

First Reformed Church

November 1, 2020



Our Vision

Seeking God - Nurturing One Another -
Reaching Others for Christ

Our Mission

Our mission as a body of believers is to grow
God's Kingdom through spiritual growth, loving and caring fellowship
and sharing the hope and joy of God's grace with our community.
(Matthew 28:18-20)

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November 1, 2020

9:00 am

Worship Service Participants

	<u>This Week (November 1)</u>	<u>Next Week (November 8)</u>
Soundboard	John Nyhuis	Howard Loomans
Power Point	Kelley Van Buren	Ryan De Vries

November Schedules

Hospital: Jerry Riel
Flowers: Ellen Decker
Library: Donna Freriks

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Opportunities This Week

Virtual Sunday School: Each Sunday at 8:00 am a new video lesson is posted on the church's Facebook page. Families and children can watch it whenever it is convenient for them.

Tuesday:

Consistory Meeting: Elders and Deacons will be meet separately at 6:30 pm.
Full Consistory will meet at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Care

Thank You: To all at First Church, a very big thanks for all the prayers, calls and cards. God sees, He hears, He cares, and He answers. What a great God we have! Betty A. Posthuma.

Thank You: Thank you for all the lovely birthday greeting cards you sent me. It made my day. I am very well blessed. These are very trying times. God has promised us He would never leave us nor forsake us. Put your love, hope and trust in Him, also believe in Him. He never makes mistakes. May god continue to bless each of you, is my prayer. Stay healthy.
Thanks again, Phyllis Plum.

Worship Service
International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
November 1, 2020
9:00 am

This morning we welcome Al Venhuizen to lead our worship service, while Pastor Barry is at a retreat/continuing education.

Prelude: Kim Perry

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Song #581: 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus (verses 1, 2 & 4)

Scripture: Joshua 1

Message: Prepare Yourself

*Song #630: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayer -

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

- ◆ Please pray persecuted believers would have access to a Bible.
- ◆ Pray they have the courage to remain in their homeland.
- ◆ Please pray for believers who have been rejected by family and friends. Pray that God would surround them with a new Christian "family" who love them and supports them emotionally and physically.
- ◆ Pray for God to be an advocate for women who are socially vulnerable or have lost the custody of their children because of their faith.
- ◆ Please pray that God would provide persecuted believers with jobs and safe places to live.
- ◆ Please pray persecuted believers would know the hope God gives (Ephesians 1:18).
- ◆ Pray the Holy Spirit would strengthen them (Ephesians 3:16).
- ◆ Please pray persecuted believers would know how much God loves them (Ephesians 3:17).
- ◆ Pray they would know how to share the gospel (Ephesians 6:19).
- ◆ Please pray persecuted believers would fearlessly tell others about Jesus (Ephesians 6:20).

*Benediction

*Song #669: Make Me a Servant (x2)

*Postlude: Kim Perry

*Please stand if you are able.

“BE THANKFUL”

Virtual Sunday School will be doing a “Be Thankful” activity throughout November, and the congregation is invited to participate as well!

Your responses can be written, a picture or even a video! Post your response on First Reformed’s Facebook page, email it to pastorbarry@firstreformedwaupun.com or mail it/drop it off to the church office.

What “little things” are you thankful for today?
(send us a picture, make a video, or maybe even color a picture!)

Name a person or fun activity for which you are thankful.

Being thankful is not always easy; what makes it so difficult at times?

Name a gift from God that you can see from where you are sitting right now. (post a picture to First Reformed’s Facebook Page!)

Describe a friend who has influenced your life for good, for whom you are thankful. Have a picture of them? Please share these with us!

What has God changed in your life for which you are thankful?

Congregational News

Be Sure to Get Out and Vote: We have been given an incredible privilege from God. We have been given the right to vote for our national, state and local leaders. Take this privilege seriously and get out and vote on Tuesday, November 3rd, if you have not done so already by absentee or early voting.

Annual Congregational Meeting: The Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, November 15th, after the service. The Consistory will meet on November 3rd to discuss it. It might need to be moved a week back to the 22nd. With our current schedule we might not have enough time to distribute and receive the much larger amount of absentee ballots that we will have. We also need to talk about online participation or viewing. Thanks, Pastor Barry.

Open Position: Do you love working with children and their parents and would like to help share the church vision with those in our church and community? We are looking for a part-time Director of Preschool and Elementary Outreach who can help lead our youth programs, whether we can meet in person or virtually. This position will lead our AWANA program, help lead our Sunday School program, put together a Christmas program and help lead a VBS program in the summer. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cindy De Vries, Chairman of Education.

Operation Christmas Child: Samaritan's Purse has finalized their plans and First Reformed will be able to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year.

- ◆ You can pack a shoebox, which are located in the entryway (or use a plastic shoebox-sized container), with school items, small toys, etc. (do not include: candy, food, toothpaste, lotions or liquids) and return it to church by Wednesday, November 18th. The boxes will then be delivered to needy children around the world through Samaritan's Purse. A box label (which are located in the entryway and also in the "Bulletins" box outside the church entrance) must accompany each box.
- ◆ Another option this year is to Build a Shoebox Online. With a few clicks you can choose items that will be packed in a shoebox for you. This can be done at samaritanspurse.org.

2020 Christmas Carol Sing: In the best interests of the performers and guests, the difficult decision was made that this year's Christmas Carol Sing will be a virtual program. A DVD and CD of the program, along with video postings on First Reformed's Facebook page and website at firstreformedwaupun.com will be available on Sunday, December 13th. In past years, a freewill offering was collected for various local community programs. This year, please consider making a donation to the Waupun Area Food Pantry, which supports local community members in need, particularly during these uncertain times. Checks can be sent to: Waupun Area Food Pantry; 12 S. Mill Street; Waupun, WI 53963.

Workshop Invitation: ADRC, Agnesian Hospital and WIHA are hosting an online virtual workshop entitled "What is Healthy Living with Diabetes? The workshop will meet virtually every Tuesday, November 10 - December 15 from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. Cost is \$10. Call 920-386-3580 or email hsagingunit@cododge.wi.us to register. Must have access to Zoom to attend the workshop. Attendees do not need to reside in Dodge County.

Optional transition to
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

581 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. John 14:1

> 1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His Word,
> 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood,
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
> 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest, and joy and peace.
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

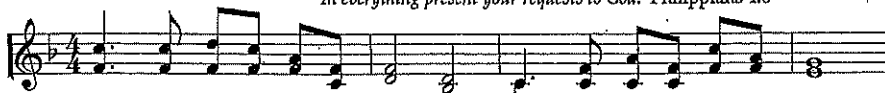
Refrain

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus 630

In everything present your requests to God. Philipians 4:6



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our Ref - uge; Take it to the Lord in prayer.



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.



TEXT: Joseph M. Scriven
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse

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Refrain

I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord, O-ver moun-tain, or plain, or sea.

I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord. I'll be what You want me to be.

Make Me a Servant 669

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. Matthew 20:26

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who

are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al-ways be: Make me a

ser-vant, make me a ser-vant, Make me a ser-vant to - day.

TEXT: Kelly Willard
MUSIC: Kelly Willard

SERVANT
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