



First Reformed Church Sunday April 21, 2024

Welcome! Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve



We Approach God:

Prelude

*Rise to Greet One Another:

- *Time of Praise: Hymn # 564 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (vs. 1-3)
 “Yet Not I But I But Through Christ In Me”
 Hymn # 568 “May the Mind of Christ my Savior” (vs. 1,2,4 & 6)

Call to Worship: Psalm 1

Leader: Blessed is the man

Congregation: Who walks not in the counsel of the wicked

Leader: Nor stands in the way of sinners

Congregation: Nor sits in the seat of scoffers

Leader: But his delight is in the law of the Lord

Congregation: And on his law, he meditates day and night

Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water

Congregation: That yields its fruit in its season

Leader: And its leaf does not wither

Congregation: In all that he does, he prospers

Leader: The wicked are not so

Congregation: But are like chaff that the wind drives away

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment

Congregation: Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous

Leader: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous

Congregation: But the way of the wicked will perish

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, delighting in His law and meditating on it day and night

Congregation: For He is our strength and our salvation, and in Him, we find true prosperity.

ALL: Amen.

Mission Moment: Inspiration Hills video

Announcements and Welcome:

- Congregational Prayer:** Kevin Diekevers
 Planting Season
 VBS
 Russ Muur
 Michael Briggs (grandson of Dave & Kami VanEgdom)

Special Music: Voices of Praise

The Word of God:

Children’s Message: (After the message, Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Children in Worship in Rm. 103)**

Prayer

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1 (on A.V./pg. 500)

MESSAGE: “BE BLESSED”

The Response of God’s People:

The Offering

Offertory Sentence: (on A.V.)

***Doxology** (on A.V.)

***Offertory Prayer** (on A.V.)

*Benediction:

***Hymn:** # 564 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee (chorus)

*Postlude

SUNDAY: Worship 9:30 Coffee and Fellowship following the service in the East Hall. Everyone is welcome! As a special welcome to the First Reformed Church, we have a gift bag by the bulletins for our first-time guests.

TODAY: Our second offering will be for Inspiration Hills. Please prayerfully consider giving to this ministry through their summer camp and other great programs.

WEDNESDAY: BLAST: Bowling and Pizza Party **5:30 (note time)**
 SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm.

THURSDAY: VBS Volunteer meeting. 7:00pm Thank you for volunteering. Also, we still need volunteers. A sign-up sheet is also in the Fellowship Hall, or you can contact Tricia Elgersma (712) 348-0645 or Janessa Bleeker (507)370-1744. This is a significant Gospel event for our community! This year we will be doing Jerusalem Marketplace Part 2 covering the Parables.Registration for volunteer and kids in now available online. Here are the links:

KIDS: <https://forms.gle/mwbP8uRfQtpDF3H46>

VOLUNTEERS: <https://forms.gle/UDYWzabLDCAMHLiT6>

BLAST: Our year of ***Bible Learning and Serving Together*** will be ending on Wednesday with our Bowling/Pizza Party. Thank you to all the teachers, helpers, kids, parents, who made this another great year to share the Word of God together. Thank you to the consistory for helping serve pizza each week. We look forward to next year and in what the Lord has planned. To God be the Glory...great things He has done!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Sunday school classes will end on April 28th (except for the Adult Guide class) A huge thank you to all our teachers and helpers in these ministries.as they encourage the growth in our faith. God bless you!!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS We will have Senior Boxes set up in the narthex starting next week for Alexis Glover, Kinley Schirmer and Emma Vollink. You are encouraged to share a memory, a note of encouragement or words of congratulations to these ladies who will soon be graduating from HMS.

BABY TABLE: There is a baby table set up in the fellowship hall for Tate Pals and Slade Schirmer Thank you for your Christian kindness!

SUMMER CAMP: If you are considering sending your child to summer camp at Inspiration Hills, the church will cover 50% of the cost. Registrations are on the tables by the bulletins.

NEW CABINET: There is a new cabinet in the front west entrance. This will be used to store our historical church records. Thank you to those that made this possible. If you are willing to be on the church history committee to supervise our records in this cabinet, please let Pastor know.

MISSIONS: The Mission Trip in June will be to Virginia, not West Virginia. The West Virginia pastor retired to care for his spouse, so we will be going to Vansant, VA, near a food pantry. More details to follow.

Advance notice: One of our missionaries, Nicole Opgenorth, will be in NW Iowa in September. Wednesdays and Sundays are unavailable. So, we have lined her up to be here on Saturday, September 14 at 8 AM. A light breakfast will be served as we visit and encourage her. Thank you!



Thus. May 2nd: National Day of Prayer service at Yesterday's museum

Sun. May 5: We have a hymn sing. Jim Visser will also be here to share his music ministry. A special second offering will be taken on that Lord's Day to support his ministry.

There will also be a congregational meeting to discuss approval of a Church Auto Use Policy and Congregational Meeting Rules. The meeting will be held after worship, after people have an opportunity to grab a cup of coffee.

Sun. May 12th: Mother's Day

Sun. May 19th: Graduation Sunday



Church Helpers for April 21, 2024:

NURSERY: This week: **Alexis G./Kendra VL.**

Next Week: Jordan L./Di E.

POWERPOINT: This week: Jessica S.

Next Week: Leah D.

COFFEE: This week: **Judy VW./Kendra VL./LeJeanna A.**

Next Week: Carol VM./Deb W./Rachel M.

PRAISE TEAM: This week: **Jerri K./Emma V./Amy S./Brienne M**

Next Week: Tricia E./Jordan L./Brian W./Mary I.

GREETERS: This week: West Door: **Josh and Erin VR**

East Door: **Randy and Tanya E.**

Next Week: West Door: Ben and Brienne M.

East Door: John and Sue H.

DEACONS: This week: **Ben B./Matt B./Keegan D.**

Next Week: Jay S./Aaron W./Ryan P.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: This week: **Rachel S.**

Next Week: Jerri K.

SOUND SYSTEM: This week: **Josh VR**

Next Week: Lowell D.

CHILDREN in WORSHIP: This week: **Di E./Kathy W.**

Next week: Leah D./Lydia D.

If you have a prayer request or desire a pastoral visit, please contact the office. Thank you!

PRAISE THE LORD: We are on track with our budget for Q1.

NEXT'S LORD'S DAY: Psalm 4

OFFERINGS: April 14, 2024 : The deacons gratefully announce the following gifts:
General Fund: \$3,562.10 Benevolent: \$414.00. Building: \$50.00.

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APRIL 15, 2024

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