

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Gathering

PRELUDE *Traci Bopp, Musician*
WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION *Judy Reichenbach, VP of Consistory*

Expansion of Our Hearts

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* (Psalm 95) *Rev. Cheryl A. Daniel*
Come, let us bow down in worship!
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker
For God is our Shepherd!
And we are the people of God's pasture, the flock under his care.
Let us worship God together.

*GATHERING SONG **#150** *(Green book)* "**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**" v. 1-3
Brooke Burgin, Song Leader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE *(responsive)*

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
We confess we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. That we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

This is the good news: In Jesus we are forgiven!

**In Jesus we are loved!
In the Spirit we are made new!
In God's love we are called God's children!**

Believe this good news and be at peace.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

(10 a.m. only) Children and youth are invited to leave for their classes.

SPECIAL MUSIC *(8:30 a.m.) "Make Us to Shine"*
by Becky Buller, Lisa Aschmann, and Mark Simos
Michelle McKay, Michele Crefeld, Amy Patterson, and Martin Williams, Vocals
(10:00 a.m.) "Awake, My Soul"
by Lee Black and Tony Wood, arranged by Michael Frazier
Chancel Choir; Kim Lampe, Interim Director

Reception of God's Word

PREPARATION FOR READING

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 4:5-12, NRSV
Susan Breznak (8:30 a.m.) Sue Hellyer (10:00 a.m.), Readers

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

11 This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' 12 "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

MESSAGE "I Have the Power and I Know the Name" *Rev. Cheryl A. Daniel*

Transformation of Our Lives

SONG OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE **#160** *(Green book)* "**He Is Lord**"

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING & OFFERTORY *(10 a.m. only)* "Make Us to Shine"

by Becky Buller, Lisa Aschmann and Mark Simos

Michelle McKay, Michele Crefeld, Amy Patterson, and Martin Williams, Vocals

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Compassion For the World

*SENDING SONG **#568** *(Blue Hymnal)* "**May the Mind of Christ, My Savior**" v. 1-4

*BENEDICTION This time of worship has ended. **Let the service begin!**

*POSTLUDE

** Indicates to please stand, if able.*

*The chancel flowers this week are in memory of Joyce Abbott, a past member
whose memorial service was held here yesterday*



TODAY-APRIL 21, 2024



WE WELCOME CHERYL A. DANIEL - GUEST PREACHER TODAY: Rev. Cheryl A. Daniel is a native of Paterson, NJ and serves the Reformed Church in America as the Associate Pastor of Faith Chapel Reformed Church in Paterson. She

was called to the Gospel ministry in 2005 and has served the body of Christ as a youth minister, worship leader, preacher and teacher. Cheryl works full-time for Christian Health in Wyckoff, NJ as the Human Resources Employee Relations Coordinator/Event Planner.

PUT A STEP IN YOUR SPRING – SUNDAY APRIL 21 AFTER EACH SERVICE: Come get out in the sunshine and fresh air. Take a stroll with Arborist Forrest Harper around our church property and cemetery to learn about our trees and at the same time, learn the benefits that walking can have on your health. We'll start in Friendship Hall with a bottle of water and then head out. Wear your sneakers! This program is sponsored by the Health & Wellness Team.

THINGS TO KNOW

***THANK YOU*BEA KETTLEWOOD'S ART SHARE:** On April 13th & 14th, Friendship Hall housed hundreds of Bea's works of art. The event was open to the community and was a huge success. The "Friends of Bea" committee wants to thank all those that put hours and hours of work into this labor of love and also thank all of you who came to give these works a new home.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS SEARCH TEAM UPDATE: The Search Team for the FRC Director of Music and Worship Arts has been meeting since February. The team outlined their search process, reviewed the current job description, and talked about FRC's music and worship needs. They would like to broaden their perspective with the thoughts and opinions of everyone who worships at FRC. The Search Team invites you to complete their survey on how you engage with worship and music at FRC. The survey will be open from April 22 to May 12 and can be accessed on the church website or by going to this link <https://firstreformedchurch.com/connect/music-ministry-search-survey/> Please complete the survey only one time per person. Thank you in advance for adding your feedback to the search team and for your prayers in their ongoing work!

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS: First Reformed Church is asking for your help nominating our next elder and deacon to serve on Consistory. Last year we started moving the process of selecting new elder(s) and deacon(s) to earlier in the year so new consistory members have a chance to collaborate with members whose terms are ending. We're asking church members to prayerfully consider submitting a nomination. Terms concluding are Elder, Judy Reichenbach & Deacon, Karen Borduin. We'll begin receiving nominations starting on Sunday, April 28th. The window to submit a nomination will close on Sunday, May 19th. To submit nominations please fill out the forms provided at the back of the worship space and put them in the black box.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1: Registration for our 2024 SCUBA Vacation Bible School opens online May 1st. At SCUBA VBS, kids will dive into friendship and be immersed in God's Word. Kids ages 5 - 6th grade are invited to join us August 5-9 from 9 AM-Noon for an unforgettable undersea adventure to experience the ever flowing, never ending love of God. The \$35 per child registration fee includes all our program supplies, a daily snack, a t-shirt, and music download card. Space is limited and volunteers are needed.

FRIENDSHIP HALL HAS A NEW PROJECTOR! Thank you for your patience as we worked to get a new projector in this worship space. The funds for the new projector were provided in part by the memorial funds for Doris Ruemmler. Many thanks to the family of Doris for using these funds in Doris' memory to make make Friendship Hall a place of inclusive and accessible worship through our new projector.

EVENTS



FISH & CHIPS DINNER - THURSDAY, MAY 9TH FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M.: The Women's Ministry of FRC will be hosting a Fish & Chips Dinner catered by Tastefully British. The dinner will be held on May 9th from 5:00–7:00 p.m. This year you can pick up in a Drive-Thru or gather with friends and family to eat in Friendship Hall. Either way, you must pre-order. For pick up, drive behind Friendship Hall and you will be greeted by a Women's Ministry team member. If you are dining in, please park across the street in the town hall lot. Dinners include fish or chicken tenders, french fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce, malt

vinegar, and a tasty dessert. Each meal is \$20. Order by filling out the form in the back of both worship spaces or by going on our website. Orders will be accepted through May 6th at 3:00 p.m.

SERVE/SUPPORT

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR APRIL WILL SUPPORT

BESSIE GREEN: Bessie Green Community Inc. has been serving the underprivileged of Newark, New Jersey since 1978. They provide hot meals, clothing, bags of groceries and support services to the community at large.

Their food pantry is open daily and they provide bags for seniors to meet special dietary needs. Their Soup Kitchen provides grab & go breakfast and lunch meals daily. All are welcome to the table at no charge.

To donate, you can mail in a check, place it in the collection during worship, or donate online securely through our website on the line item: "Mission of the Month." Make checks payable to FRC and note "April Communion" in the memo line.

PEQUANNOCK FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS: As spring approaches, our stock from the holidays has seriously diminished. In March we served 99 clients, and almost as many in April. There are a number of things we are out of (*) and many others that need replenishing. Whatever help you can give is greatly appreciated!

*Pasta sauce, *Paper towels, *Pickles, *Sardines, *Tissues, *Jell-O / Pudding cups, *Green olives, *Pizza sauce, *Regular black tea bags, *Dish detergent, *Corned beef hash, *Sugar (1 -2 lb.), *Green olives, *Body wash, Beets, Packaged Milk (Parmalat), Canned chicken, Canned / pkg fruit (not pineapple), Coffee, Jelly, Tomato paste, Spam, Beverages, Condiments (relish, ketchup, mustard, mayo), Pancake syrup, Baked beans Chili, Shampoo and Conditioner.

SPARK KIDZ

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION CLASS REGISTRATION IS

OPEN: Children in 2nd grade & up who are interested in participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper are invited to register for our First Communion Class. The class will be held during our regular Spark Kidz time on May 12 & 19. A First Communion Celebration will be held during the 10:00 a.m. service on June 2nd.

Register on the FRC website [Grow/Youth & Children](#)

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES: Anyone wishing to enroll their child in Spark Kidz classes or for more information, contact Janet Chardavoyne. janet@frc-pp.org

IGNITE & FUSE YOUTH

FUEL YOUTH GROUP: Anyone wishing information about youth group and Sunday morning classes can check our website for event details or contact Dave Sippel dave@frc-pp.org

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

Victoria Sharpe, Sandy Bernstein's sister, passed away this past week in Florida. Cards to Sandy 520 Newark Pompton Tpke., #210, Pompton Plains, 07444

CONCERNS:

Peace in our world

Colby Douglas, had surgery Friday April 19th to help him continue the healing of his bladder. Cards to 14 Second St., Pequannock 07440

Joan Muller, prayers for pain relief and mobility. Cards to 8 Atwood Ave., Pompton Plains 07444

Prayers for **Linda Rooney,** as she prepares for knee replacement surgery on April 26

Rosemary Maka's niece's husband John, is hospitalized with unresolved health issues. Prayers for wisdom for the doctors and for effective treatment and healing

Please hold in prayer **Zach Pearce's church,** who has been in a discussion about merging with another congregation.

Friend of Pauline McKeown, undergoing chemotherapy

Jeanine Tedeschi, Rose Chara's niece, in a lot of pain. Started new chemo treatment this past week. Continue prayers for courage and strength

Prayers of for **Mary Indoe,** as she continues to heal from a recent surgery

Prayers for **Kim Pearce,** Pastor Stacey's father-in-law who is having hip surgery on April 30

Barbara Livingstone, prayers for 2 infusions coming up. Cards to 735 Cannella Way, Riverdale 07457. Prayers also for Barbara's daughter, **Barbara Sutton,** suffering with cellulitis at this time

LONG TERM CONCERNS:

Frank Scangarella, Colleen Erickson (niece of Rose & Frank Chara), **Lorraine Nichols, John De Falco, Judy Napoli, Kaitlyn Rubano, Karen Milligan, Heather** (Tony's daughter in law), **Michael Bozza** (friend of Gloria Krueger), **Brandi** (friend of Ann Marie Ziffer), **William (Bill) Erickson** (brother-in-law of Frank and Rose Chara), **Nancy Crefeld** (Pete's mom), **Holly Campbell** (Lori Osborne's friend), **Kathryn Dontje** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Brenda** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Logan Boncek** (Gloria Krueger's cousin's grandson), **Judy Lento** (Pat Lento's sister in law), **Charles Cunningham, Dee Patrick, Dolores Garritano** (Gloria Krueger's sister) **Peter Garritano & Jim Jenkins** (family of Gloria Krueger), **Jim,** (Lynn Rayner's brother), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Patti Moffa** (Alyse Cafasso's friend), **Amy Griffith, Adele Ebert** (Shell's mom), **Paul** (Susan De Bell's brother), **Michael Clark** (Sharon Hollick's son in law)

FINANCIALS

HOW TO DONATE TO FRC: Please reflect in prayerful consideration how you can support FRC.

Give Electronically: Have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically. You can also scan the QR code to donate or visit our website at www.firstreformedchurch.com and choose the blue "Donate" button.

In Person: Drop your check at the office or place it in the offering during worship. **Mail** checks to The First Reformed Church, Attn: Ann Marie Ziffer (Finance Manager), 529 Newark Pompton Tpke., Pompton Plains, NJ 07444.

