

# First Reformed Church

November 15, 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)

## **First Reformed Church**

November 15, 2020

9:00 am

### **Worship Service Participants**

	<b><u>This Week (November 15)</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week (November 22)</u></b>
<b>Soundboard</b>	Kurt De Vries/Howard Loomans	Kurt De Vries
<b>Power Point</b>	Nicole Lang	Nicole and Austin Lang

### **November Schedules**

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

### 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:**

**Education Team Meeting:** 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday (November 22):**

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

### Congregational Care

**Sympathy:** Charley Jansma passed away on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Catherine, and his daughters Rose & Jerry Riel and Sue & Ron Reichhoff.

**Thank You:** Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, concern and cards when I underwent eye surgery. The surgery went well and healing is also going well. Thank you, Rick Beek.

## **Worship Service**

November 15, 2020

9:00 am

Prelude: Mary Navis

Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Song #696: God Leads Us Along

Prayer

Scripture: James 3

Message: Double-Minded

\*Song #805: If My People's Hearts are Humbled

Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Song #237: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

\*Postlude: Mary Navis

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## Congregational News

**Congregational Meeting:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the worship service in the sanctuary. At the meeting there will be election of elders and deacons, approval of the 2021 budget and an RCA update. Nominees for Elder are: Arlen Tenpas, Randy Flier and Eugene Lammers. Nominee for Deacon is: Wes Dalka. Absentee ballots were mailed out to each active member this year.

**Clarification:** The consistory was hoping that we might be able to have a good discussion at the Congregational Meeting about the state of the RCA. Because we anticipate low attendance due to COVID, we sent out some information about what other churches and some Classis groups are doing. At this point, the Consistory has been doing our best to keep on top of what is going on and wanted to make sure you knew what was going on too. As far as direction so far, the Consistory has been taking a "wait and see" posture. If you would like to discuss the information and our direction, please feel free to talk to someone on Consistory.

**Thanksgiving Service:** The Thanksgiving worship service will be held on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. The Thanksgiving Offering has been designated to the Waupun Food Pantry.

**Mitten Tree:** First Reformed is collecting hats, mittens, scarves and socks for the Waupun Holiday Help Program. These items will be distributed to children in need in the Waupun area. Please place your items under the Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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](http://firstreformedwaupun.com) will be available on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## “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](mailto: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?

# God Leads Us Along 696

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2

1. In shad - y, green pas - tures, so rich and so sweet, God leads His dear  
 2. Some - times on the mount where the sun shines so bright, God leads His dear  
 3. Though sor - rows be - fall us and Sa - tan op - pose, God leads His dear

chil - dren a - long. Where the wa - ter's cool flow bathes the wea - ry one's feet,  
 chil - dren a - long. Some - times in the val - ley, in dark - est of night  
 chil - dren a - long. Through grace we can con - quer, de - feat all our foes;

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 God leads His dear chil - dren a - long.

flood, Some thro' the fire, but all thro' the blood. Some thro' great

sor - row, but God gives a song In the night sea - son and all the day long.

TEXT: G. A. Young  
 MUSIC: G. A. Young

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# If My People's Hearts Are Humbled 805

*If My people will humble themselves, then will I heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*



1. If My peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, If they pray and seek My face;  
2. Then My eyes will see their sor-row, Then My ears will hear their plea.



If they turn a-way from e-vil I will not with-hold My grace.  
If My peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled I will set their na-tion free.



I will hear their prayers from heav-en; I will par-don ev-ery sin.  
If My peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, If they pray and seek My face;



If My peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, I will sure-ly heal their land.  
If they turn a-way from e-vil I will not with-hold My grace.



TEXT: Claire Cloninger; based on 2 Chronicles 7:14

MUSIC: John Zundel

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## Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing 237

*May Your blessing be on Your people. Psalm 3:8*

1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's joy - ful sound;

Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion In our hearts and lives a - bound.

O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, Trav - eling thro' this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful To Thy truth may we be found.

TEXT: John Fawcett, altered  
MUSIC: Tattersall's *Psalmody*. 1794

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