS – A WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS IF KIDZ:** Our next Penguins class for grades 1-5 will be **April 11<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8:15 PM. Learn about the Emperor Penguin and what this species can teach us about living for Jesus and also about our upcoming Penguins field trip.

## Youth Ministry

**ROCKIN’ JUMP TRAMPOLINE PARK – Friday, April 20 – 4:30-7:30 PM:** Middle school & high school youth are invited to join us. Cost is \$25. Registration is available on our website. –

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP** – Come and experience! 7 – 8:30 PM in Friendship Hall



## New Here? We're Open

We are 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 Learning & Service

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 Ministry

We have a thriving ministry with 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Ministry

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.

## Prayers & Concerns

### FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

**Cliff Kozikowsk**, Joann Geils' husband, passed away. Cards to 10 Iron Forge Village South, Pompton Lakes 07442

**Marge Brown**, passed away on March 23. A service is being planned for May. Cards to her children Beth, Debbie & Scott to 319 Powder Mill Road, Ashland, TN 37015

**Cathy Pierro Edwards**, Jennifer Rotter's mother, passed away on March 22. Cards to the Rotter family to 19 Colfax Dr., Peq 07440

**Margaret Rogan Reilly**, Kathleen Pennington's grandmother, passed away March 26. Cards to Kathleen & Bryan to 27 Slingerland Ave., Peq 07440 & Frank & Rose Chara to 41 Oping Rd., PP

### CONCERNS:

**Jamie**, healing from cancer

**Vincent Fasano**, recuperating at home after lengthy hospital stay; weak but slowly regaining strength. Prayers for continued recovery

**Frank Weiss, Sr. & family**, prayers of support

**Bob**, friend of Joann Warner, serious recurrence of cancer. Prayers as the family considers options for treatment.

**Lillian Grimbilas**, Ken's mother, prayers needed for health concerns

**Andres Echevarria**, prayers as he battles cancer

**Bill Dunlap**, who has been hospitalized. Cards to 26 Terrace Ave., Butler 07405

**Margret Holster**, Melanie Bump's grandmother, recovering from ankle surgery and respiratory complications

**Bud Muller**, recovering at home after surgery for a broken leg. Cards to 8 Atwood Ave., PP

### LONGTERM ILLNESS:

**Litthya Burgin** (Seth's wife), **Hannah Cerullo** (Lew Shafer's cousin's daughter), **Jennie Byram**, **Kevin Duffy**, **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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