

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Dean Ulmer  
Pastor Jeffrey Hubers  
April 30, 2017

## 8:30 a.m. Service

### PRELUDE

**Call to Worship** Senior Choir  
"Because He Lives" Gloria and William Gaither, music by William Gaither  
Arr. Joel Raney

**\*Greet One Another**  
**\*Hymn of Praise** #184 "In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"  
**Ministry of Music** Senior Choir

"Blessed One, Messiah" Rose M. Aspinall, Mary McDonald  
**Prayers of God's People** Brad Zomer, elder  
**Offering Our Gifts to God** Andy Mentele, deacon

we will receive the General fund offering first this morning, followed by a special 5th Sunday offering for Inspiration Hills

Please sign the worship registry during offering time.

*4 yr. olds - 2nd grade are dismissed for Children in Worship.*

**\*Hymn** #495 "Heaven Came Down"  
**Scripture** Hebrews 12  
**Message** "God's Greatest King" ~ Pastor Dean  
**\*Benediction**  
**\*Parting Song** #282 "The Family of God"

## 11:00 a.m. Service

**Greet One Another**  
**\*Praise Songs**  
**Prayers of God's People**  
**\*Praise Song**  
*4 yr. olds - 2nd grade are dismissed for Children in Worship.*  
**Scripture** Hebrews 12  
**Message** "God's Greatest King" ~ Pastor Dean  
**\*Benediction**  
**\*Ending Song**

\*\*\*Second service attendees: Please place your offering for the week in one of the collection plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

\*\*\*\*To listen to the service on the phone, dial 990-6338 & put in 13201 as attendee number.

If you would like to hear the sermon again, you can find it on the church's website [www.firstreformed.com](http://www.firstreformed.com)

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:2*

Scripture reading for May 7: Hebrews 13

### Message Notes:

**Scripture: Hebrews 12**

**Message: "God's Greatest King" ~ Pastor Dean**

**The writer acknowledges our role in God's kingdom!**

**-vs. 1**

**The writer acknowledges Jesus' role and authority as King!**

**-vs. 2-3**

**The writer acknowledges our role as sons and daughters!**

**-vs. 4-14**



**The theme this year is For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal Us! Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God..."**

**The 2017 National Day of Prayer is May 4th. First's sanctuary will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the community to come and turn to God. Thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christians to once again heed this call!**

**"Many Christians are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year on the first Thursday in May. The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals. (Public Law 105-225)**

**As citizens and residents of the United States and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed our President's call to stand in the gap for our nation. Who but God's people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions!**

**Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history.**

**At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a personal priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to incorporate prayer in their lives. The Lord has graciously anointed our efforts, empowering them to touch and change many hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing His hand move across our land in exciting ways each May in response to our petitions! May the Lord's peace fill your heart as you rest in Him throughout the days ahead."**

**Quote by National Day of Prayer Committee**

## April Summary of Leadership Minutes

M/S/C to approve the building project committee's revised building project which would include classroom remodel, fellowship hall addition and some office remodel, but no lobby remodel or drop-off canopy at a price of \$1.265 million + contingency of \$100,000.

M/S/C to approve a congregational meeting on April 23rd to present building project update, with one service at 9:00 a.m. and no Sunday School.

M/S/C to approve Glenn Lambert for Baptism and Profession of Faith.

M/S/C to allow Words of Hope update on June 18.

Pastor Dean and Gene Juffer will attend General Synod in June.

The church will be open for National Day of Prayer on May 4th.

M/S/C to allow Cyril of Proverbs 226 to give an update on June 11th.

### Amount/Ending bank balance as of 03/31/2017

A. General Fund (0121282)	<u>\$47,163.46</u>	(Philip/Andy)
B. Mission (01211517)	<u>\$ 3,158.32</u>	(Gerlach/Pietz)
C. Benevolent	<u>\$ 5,257.67</u>	(LeRoy/Gary)
D. Memorial Funds (150094353)	<u>\$ 1,553.23</u>	( )
E. Capital Improvement	<u>\$33,520.60</u>	
F. General Savings	<u>\$18,157.10</u>	
G. Youth (0121908)	<u>\$ 2,081.64</u>	(Pietz)
I. Mission trip fund	<u>\$16,540.53</u>	(Dave/Andy)
J. Building fund at First National	<u>\$56,959.13</u>	
* RCA Growth Fund	<u>\$754,694.85</u>	
* Demand Savings Acct.	<u>\$155,554.37</u>	(as of 3/1)

(M/S/C - motion, seconded, carried)

**WELCOME TEAM:** (for both 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services)

<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rosalie Spaans/Judy Berkhof	April 30
Beth Walz/Vicky Graves	May 7
Dennis/Jane Butterfield	May 14
Doug/Jeanine Bleeker	May 21

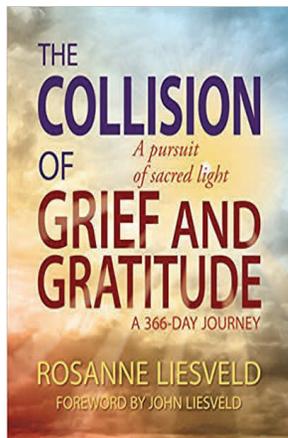
**FELLOWSHIP TIME:**

April 30: Wyonne Kaemingk  
May 7: Mavis Anderson  
May 14: Judy VanderPol  
May 21: Jan Klinger

**BASIC INFORMATION:**

Attendance April 23: 203  
Offering received April 23: \$5,230.90  
Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92  
Mission fund monthly offering needed to meet our budget - \$3,738.25  
Spring Concert offering: \$1,024.27

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Coming in May, 2017, “The Collision of Grief and Gratitude” by Rosanne Liesveld. A pursuit of sacred light - a 366 day journey, a book for anyone who wants to live life with more intention and gratitude.

Rosanne is our former pastor, Curt Liesveld’s widow, and she is sharing her journey after Curt unexpectedly passed away.

This is what Rosanne wrote to us:

With gratitude to members of First Reformed, You are a very special person to me. As you may know, the book I’m publishing is largely about the gratitude I felt toward people. As I catalogued those people mentioned in the pages who made such a difference to me in that

year that Curt died, your name was there. I wanted you to be among the first to know that the book will be released in May.

Without you, this book would not have happened. Thank you for giving me a reason to find gratitude, even as it collided with grief. Rosanne

P.S. I have identified most people only by first names. I hope it is an honor for you to have your name included in this book.

**PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE:**

**Pray for individuals & families dealing with serious health issues:**

Ryan, Shirley Baas’ grandson, treatments going well  
Susie, Rosalie Spaans’ cousin, remains on chemo  
Jill, Dale & Sharon Houchin’s friend, is doing radiation & is depressed  
Jared, Dana Hansen’s brother, for strength & comfort  
Clarice Adema is getting her strength back  
Jean Marie, Dan Moller’s sister, maintenance chemo & monitoring  
Loren Menning & Norma Larsen’s daughter, Amy, have finished their chemo treatments, pray for strength & stamina  
Rosie Evenson finished her chemo last week

**Needing our prayers:**

\*Today is Blue Sunday Day of Prayer when churches take time in their service to pray for the victims of child abuse & for those who rescue them

Let us pray, educate ourselves and volunteer for the children of our nation until black and blue are just colors in their crayon box. Amen.  
“They are precious in His sight.”

- \*Doug Bleeker will have surgery on his left arm for a compound fracture on Monday
- \*Rhonda Zomer’s father, Herb Uttecht, had open heart surgery last Thursday at the Heart Hospital
- \*Maddie Andersen broke her foot last week
- \*Andy Spaans is having tests at Mayo
- \*Ron Beukelman, Twila Raul recovering strength
- \*Pray for the military and those fighting against the war on terrorism
- \*Pray for spring rains and the upcoming planting season
- \*Pray for those dealing with allergies, colds, pneumonia as the spring season arrives
- \*Students in tech schools, college, and graduate programs that will face finals and papers as they finish the semester
- \*Elementary, mid-school, and high school students and teachers to remain focused as spring and summer arrive
- \*Pray for our president, his cabinet, our military, and leaders as they combat and discern actions against our enemies

**Mission/Outreach**

**Continent of the month:** Australia

**Mission of the week:** Inspiration Hills ~ Inwood, Iowa

**Classis Church of the week:** Bethel Reformed ~ Davis ~ vacant

**Mitchell Church of the week:** Holy Spirit Catholic ~ Father John Short

**FRC local mission of the week:** SafeHouse

**Persecuted Church of Christ:** United Arab Emirates

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# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 1st:

5:30 p.m. ~ Book Club meets at Wesley Acres

("Monument Men" by Robert Edsel)

6:30 p.m. ~ Jr. Hi. Girls Bible study

Wednesday, the 3rd:

6:00 p.m.~ Family Potluck & Pine Car Race (K- 5th grades)

\*\*\*\*Families - please bring a main dish to share.

6:15 p.m. ~ Love Bible study

Thursday, the 4th: National Day of Prayer

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ~ Come and pray for our community, state, nation, and world anytime you are free, here in the sanctuary

Friday, the 5th:

7 - 9:00 p.m. ~ Cinco de Mayo bowling party for K-12th grades - meet at the Village Bowl, please bring \$3

Saturday, the 6th:

6:30 a.m. ~ Mission group to Blue Earth to do repairs for The Refuge & Aaron Evenson.

Still time to sign up to go along

7:45 a.m. ~ Ladies' Bible study at Klingers

# SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY NURSERY

**NURSERY** for babies - 3 yr olds.

Today: 8:30 a.m. ~ Pam P. & Kaitlyn A.

9:45 a.m. ~ Teri R. & Kari H.

11:00 a.m. ~ Vicki A. & Jessica P.

May 7: 8:30 a.m. ~ Mentele family

9:45 a.m. ~ Emily A. & Angie V.

11:00 a.m. ~ Gloria F. & Teri R.

May 14: 8:30 a.m. ~ Joann M. & Kim V.

9:45 a.m. ~ Stevens family

11:00 a.m. ~ Jed Schoenfelder family

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP** for 4 yr. olds - 2nd grade

Today: "The Good Shepherd & the Wolf"

1st Leader - Kyra; Greeters - Randi P. & Lindsay A.

2nd Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Haley S.

May 7: "Ascension"

1st Leader - April; Greeters - Janice P. & Lindsay A.

2nd Leader - Carolyn; Greeters - Erin S.

May 14: "Pentecost"

1st Leader - Kari; Greeters - Betsy V. & Brayce H.

2nd Leader - Mandy; Greeters -

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Please put these dates on your calendar for the following activities



May 3:

6:00 p.m. ~ Family Potluck, Pine Car Derby and Wax Museum

The 'Wax Museum' starts at 6 p.m. in room #107, followed by the potluck and pine car derby at 6:30 p.m.

Families, please bring a main dish to share.

Come for good food, friendly competition and fellowship!



May 13: 'Paint 'n Praise' ~ 8 - 11:00 a.m. for K-5th grades

This will be a fun, creative fellowship opportunity. We'll start with some treats (donuts, muffins, juice) then April Geist will lead us in painting a beautiful canvas to take home. There will be a break halfway through where Mandy will do a quick, fun Bible lesson. Sign up in the lobby.

Mitchell Christian School graduation ~ 2 p.m.

May 14: MOTHER'S DAY

Coborn's receipts are due for February, March & April

Last Day of Sunday School classes and Children & Worship

Recognition of First's seniors

7:30 p.m. ~ Mitchell High School baccalaureate

May 21: 9:00 a.m. Combined service

Bible presentation to kids

Recognition of volunteers

Launch Vacation Bible School

Mitchell High School graduation ~ 2 p.m.

May 28: Memorial Day weekend

9:00 a.m. ~ Combined service

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*Mandy needs the congregation's help in collecting milk/distilled water gallon jugs for a project for Vacation Bible School this summer.*

**THIS IS A BIG PROJECT— NEEDED ARE 428 JUGS.**

*Please wash them out when they are empty. Lids are not necessary. You can bring them to the church when you like & we will store them until they are needed.*

*You won't believe what Mandy is building for VBS this year so let's help her out with her building materials!*



**Your influence MATTERS.**

*Everyone has influence and the ability to create positive change. When you improve your leadership, you impact lives, churches, businesses, governments, schools and families. Join 400,000 people around the world for two days of world-class leadership training on August 10 & 11, 2017, at the Sherman Center on the Dakota Wesleyan University campus.*

*Faculty members deliver a unique blend of vision, inspiration and practical skills you can immediately apply. Some of the topics to be covered include:*

- \*Assessing an organization's growth potential*
- \*Creating an innovative culture*
- \*Reimagining performance management*
- \*Identifying personal attributes critical for success*
- \*Thriving in the face of adversity*

*There is a sign up sheet in the lobby if you are interested in attending the summit. The cost for the summit is \$99 per person. If you have questions or need assistance with the fee, please talk to Pastor Dean.*



*The Heart & Sole Cancer Walk and Run will be Friday, June 16th, at the Middle School beginning with the walk at 6:30 p.m. & the run at 7 p.m., followed by the candlelight ceremony at 9:30 p.m.*

*Luminaries are available to purchase for \$5 until June 15th. You can purchase them online at [www.mitchellheartandsole.com](http://www.mitchellheartandsole.com) or pick up a slip in our church lobby to purchase your luminaries. Mail luminary forms and money to PO Box 236 in Mitchell or drop off at either CorTrust Bank location.*

*There are registration forms for the races on the lobby table.*



*Our graduating high school seniors will be recognized on Sunday, May 14th. We will publish a short bio of their high school years & future plans.*



*If you have/had someone in your family graduate from college or technical school this spring, please let the office know as we would like to recognize their achievements, too.*

*They will be published with our high school graduates on May 21st.*



*Please continue to donate used bikes & purses for Center of Hope, shoes for Soles 4 Souls, your stamps from County Fair and food or monetary donations to the Food Pantry located at 212 West 1st.*

*During the month of May, we would like to collect canned fruit for the Food Pantry. Please drop it off in the box in the lobby. You may also give cash for the Food Pantry to purchase the fruit at a greatly reduced price! Thanks in advance!*