

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, May 20, 2018 @ 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC *Traci Bopp, Musician*

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: We are God's work of art--each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

People: We are God's handiwork--woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

Leader: We are the church of Jesus Christ--diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as our self.

People: We are the Body of Christ--living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, in the world he loved so much.

Leader: Remind us who we are and what our lives are about.

People: Renew us and empower us to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working among us.

Leader: Together let us worship the living God.

People: We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

*OPENING HYMN #589 *(blue hymnal)* "Here I Am, Lord"

CONFIRMATION Confirmands & Faith Partners
*Brendan Geissel and John Driesse
Elijah Crefeld and Mike Patterson
Phillip Lamoureux and Rich Valle*

*The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again 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.

ANTHEM "Go Into the World" by Natalie Sleeth

Chancel, Youth & Children's Choirs, John Hellyer & Brooke Burgin, Directors

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

(Children are invited to leave for their classes.)

SONG #17 *(green book)* "Step by Step"

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 4:1-20

MESSAGE "This Is Us: Stones of Remembrance"

Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #389 *(blue hymnal)* "Spirit of the Living God"

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

*The altar flowers are in memory of Paul Hollick
given by the Hollick, Hudson & Key families*

Today and This Week

REDEDICATION OF FRIENDLY MANSE – TODAY, May 20th at 11:30 AM

In celebration of the completion of the Historic Preservation work that was done on Pastor Kathleen's home, we will rededicate the house. Refreshments will be served in the backyard after the dedication, with representatives from Morris County and Pequannock Township in attendance.

INVITATION FOR OUR MEMBERS AT CEDAR CREST - Join Us for a Pentecost Gathering – TODAY @ 3 PM Cedar Crest Interfaith Chapel

We invite our friends living at Cedar Crest to come to the Interfaith Chapel and join us for a time of sharing our lives, worship and communion. RSVP to the Vicky in the Church Office: (973) 835-1144 (x11) and wear RED in celebration of Pentecost!

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP DEPOSIT DUE TODAY: If you are joining us from June 24-30, a \$100 deposit is due today. You can pay on our website, or write a check and leave it in the church office

SPRING FLING! COME PLANT YOUR OWN CONTAINER GARDEN

May 21, 7:00 PM in Friendship Hall: Women's Ministries invites you to plant your own small container garden. Bring your own 10-12 inch container, everything else is supplied. If you don't have a container you may purchase one at the event. Tickets will be \$10 (per pot) and must be purchased in advance. Purchase on our website, and today after both services in Friendship Hall. Questions call Pauline McKeown 973 839-7281.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE DRIVE THRU NATIVITY TOMORROW

EVENING AT 7:00 PM IN KEATOR PARLOR: Join us to make plans for this year's Drive-Thru. We welcome anyone who would be interested in helping us with this project. It takes a minimum of 35 people each week to make it a success, plus the people who set up and clean up. DTN dates are Dec. 2 & 9

Experience/Participate

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION: Pastor Kathleen has been honored with this awarded, and the presentation will be Tues. May 22 at 7 p.m. at the Town Council meeting.

OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM FAITH OF BAPTISM OR BE BAPTIZED VIA FULL IMMERSION AT PV PARK ON SATURDAY EVENING 7:30 PM ON JUNE 2: If you or your child/teen would like to be baptized by full immersion, or if you would like to reaffirm your baptismal vows, join us. If you are being baptized for the first time, you must complete a baptism form before May 26, which will be reviewed and approved by the Elders of the church. In the Reformed tradition, members of the congregation must be present for baptisms, so please

consider coming out and witnessing the celebration. It typically takes only about 30 minutes. email PK to let her know of your intention: Kathleen@frc-pp.org

DAYTIME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FRC VISION & PROJECTS MAY 22 @ 2 PM IN BLUE ROOM: As we cast a vision for the future ministry, mission and campus/building use of FRC, we have invited the congregation to give its input. We will share a direction we believe God is calling us, get your input and give some ideas we are considering for campus improvement projects.

SAVE THE DATE CHURCH WIDE PICNIC - June 10 after 10 a.m. worship: Congregational Life will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Please sign up to bring you favorite side dish. Sign up sheet available starting May 20.

***DATE CHANGE* DISCOVER FRC & PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR, Sunday, June 24, 11:15 – 12:30 PM:** On the last Sunday every other month, we offer guests the opportunity to join Pastor Kathleen and other leaders for a short session we call "Discover FRC." This time, we are adding pizza and holding it in Grace Chapel. Anyone interested in hearing more about FRC, its values, vision, ministry & mission are invited to come. RSVP to office vicky@frc-pp.org

LAST DATE THIS SEASON TO WALK THE LABYRINTH Sunday May 27 from 6 – 9 p.m.(last entry is at 8:30 pm): 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. Find peace, healing, self-awareness, direction. . . .Come. Feel. Be.

Support

JEANS & BELTS DRIVE FOR KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP: Male, female, adult, teen and child sizes will be accepted to support Grace Covenant Ministries. There will be a collection box in Friendship Hall from May 20-June 17. If you do not have any jeans or belts to contribute, please consider a monetary donation and we will purchase items. Contact is Sue Breznak 973-633-0259

VISIT THE WALL OF SUPPORT: Come and see the "Wall of Support" in Friendship Hal to help support the 23 youth & adults traveling to Nicaragua in July. Donors may choose an amount between \$1 and \$200.



Children's Ministry

PENGUINS CLASS– Field trip, Saturday, June 9th (rain date 6/16). Return permission slip and \$16 by May 20th.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION – June 3rd: Thirteen of our Spark Kidz will celebrate the next step in their faith journey by participating in Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for the first time on June 3rd. Join us at the 10 AM service and at coffee hour for this special occasion.

SHIPWRECKED VBS – August 6-10 for kids age 5-6th grade. Register and volunteer online by 7/1. The \$25 per child registration fee includes a t-shirt and music cd.

Youth Ministry

FUEL Update: Our Wednesday evening youth program will be taking a break to prepare for a busy summer. We will not meet on May 30th, June 6th or June 13th. We'll resume at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 20th.

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

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

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary for **Marge Brown** on May 26 at 10 a.m. followed by a repast in Grace Chapel. All are welcome.

Lillian Grimbilas, Ken's mother, passed away. Cards to Ken & Nancy at 249 Sunset Rd., PP, and Jacque & Steve VandeVrede at 69 Mountain Ave., PP and Whitney & Joe Zeppetelli at 1 Elm Rd., PP.

Laura Piccoli and her family in the loss of her brother. Cards to Laura at 37 West William St, Lincoln Park -07035 and to her daughter, Jessica Luogameno at 40 West William St Lincoln Park 07035.

CONCERNS:

Rev. Dr. Paul Detterman, Sr. Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in River Forest, IL, recovering from double bypass surgery

Connie & family, diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer, prayers for healing

Cris Bowsher, (Chad's father.) Continuing to recover from stroke. Being moved to a hospital closer to home. Prayers for recovery.

Neil Van Koppen, friend of Linda Rooney, blood infection & congestive heart failure. Prayers for healing.

Joe Mushala, Jane Young's friend, prayers for healing.

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

LONGTERM ILLNESS:

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**, **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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