

Order of Worship for November 2, 2025
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost | All Saints' Sunday
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



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Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

First Reformed Church of Hastings-on-Hudson is a church for all people, each of us being unique and created in the image of God.

We believe God's unconditional love and grace, as revealed through Jesus Christ, does not distinguish among God's people based on race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, ability, or disability.

All are children of God, and all are welcome with joy in our Sanctuary. We strive to provide an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth.

We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Prelude: “Oh When the Saints”

First Reformed Church Choir

Call to Worship

from *UCC Worship Ways*

One: I refuse to hide the worst piece of myself from God,

All: And through my transparency, God shares Divine Grace.

One: I allow God to know the depths of my grief,

All: And through my openness, God shares Divine Peace.

One: I refuse to keep silent. In knowing my voice, God shares Divine Presence.

All: And through my vulnerability, God shares Divine Strength.

*Gathering Hymn: “At the Name of Jesus” (#148)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

God of the covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation, you have made us members of the very body of Christ; yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect. Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace. For the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save; Amen.

Kyrie (#572):

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

*Gloria Patri (#579):

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

We Hear God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Habbakuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Luke 6:20-31

Children’s Message

Sermon: “Three Remembrances”

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "For All the Saints" (#526)

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made virtually in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to frc1850@aol.com
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave.,
Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Offertory: "At the River"

Michael Willson, guitarist

*Doxology (#592):

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Communion Liturgy

The Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

The first time Jesus sat down to this meal, among those gathered there were one who would doubt him, one who would deny him, one who would betray him, and they would all leave him alone before that night was over – and he knew it. Still, he sat down and ate

with them. If he ate with them, surely he's ready to eat with us. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to be sure. You don't have to be a member of this church. You don't have to be a saint. All you have to be to eat at this table is hungry.

God will do the rest.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty (*the prayer continues...*) With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray (*the prayer continues...*) Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Communion

Thanksgiving after Communion

(based on Psalm 103)

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all God's benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God,
who did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.
**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this
time forth forevermore. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer response after each petition:

One: Oh God of love and mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Our time of prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (#364)

*Blessing and Benediction

*Musical Benediction: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Peter Lutkin (insert)

*Those attending in person are invited to coffee hour in the Fraser Room after worship for a time
of fellowship and refreshments.*

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

Bold text is read in unison

Announcements

Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! Our musicians today are Beth Rudd, Michael Willson, and the First Reformed Church Choir. Our lector/liturgist is Andrew Smith. Jiney Asthappan will teach Sunday school.

The next Consistory meeting will take place today, Sunday, November 23rd, at 12pm via Zoom.

Share Your Creativity! We would love to feature congregants' art and writing in upcoming services. Anyone who enjoys engaging creatively with scripture is invited to create art for the bulletin cover, write a call to worship, prayer of confession or dedication, or develop the scripture readings into either a script for a Children's Message skit or a "reader's theatre" script we can use instead of a traditional reading. Any materials should be based on the readings for that week and sent to Pastor Emily (revemilybrown@gmail.com) no later than the Tuesday prior to their intended use. The upcoming readings are as follows:

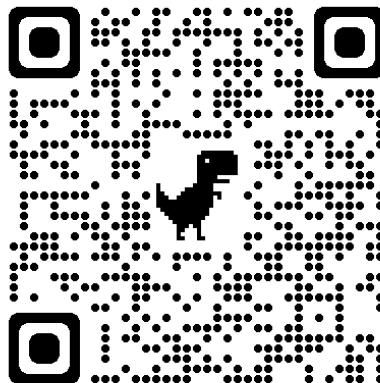
November 9: Psalm 98

November 16: Luke 21:5-19

Save the Date – 175th Anniversary Concert on November 14th at 7:30pm: A concert to celebrate First Reformed Church's 175th Anniversary will take place on Friday, November 14. Musicians who have been part of the FRC community over the years will participate. The concert is free and open to the public, with a reception to follow.

Food Drive to support Hastings Food Pantry: Four on Farragut, the four congregations that worship here on the FRC property, are collaborating on a food drive to support Hastings Food Pantry. We are focusing on breakfast foods (low-sugar cold cereals, oatmeal and other hot cereals, shelf-stable milk, pancake mix that does not require egg) and shelf-stable snacks for childrens' lunchboxes (in single-serving packages and with minimal sugar; examples include granola bars from Nature Valley or MadeGood; teddy grahams or similar; goldfish crackers or similar; applesauce pouches). Donations can be left at the church office until November 22nd. On November 22nd, we will have a sorting and packing event and luncheon.

For more information about First Reformed Church, scan this QR code to go to www.frchoh.org



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At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5 D

Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2. Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re-ceive a name
 3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light,
 4. Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re-turn a - gain,

Ev - ery tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;
 From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom He came,
 Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
 With His Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
 Faith-ful - ly He bore it Spot-less to the last,
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;
 For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on His brow,

Music: From *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1925. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

CHRIST THE KING / ASCENSION

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 Brought it back vic - to - rious, When from death He passed;
 Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
 And our hearts con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.

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For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

William Walsham How, 1864

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 *3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 **4. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through

Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

FUNERAL

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3

3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug-gle,

they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are

Thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

D.C. for stanza 4

**(May be sung before stanza 3)*

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** (May be sung before stanza 4)*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE Irregular

Lesbia Scott, 1929; adapted

John Henry Hopkins, 1940
As in *The Hymnal* 1940

1. I sing a song of the saints of God, Pa - tient and
 2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And God's love
 3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun - dreds of

brave and true, Who toiled and fought and lived and died
 made them strong; And they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake,
 thou - sands still; The world is bright with the joy - ous saints

For the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 The whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 Who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in

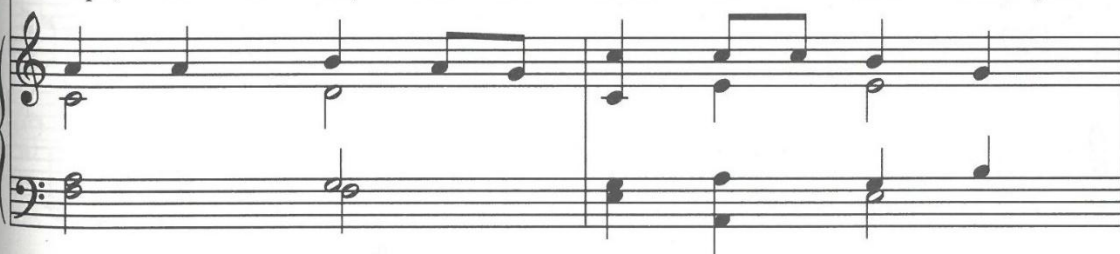
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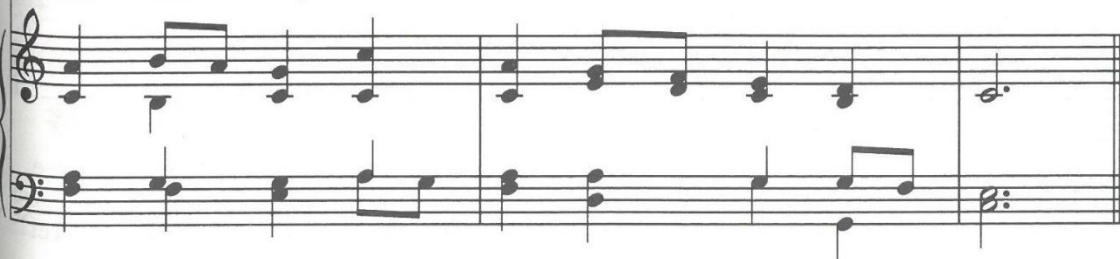
doc - tor, and one was a queen, And one was a shep - herd-ess
sol - dier, and one was a priest, And one was slain by a
school, or in lanes, or at sea, In church, or in trains, or in



on the green: They were all of them saints of
fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y rea - son,
shops, or at tea; For the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, Why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, And I mean to be one too.



THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

Numbers 6:24-26

Music by
PETER C. LUTKIN

$\text{♩} = 80$
C Dm7/F G7 C Am Am/C

The Lord bless you and keep — you; the Lord lift His coun - te-nance up -

p *cresc.*

G/D D G A7/G Dm7/F G7/F C/E G7/D

on — you, and give you peace, and give you peace; The

decresc.

C C/G G#dim7 Am F C/E C7/E F

Lord . make His face to shine up - on — you, and be gra - cious un - to you, be gra - cious.

cresc. *decresc.*

 Musicnotes

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C7/E A7 Dm C/G G7 C F C

The Lord be gra-cious, gra-cious un - to you. A - men.

p *dim e rit.*

Optional ending (single Amen)