

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Chet Carlson  
November 18, 2018

8:30 a.m. Service

## Call to Worship

\*Welcome and Greet One Another

\*Hymns of Praise

#220 "He Lives"

#247 "Spirit of the Living God"

Pastor Chet

Prayer

Offering Our Gifts to God

Dan Pranger, deacon

We will receive the General fund offering first this morning followed by the Mission fund offering.

**Please sign the worship registry during offering time.**

**4 yr. olds - 2nd graders dismissed for Children & Worship**

Scripture

2 Corinthians 1:4; 8:10-11; 9:6-15

Message "How to Help Others: Moving from Misery to Ministry" ~ Pastor Chet

\*Benediction

\*Parting Hymn

#213 "Because He Lives"

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\*\*\*Visitors, please stop by the lobby to receive a gift!

11:00 a.m. Service

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\*Praise Songs

Prayer

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\*\*\*\*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)



Don't forget the Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the 21st. Senior Choir will practice at 8 p.m.

You can still sign up to have your picture taken for the church directory on Friday, Nov. 23rd from 2-9 p.m.

Sign up sheet is at the Connection Center.

Saturday, December 1st at 1:00 p.m. ~ Church decorating. Everyone is invited to come & lend their hand at getting the church beautiful for the Christmas season.

**There will be a special building fund loan reduction offering taken on Sunday, December 2nd.**

Also, on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, there will be a caroling party beginning at 4 p.m. Young & old are welcome to join the groups, please meet at the church. Pizza will be served at the church following singing.

First Reformed is scheduled to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Friday & Saturday, Dec. 7 & 8 at County Fair. There is a sign-up sheet at the Connection Center for shifts at 10 a.m., noon, 2 & 4:00 p.m.

To anyone who has recently brought goodies or soup, please check the lobby for any dishes that might be yours.

**We NEED to clean the kitchen up!** If items aren't claimed in a few weeks, they will be disposed of. Also when you bring food in your containers, it would be a BIG help if you would put your name on them! Thanks

Collection for Christmas Food baskets:

We have collected over our goal for vegetables. Thanks!

Still need 18 bottles of juice to complete our goal of 100!

We extend our sympathy to Dan & Joann Moller in the passing of Joann's mother, Eleanor, this past week. Her funeral was on Tuesday at Aurora Center.

**TOUGH TRANSITIONS:  
"Grace To Get You Through"  
Week 5**

Sermon based small groups in the fellowship hall following the first service.

**"How to Help Others: Moving from Misery to Ministry"  
2 Corinthians 1:4;8:10-11;9:6-15**

**Theme verse:** "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'" -2 Corinthians 12:9

Misery will either move you into despair or into the divine plan. You get to choose how it shapes you, where it leads you and where it moves you. Don't allow misery to move you away from God's plan for your life but determine in your heart to draw near to God because when you do that, God promises to draw near to you"

**God wants you to move from misery to ministry.**

**God has given you an \_\_\_\_\_.**  
"Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" -2 Corinthians 9:15

**Figure out a way to \_\_\_\_\_.**  
"So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have" -2 Corinthians 8:10-11

**"Your calling is to help others in the same way that God has helped you".**

"Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort we ourselves are comforted by God" -2 Corinthians 1:4

**Ministry Opportunities**

1. Fill out the questions below and if you are interested in sharing your testimony in the future, check yes on the box. \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ no

You may take this home, fill it out and return it next Sunday, the 25th.

**3 Questions to help you determine your ministry and calling:**

1. How has God helped you? What conflict, problem or tough transition did God get you through?

2. How did God help you through it?

3. What scripture passage spoke to you during your tough transition?

**Try out one of ministry teams: please check the box that interests you.**

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| _____ Worship team   | _____ Outreach team            |
| _____ Prayer team    | _____ Care team                |
| _____ Education team | _____ Children's ministry team |
| _____ Youth team     | _____ Missions team            |
| _____ Tech team      | _____ Building & Grounds team  |
| _____ Welcome team   |                                |

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

| <u>Welcome Team</u>     | <u>Date</u>              |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Vicky Graves/Beth Walz  | Nov. 18                  |
| Dale/Sharon Houchin     | Nov. 25 (9 a.m. service) |
| Dennis/Jane Butterfield | Dec. 2                   |
| John/Karla Koons        | Dec. 9                   |

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:**

Nov. 18: Judy VanderPol  
Nov. 25: Janet Klinger  
Dec. 2: Judy Barnes  
Dec. 9: Verla Vlieger

**BASIC INFORMATION:**

Attendance Nov. 11: 214

General offering received Nov. 11: \$4,912.00

Weekly offering needed: \$6,582.46

**NURSERY**

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

Today: 8:30 a.m. ~ Judy B. & Mavis A.

9:45 a.m. ~ Nicole G. & Kari H.

11:00 a.m. ~ Vicki A. & Erin S.

Nov. 21: No activities - Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 p.m.

Nov. 25: 9:00 a.m. ~ Jarrett Brunsen family

Christmas program practice will begin & there will be  
fellowship time with the last Tough Transitions small  
groups meeting

Nov. 28: Jessica S. & Kim V.

Dec. 2: 8:30 a.m. ~ Nancy P. & Bonnie A.

9:45 a.m. ~ Angie V. & Nicole G.

11:00 a.m. ~ Kyle & Vicky G.

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

Today: **The Ten Best Ways to Live**

1st Leader - Kyra; Greeters - Angie & Luke V.

2nd Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Donna A. & Sheridan H.

Nov. 25: **Exile and Return**

1st Leader - Carolyn; Greeters - Jana O. & Dayton A.

Dec. 2: **Advent 1: The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem**

1st Leader - Randi; Greeters - Jarrett B. & Tucker P.

2nd Leader - April; Greeters - Teri R. & Anthony G.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

Wednesday, the 21st:

7:00 p.m. - Thanksgiving Eve service

8:00 p.m. ~ Senior Choir practice

Thursday, the 22nd:

Thanksgiving Day - church office is closed

Friday, the 23rd:

2 - 9:00 p.m. ~ \*\*\*Church directory pictures taken

You can still sign up at the Connection Center

Sunday, the 25th: -

9:00 a.m. ~ Combined service

Christmas program practice begins & Tough Transition small  
groups will meet

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

December 1: Church decorating party - 1 p.m.

December 2: Celebration of Holy Communion

Caroling party - 4 p.m. - All ages are invited to  
join the fun. Pizza & goodies will follow at the church

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The Congregational Care Committee is planning on sending 'care' packages to post-high students before semester tests in December to make an extra effort to show them we are thinking & praying for them as they study for their tests. Parents: Please let us know your child's address, even if it's the same, and please let us know if you have a student to add or remove from our list. You can leave this info in the office, e-mail Patty VerSteege at [pattyversteeg@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyversteeg@hotmail.com) or call Patty at 933-0082. Thank you!

We are asking for individual food/treat donations to send in these packages, or you can leave a cash donation. All food or cash donations can be put in the Care Package basket at the "Connection Center".

Please have these to the church by Monday, Nov. 26. We plan to put together the packages on (DATE CHANGE:) Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 5 p.m. We can use help with the packing. Please join us. It's a lot of fun! Thanks!

**PLEASE CHECK THIS OUT & WRITE A NOTE:**

We want to remind the young people of our church that they are a valuable part of our church family. In the fellowship hall are tables set-up where you can write a quick note of encouragement to them. These will be included in the college care packages.