

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
September 7, 2025
Rev. Luke Baehr

Thank you, God, for the gift of grandparents and spiritual mentors – for their steady love and faith passed down through generations (2 Timothy 1:5). Help us treasure their wisdom and honor their lives through how we live.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Call to Worship

***Opening Praise**

*God is Here
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
I Believe*

Welcome & Peace

Refrain of Thanks

More Precious than Silver

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Children’s Message

Scripture

Romans 15:30-33

Sermon

“Thoughts and Prayers”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

***Sending Song** *#506 I Will Sing of My Redeemer (1,4)*

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

Next Week’s Scripture: Ephesians 1:14-21

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt

Nursery: Jamie Weaver

Coffee Hour – Today

John & Keri VerHage

Coffee Hour – September 14

Kate Koopmans & Diane Hicks

Today

Welcome to worship! Today, we give thanks for the grandparents and elders who have helped shape our faith and guide our steps. Like Timothy, who learned from Lois and Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5), may we honor the ones who planted seeds of faith in us.

This Week’s Activities

Monday, September 8

6:30 p.m. – Elder’s Meeting – Anyone wishing to request baptism, make Profession of Faith or join our church by transfer of membership is invited to attend.

7:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 a.m. – Ephesians Bible Study

Saturday, September 13

8:30 a.m. - GriefShare

Sunday, September 14

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt

Nursery: Annika Reed

Announcements

Postgame Exegesis Group Continues - The after-worship exegesis group went well in August, and so Pastor Luke will be continuing it for the fall season, starting Sunday, September 21. The *Postgame* group is an opportunity for discussion and to dive deeper into the morning's Scripture text with a verse-by-verse walk-through.

New Day for Cornerstone & RCYF - This year, our youth groups will meet on Sunday evenings at First Reformed, beginning on Sunday, September 21. Cornerstone will meet 5:30-6:30pm and RCYF will meet 6:15-7:30pm. The emphasis for both groups will be fun fellowship with friends alongside regular time for learning about faith by *doing* - through service projects and building spiritual habits together! A fall schedule will be out soon.

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. Any questions, contact Shirley Schueler.

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: Youth Group See You at the Pole - RCYF and Cornerstone will be holding a “See You at the Pole” prayer time on Wednesday morning September 24 at 7:25 a.m. Parents, Grandparents and friends are all invited to come and to join us as the students lead us in prayer around the flagpole. You are welcome afterwards for refreshments in the Roberts’ garage.

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.

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