

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
September 14, 2025
Rev. Luke Baehr

You are the Good Shepherd, Lord – you lead, protect, and restore (Psalm 23). As I enter worship, guide my heart back to your peace.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Call to Worship

*Opening Praise

*10,000 Reasons
Great is Thy Faithfulness
That’s Who I Praise*

Welcome & Peace

Refrain of Thanks

Life Together

The Family of God
Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Children’s Message

Scripture

Sermon

Ephesians 2:11-22
“Know Your Family History”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

*Sending Song

*Benediction

*Doxology

Ancient Words

Next Week’s Scripture: Psalm 8

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt

Nursery: Annika Reed

Kids Church

Leader: Amy Reed

Helper: Tessa & Vince Reed

Coffee Hour

Kate Koopmans & Diane Hicks

Those Serving Next Sunday

Kids Church – September 21

Leader: Tessa Reed

Helper: Emma Grieger & Lydia VanBuren

Coffee Hour – September 21

Karen Alderden

Today

Welcome, friends – new and familiar! The psalmist reminds us: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24). May our hearts be open today to God’s presence, peace, and purpose.

Sunday School Starts Today - We are going to "Dig into the Word" this year. Youth programming is kicking off TODAY 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. 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.

This Week’s Activities

Monday, September 15

6:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study Lesson 27

Tuesday, September 16

8:30 a.m. – Ephesians Bible Study

Wednesday, September 17

3:30 p.m. - Catechism

Saturday, September 20

8:30 a.m. - GriefShare

Sunday, September 21

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Pianist: Mary Paul

Nursery: Deb Cupery

5:00 p.m. – Cornerstone Kick Off Night

Amazing Race & Mac Cheese

6:15 p.m. – RCYF Kick Off Night

Game Night & Mac Cheese

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 5:00-6:15pm 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! The fall schedule will be out soon.

Words of Hope – New Words of Hope Daily Devotional available on the bulletin shelf in the narthex.

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.

Cornerstone Silver Birch Camp Chaperone Needed – Our Cornerstone students will be attending Silver Birch Camp October 10-12. We will be leaving right after school on Friday and will be home about 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. We need a male chaperone 18yrs or older who is willing to lead middle school boys. If you can give up some of your time that weekend contact Shirley Schueler.

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 stored 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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- Exhibit a passion for education and a desire to make a meaningful impact

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