

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, August 12, 2018
9 a.m. Outdoors & 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

GATHERING MUSIC

Kristen Markowski, Guest Musician

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

The God of heaven has made a home on earth,

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest in all creation lives among the least,

Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now all who thirst.

And drink the water of life.

Come now all who hunger.

and be filled with good things.

Come now all who seek.

And find in us a community motivated by love.

*SONG #13 *(songbook)* **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & GRACE *(responsive)*

God of patience and mercy, we come to you, offering “lip service” to serving you, but when things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

This day the Lord reaches out to you in healing love and compassion. Receive the blessings which God offers to you. Be healed and made whole. Be ready to serve. AMEN.

*SONG #23 *(songbook)* **“Thy Word”**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC “You Can Tell the World” *by Simon & Garfunkel*

Soloists: Linda & Lew Shafer

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 20:17-38 (NRSV)

MESSAGE “Soul Food Sunday: Influence”

Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING SONG #1 *(songbook)* **“Be Thou My Vision”**

*INVITATION TO CONNECTION & CONTRIBUTION

*BENEDICTION This worship time is ended.

Let the service begin.



The altar flowers are in honor of Joan & Bud Muller’s 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 14 and in honor of Joan’s birthday on Aug. 22 given by Amy Muller & in memory of Arline Friedrich given by Jan Friedrich

Things to Know



THE AUGUST COMMUNION OFFERING WILL

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: The Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center in Morristown NJ provides nutritious meals in a warm, safe and caring environment, free of charge, to

anyone who comes seeking nourishment. They also encourage and assist their guests in accessing community resources, services and educational programs. They offer a Healthy Choices Market, which provides fresh fruit, vegetables and meat for guests to take home twice a week. The Community Soup Kitchen relies on your financial support to keep the doors open, 365 days a year. Every dollar goes directly to feeding and helping your local neighbors who need a hot meal and help getting back on their feet.

Consistory Nominees

These individual’s names will be published in the bulletin for three consecutive weeks. This timing is required by the RCA in order to allow anyone who has any concerns to bring them forward. Contact VP of Consistory, Roy Okma, by email rokma@optonline.net or cell (201) 657-0547. **The congregational vote for these nominees is Sunday August 19 at the end of both worship services.**



TOM KAMP, DEACON: Tom has been a member of FRC since 2013. He lives in Pompton Plains with his wife Karen (Spiess), who was raised in Pequannock, and their child Drew, a junior at Pace University in NYC. Tom is active in the music ministry of the church, singing in the choir, substituting in the handbell choir, and performing as an instrumental soloist.

Tom has degrees from Ithaca College and Webster University. He has worked as a music teacher for the Berkeley

Heights Public Schools for 18 years. Tom is also a freelance musician.

Tom was raised in the Presbyterian church, even serving on a pastoral nominating committee as a high school senior. While living in St. Louis, Missouri for ten years, Tom and Karen were members of a United Methodist Church, where they were also active in the music ministry.



MIKE PETRUCCELLI, ELDER: Mike has been a member of FRC for 12 years and lives in Kinnelon with his wife Jennifer and four children – Emily (16), Victoria (14) and twin sons, Nicholas and Dominic (11). He is currently a member of the Audio team at FRC and is the Acolyte coordinator for our youth in 3rd through 5th grade who serve as our acolytes each Sunday.

He is an elected member of the Board of Education in Kinnelon and has been active in the community coaching soccer and basketball for the last 10 years. Mike’s volunteer activities include president of the Kinnelon Soccer Club for four years, two years as Treasurer of Pompton Plains Pre-School and two terms as president of the church council at All Saints Lutheran Church in Piscataway where his responsibilities included overseeing a large scale renovation project. He earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University in 1991 and a Master’s from Rutgers University in 2006.

Children’s Ministry

SPARK KIDZ OPPORTUNITIES: Interested in children’s ministry, but not ready for an every week commitment? Consider joining us as a teacher assistant for our busy 2 & 3 year old class or as a substitute teacher for our other Spark Kidz classes. Contact Janet for more info at janet@frc-pp.org.

Youth Ministry

FUEL: Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

- **August 15th** – Harry Potter. We are playing Quidditch!! Meet at church.
- **August 22nd** – Chronicles of Narnia. Meet at Dave’s house.
- **August 29th** – Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Meet at Dave’s house.

BELIZE MISSION DINNER: Hold the date! Our Belize Mission Dinner will be held on Sunday evening, September 16th. 6:30pm in Friendship Hall.

Prayers & Concerns

CONCERNS:

Betty Barrett, hospitalized after a fall. Cards to 4 Fairview Ave., PP

All those affected by fires, flooding and coastal hurricanes.

Jim Dana, recovering from heart surgery and is slowly healing. He is extremely weak and vulnerable at this time. Prayers for healing and better quality of life. Cards to 516 Indian Rd., Wayne 07470

Christine Hudson, recovering from hip replacement. Cards to 21 Van Riper Ave., P.P.

Rusty Ayers, moved to Atrium in Wayne for continued recovery. Cards to 27 Woodland Pl., P.P.

Collin Marzella, friend of Pat Black, having a series of surgeries. Prayers for restored health and recovery

LONGTERM ILLNESS:

Lucia Haring, Brian Spring, Connie, Jamie, Bob, friend of Joann Warner, **Andres Echevarria, Litthya Burgin** (Seth’s wife), **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.

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

Welcome this Summer Season to 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

Summer is a great time to dive into the Youth Ministry at FRC. Our new 6th graders are welcome to attend all our summer activities. FUEL youth group meets on Wednesday nights. FUEL is a great time to have fun with friends and learn more about faith and life. The group meets from 6:30 – 8:30 PM on Wednesday nights. Youth are also encouraged to attend a Sunday morning worship service. Contact Dave Sippel if you have any questions: dave@frc-pp.org

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. During the summer months, activity packets are available for children at both worship services. Our Spark Kidz program for kids age 2 – 5th grade resumes in September. Vacation Bible School for kids age 5 – 6th grade is held the first full week of August.

*Welcome to **FRC!**
Our **VISION IDENTITY** is:*

OPEN DOORS

*We are inclusive –
everyone is welcome.*

OPEN HEARTS

*We are life-long learners, always
growing as disciples of Christ.*

OPEN HANDS

*We worship a generous God and
practice generosity in
response.*

Welcome

THANKS FOR COMING



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