

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, March 18, 2018 @ 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

“As any good therapist will tell you, you cannot heal what you do not acknowledge, and what you do not consciously acknowledge will remain in control of you from within, festering and destroying you and those around you.”

- Fr. Richard Rohr, author, "Breathing Under Water"

GATHERING MUSIC

Lori Yost, Organist, Pianist

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Services

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 91

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,
My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.
Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord.

I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me I will answer them, I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue them and honor them, and show them my salvation.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #267 (green hymnal) "Will You Come and Follow Me"

READING Psalm 122

CHORAL ANTHEM "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" arr. by Mark Shepperd

Chancel Choir, John Hellyer, Director

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*PEACE The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

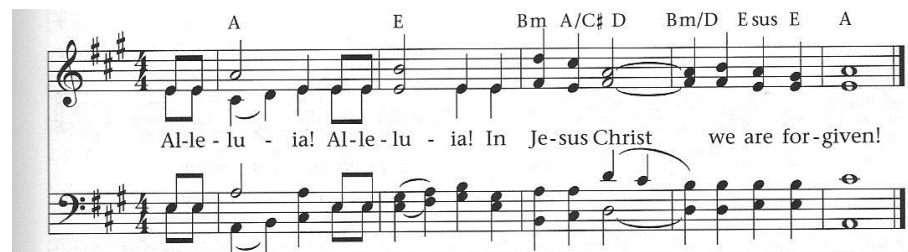
(All children & youth are invited to leave for their classes)

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

RESPONSIVE SONG "We Are Forgiven"



SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 & John 21:15-19

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE "Breathing Under Water: "Repairing Relationships"

Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

(Place donations along with completed Connection Cards in the offertory plate as it is passed or scan code to make a donation electronically)



*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN #648 (blue book) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 1, 2 & 4

*EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE FOR LENT

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

*The chancel flowers are in memory of Jim Black & Anthony & Frances Nigri
given by Patricia Black*

Today and This Week Ahead

LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Order forms are in your bulletins.

Please leave in the church office today. No order forms will be accepted late.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT THIS SATURDAY MARCH 24 5 PM – 7:30 PM: Bring your children and toddlers to Friendship Hall for a fun movie night at FRC. The cost is \$5 per family. We'll begin with a pizza party at 5:00pm. We'll watch the movie "Trolls" from 6 to 7:30pm. Parents will hang out during the event for coffee, tea and desserts. Bring bean bag chairs, sling chairs, etc.

Experience/Participate

RESERVE TICKETS NOW FOR SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP - "Jesus" Oct. 13, 2018

Women's Ministry and Congregational Life are sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight and Sound production of *Jesus* on Oct.13, 2018. The cost is \$80/person and includes the ticket, bus and lunch at Shady Maple. Ticket sales (limited to 55 persons) start March 18 after each service. Make checks payable to: "Women's Ministries." Contact: Pauline McKeown 973 839-7281 or gpmcke@yahoo.com.

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN FRIENDSHIP HALL MARCH 25 FROM 6 – 9 P.M.

(last entry is at 8:30 pm) Have you resolved to cultivate more peace and mindfulness in your life? Come experience the calm and clarity that can be found with a walk on the labyrinth. Enter a quiet, tranquil setting imbued with flickering candlelight and soothing sounds. Gently follow the unfolding path. Find peace, healing, self-awareness, direction. . . .Come. Feel. Be.

NEW SHOW IN THE FRC-PP ART GALLERY - *Where Light Falls: The Transcendent Beauty of Everyday Places*:

The new exhibition explores the dramatic detail of all the places in which we live and work through light, shadow, and reflection. Photographer Christopher Lotito is blessed with an eye for all the ways in which light is cast upon our surroundings and strives to share his visions with the world through the photographic medium.

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.

Give/Support

WE ARE SEEKING A VOLUNTEER (OR 2) TO TRANSPORT A FEW OF OUR SENIOR MEMBERS LIVING IN CEDAR CREST & 1 IN WAYNE TO EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

A few senior members of FRC who no longer drive would like to join us for one of our Easter Sunday services, but need a ride. All these individuals are in good health. This would be a one-time volunteer response. If you can help, please call the church office (973) 835-1144 (x11 – Vicky).

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR MARCH GOES TOWARD PURCHASING SUPPLIES TO

BUILD A HOUSE DURING THE YOUTH NICARAGUA TRIP: Help the 21 adults and youth traveling on mission to Nicaragua this summer build a house. Total cost is \$3,450 and so far \$1,482 has been raised for the Communion Offering. Donate by

check made out to "First Reformed Church" and note: "Nicaragua" or through the secure donation page on our website.

FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS: Cocoa, Jelly (not grape), Ketchup, Mayo Pkg. meals like Dinty Moore Stew & Spam, tissues, paper towels, juice, toothpaste, jello/pudding mix instant, boxed potatoes, applesauce, chunky soups, detergent, dish detergent, pkg. or canned milk.

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25: 8:30 A.M. & 10 A.M. – BOTH SERVICES WILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY: Soloists, a choral group, children and youth will lead us in the parade of celebration on Palm Sunday morning as we celebrate and grieve Christ's final entry into Jerusalem.

"LIGHT INTO DARKNESS" MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER & WORSHIP

March 29th at 7 PM in Friendship Hall to Sanctuary - Tickets \$10: Enter the Upper Room where we will have dinner together, followed by the story of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. We will then journey into the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was betrayed and arrested. This service is meant to move you into an emotional and spiritual place where you can truly value the meaning of the resurrection on Easter morning. Roast Beef Dinner will be \$10 for adults & teens, \$5 for children. Children 5 and under are free. You can sign up and pay online www.firstreformedchurch.com or in Friendship Hall after services.

"AND THERE WAS DARKNESS" GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP:

March 30th at 8pm in Our Sanctuary "And there was darkness" will be a unique service in which we will name some of the suffering in our culture today (school shootings, discrimination, addiction, abuse) and hold it up against the suffering of Jesus and his cross. Congregations, clergy, lay leaders and choirs from FRC, Pompton Lakes, Pequannock, and Wanaque Reformed Church will unite for worship.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 1th at 9 AM & 10:30 AM – Both Services in the Sanctuary

To the sound of our choral voices with brass quartet, we will celebrate the greatest news ever heard—the pivotal point of history— in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a day of celebration and joy! Invite your friends and family to worship with you. Coffee hour will be offered between the two services. There will be no Church School classes on Easter. Nursery care is available during both services.



Children's Ministry

PENGUINS: Our next Penguins class for grades 1-5 will be **March 28th** 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.

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP: Celebrate the Resurrection and bring the kids to church. Activity packets will be available and nursery care provided for infants and toddlers at both service. Spark Kidz classes will not meet on 4/1.

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

Youth Ministry

ROCKIN' JUMP TRAMPOLINE PARK: Friday, April 20th - Middle school and high school youth are invited to Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park in Wayne. We'll meet at the church at 4:30pm and return at 7:30pm. Cost is \$25 and parent drivers are needed. Jumpers should wear athletic clothes. Socks will be provided. Pizza dinner and fountain drink are provided. Registration is open online.

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 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 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 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

WITH APPRECIATION:

Jeanie Tallman has returned home. Thank You for all your thoughts and prayers along with the get well wishes.

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

The Weisse Family in the sudden death of Ann. Cards of Condolence to Frank Sr. to 356 Boulevard, PP & Frank Jr. & Antoinette to 4300 Main St., Juniper FL 33458

The Lacomia/Cafasso Families in the loss of Betty. A service of celebration for her life and legacy was held yesterday in the Sanctuary. Cards of Condolence to her husband Neil Lacomia, daughter Alyse Cafasso and son John Lacomia to 151 Boulevard, PP.

CONCERNS:

Bill Dunlap, who has been hospitalized. Cards to 27 Della Ave., PP

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

CHRONICALLY ILL:

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).

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

thanks for coming



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