Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
November 8, 2026
Rev. Luke Baehr

Open our spiritual eyes, blessed Lord, that we may catch a glimpse of your holiness.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Prelude Elementary Singers
Call to Worship
***Opening Praise** *Amazing Love*
Glory to His Name
Death Was Arrested
Assurance of Pardon
Welcome & Peace
Refrain of Thanks Shine, Jesus, Shine
Life Together Baptism of Beckett Davis Retzlaff

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination
Children's Message (Kids Church – ages 3-4th grade meet downstairs)
Scripture Genesis 21:1-7
Sermon "He Laughs"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements
Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

***Sending** *Jesus, Strong and Kind*
***Benediction**
***Closing Doxology** *Glorify Your Name*

Next Week's Scripture:

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Lois Wendlandt
Nursery: Amy & Tessa Reed

Kids Church – Today
Leader: Niki VanBeek
Helper: Annika Reed & Liana VanBeek

Coffee Hour
Hugh & Jana Roberts

Those Serving Next Sunday

Kids Church – November 15
Leader: Amy Reed
Helper: Harold Baneck & Saige Pfeffer

Coffee Hour
Denis & Diane Homan

Sunday School

Sunday School will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m. ALL children from 3 yrs-12th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School.

Today

Baptism: Beckett Davis Retzlaff - Today we are celebrating with Aaron and Jenna and the rest of the Retzlaff family, as they bring their son, Beckett, to receive the sacrament of baptism. Please remember to pray for Beckett and his family as they take this first step in Beckett's life with Christ.

Prayer for Suffering Christians - We will be holding our International Day of Prayer gathering after worship TODAY for brothers and sisters in areas where it is hardest to be a Christian. In prayer, not only do we bear the burdens of fellow Christians who suffer, but we have our faith renewed by recognizing the faith and strength Christ gives them. *"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them."* (Heb.13:3).

Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for coffee

This Week's Activities

Monday, November 9
6:00 p.m. – GEMS at 2nd CRC
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, November 10
8:30 a.m. – Mark Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – Bible Read-Thru Group

Wednesday, November 11
8:30 a.m. – Veteran's Day Ceremony @ RSD
9:30 a.m. – Veteran's Day Ceremony @ RCS
3:30 p.m. – Catechism
5:30 p.m. – Cornerstone
6:30 p.m. – "Shackled" Book Discussion at the home of Nadia Dybvik
7:00 p.m. – RCYF

Thursday, November 12
6:00 p.m. – Galatians Bible Study

Saturday, November 14
6:00 p.m. – Community Art Night at TGP

Sunday, November 15
9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
Organist: Darlyn DeYoung
Nursery: Jenna Retzlaff
Michelle Retzlaff

Announcements

Baptism: Bradley Joel Hahn – Next Sunday, November 15, we rejoice with Travis, Becca, and the Hahn/Leystra family as Bradley Joel Hahn is presented for the sacrament of baptism. As Bradley is welcomed into the covenant family of God, please keep him and his family in your prayers and ask God's blessing upon their faith journey together.

Thank You - On behalf of Pastor Luke & Joelle, thank you to everyone who sent us cards last month for Pastor (and pastor's wife) Appreciation, and for your gift as a congregation! We continue to love being part of the Randolph and First Reformed communities and for all the ways we've gotten to be in ministry alongside so many of you following Jesus together!

Veterans Day Local Ceremonies – Join our local schools as they honor and celebrate our veterans. Randolph Public School will host its Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the RHS gym. Randolph Christian School invites the community to its Veterans Day observance on Wednesday, November 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the RCS gym. Come help us recognize and thank the men and women who have faithfully served our country.

Community Art Night at The Gathering Place – Saturday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 PM. Enjoy an evening of creativity, fellowship, and fun! Learn basic painting techniques, bring your own project, or simply create alongside friends and neighbors. All skill levels are welcome.

Fun Timers - Make plans to join us on Wednesday, November 18 at NOON as we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving. Creamy turkey on a bun will be provided, and we ask that you bring a salad or dessert to share. Enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, and plenty of fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

Surviving the Holidays - There will be a special GriefShare event on Saturday, November 21 at Randolph First Reformed Church from 8:30-10:30 am. If you or someone you know is grieving a loss this holiday season, GriefShare can help get you through the season. Go to Griefshare.org to register or contact Lois Wendlandt sharethegrief@yahoo.com or 920-382-3859.

Operation Christmas Child – Share God's love with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child! Shoeboxes and instruction labels are available on the table in the narthex. Please review the packing guidelines, approved items list, and shipping information before filling your box. Shipping may be paid for online using the link provided on the label. If you prefer not to pay online, you may include cash or a check in an envelope, and we will submit the shipping payment on your behalf. Please return your completed shoeboxes by Sunday, November 22, for the Children's Message.

RCS Turkey Trot - Thursday, November 26 come out and join our 5K Turkey Trot! What a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day and enjoy a little exercise with friends and family beginning at 8 AM. From now until November 13, registration is only $30 and will guarantee runners will receive a race t-shirt! Registration increases to $35 from November 14-26. Race Day — Registration is open from 7:15-7:45am. The 5K begins and ends at Randolph Christian School. Hope to see you there! ***If you feel led to donate rather than participate in the 5K, electronic donations can be submitted through the web link as well. Thank you for continuing to support our students and mission at Randolph Christian School. Use the link below to register! https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Randolph/RCSTurkeyTrot.