

## FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

May 5, 2024

9:30 AM

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Mother's Day Video**

**Greeting**

**\*Song** "Goodness of God"

**\*Song** "Revelation Song"

**Children's Message:** Niki Netten

**Graduation Recognition**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Scripture:** Acts 1:1-11

*The Promise of the Holy Spirit*

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

*The Ascension*

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power

when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**Message:** "Going Up and Away"

**Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?**

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

**Prayer**

**\*Song** "Jesus Messiah"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee, tea, cappuccino, hot chocolate, juice, and cookies in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service

## Calendar for the Day:

9:30 AM Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.

## Serving Today:

**Music:** Team 2

**Sound:** Bouwman family

**Nursery:** Deb Kempema, Ava & Raya B.

**Lift:** Steve Van Den Top

**Coffee:** Bev & Jenna Vande Vegte

**Offering:** Church Ministry Fund

## Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May 14: Austin Koedam

Duane & Sherri Ver Mulm (42)

Nick & Tristan Van Der Brink

May 16: Seth Hoogendoorn

Tami Berkenpas

Tony Day

May 17: Wilbur Vander Heul (84)

May 18: Eleanor Vonk

Todd & Niki Netten

## Prayers & Praises:

Congratulations to Luke & Brittani Wiebe on the birth of a baby girl. *Kollins Kaye* was born on May 3, weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 20¼ inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.

Church Family,

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for the calls, messages, cards, gift baskets, flowers, food, prayers, and hugs throughout my cancer diagnosis and surgery. God has surrounded us with a great support system. I am blessed to say that I will not need any chemo treatment. Praise be to God!

*Kris Vande Hoef & family*

**Next Week:**

**Monday, May 13:**

7:00 PM Elder & Deacon Mtgs.  
8:00 PM Consistory Mtg.

**Wednesday, May 15:**

10:00 AM Lydia Circle  
6:30 PM Grace Bible Study

**Sunday, May 19:**

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship; an offering will be received for the Building Fund.

**Organist:** Ruth Vande Stroet

**Pianist:** Madelyn Vander Heul

**Sound:** Blankespoor family

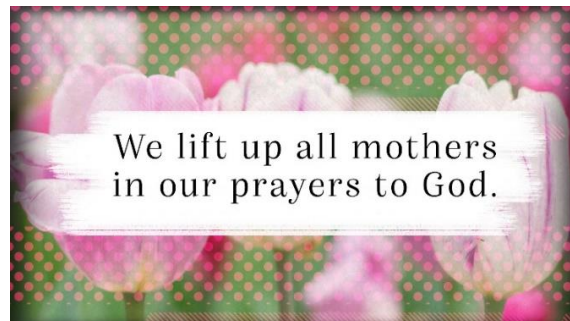
**Children's Message:** Jillian Blankespoor

**Nursery:** Gary & Donna Miller

**Lift:** Todd Netten

**Coffee:** Laurie Baatz & Bud Vogelzang

**Offering:** Church Ministry Fund  
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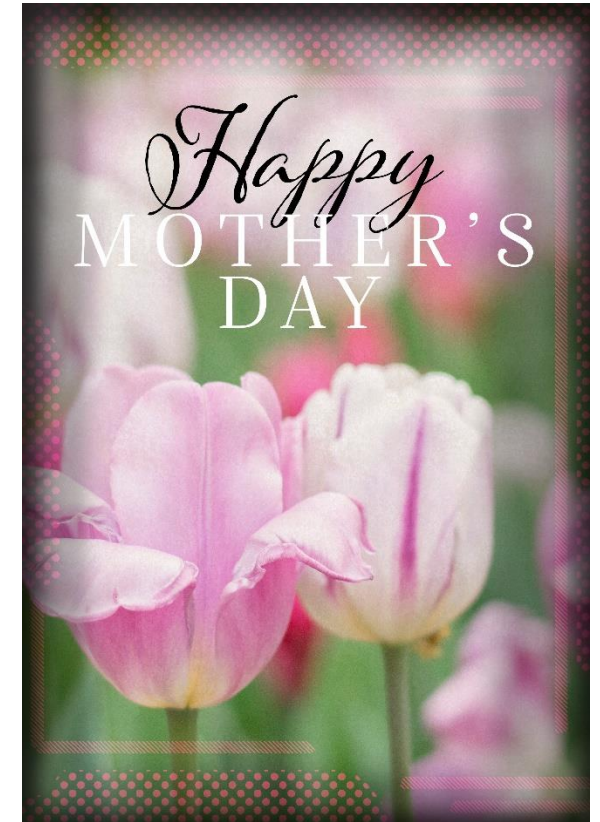
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Our **mission** is accepting God's love, growing in the Word and Spirit, serving others.

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Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and serve all people.



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