

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
August 31, 2025
Rev. Luke Baehr

“[Jesus] has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid’” (Hebrews 13:5-6, NRSV).

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Call to Worship

*Opening Praise

Great is the Lord
How Firm a Foundation
Only a Holy God

Welcome & Peace

Refrain of Thanks

Life Together

More Precious than Silver
Preparation for the Lord’s Supper

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Children’s Message

Scripture

Sermon

2 Kings 2:1-15a
“Ordinary Courage: Shoes to Fill”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

*Sending Song

*Benediction

*Doxology

God of the Prophets

Next Week’s Scripture:

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Darlene Minnema

Nursery: Zoe Kok

Coffee Hour – Today

Don & Jackie Cupery

Coffee Hour – September 7

John & Keri VerHage

Today

Friends and guests, as the end of summer nears, it’s a delight to be together to praise God and share in his love. Welcome!

Mission of the Month: Randolph Christian School - Our Mission of the Month offering is TODAY in support of the Randolph Christian School, which since 1913 has been offering Christian education in our community. To make your offering, place it in a blue envelope and drop it in the offering box in the narthex.

This Week’s Activities

Tuesday, September 2

8:30 a.m. – Ephesians Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Prayer Team

Saturday, September 6

8:30 a.m. - GriefShare

Sunday, September 7

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt

Nursery: Jamie Weaver

Announcements

Nursing Home Service - TODAY August 31, Pastor Luke will be leading worship at Randolph Health Services in the cafeteria at 2pm. Any who would like to spend time joining in worship with the residents is welcome to come.

More Pies Needed – The youth group is requesting at least 20 pies for the upcoming Labor Day pie stand. Additional volunteers are needed to assist with slicing and packaging pies TODAY at 5:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Shirley Schueler.

Sisters Keepers Meeting – Sisters Keepers will meet on Monday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. The event will feature a Back-to-School theme, and participants will make cards for college-age students. All women are invited to attend.

Profession of Faith & New Member Groups - In September-October, Pastor Luke is planning to hold a group for people interested in becoming church members and for students and/or young adults looking to make Profession of Faith. If you are considering being a part of either of these groups, please contact Pastor Luke so he can make scheduling plans.

Looking Ahead: 2025-26 Youth Programs - We are going to "Dig into the Word" this year. Youth programming is kicking off September 14 with Kid's Church and Sunday School. Kids Church offers alternative worship geared for children ages 3-9, held during the regular Sunday service. After the Children's Message in regular worship, at Kids Church, kids get their own time to sing, learn and participate in activities as their praise to God. Sunday School is after worship (10:05-10:45am) with classes designed to walk with students to grow their understanding of Christian faith and life. Sunday School is for 3 years old through 12th grade. Catechism will start on September 17 at 3:30pm and will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall. Catechism is instruction in the basics. It's a community class that meets after school to give 1st - 5th graders a basic grounding in the major themes and stories of the Bible. Students can get a snack, hang out with friends and learn God's story in a fun, interactive way.

JIGSAW PUZZLES!! - Mary Paul at Covenant Christian Resource Center has 5 boxes of jigsaw puzzles (mostly 1000 pieces). There are a few puzzles with pieces missing. She would just like to throw those out (unless anyone has use for puzzle pieces for crafts?) Plan for another puzzle exchange in October. At that time, Mary would like to donate puzzles that haven't been taken and have been storing for a while to the thrift store. If you have questions or want puzzles before the October exchange, please get in touch with Mary Paul.

Randolph Christian School is Seeking Substitute

Teachers. Ideal candidates will:

- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Demonstrate a genuine commitment to the principles of Christian faith
- Exhibit a passion for education and a desire to make a meaningful impact

Join our Christ-centered community dedicated to nurturing young minds. For application details or further information, please contact Laura Westra at 920.326.3320 or visit www.randophchristian.org.