

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

May 5, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Greeting

***Song #53** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

***Song #278** "Amazing Grace!"

Children's Message: Pastor Cliff

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Message: "The Great Pursuit"

Prayer

***Song #71** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" v.1-2

*Prayer for Blessing on the Meal

***Benediction**

Verse 3 "Come Christians Join to Sing"

***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:

10:00 AM Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.

11:00 AM Education Wrap-up Meal

Serving Today:

Pianist: Madelyn Vander Heul

Sound: Jerry Kelderman

Nursery: Berwyn & Kristi Van Kekerix

Lift: Marv Hoogendoorn

Offering: Church Ministry Fund
Alpha Center

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May 6: Jackson Bousema

May 9: Braelynn De Groot

May 10: Dave Bliet

Joni Van Ginkel

Tryton Van Middendorp

May 11: Rose De Ruyter (81)

Prayers & Praises:

Milt Swier has returned home.

Prayers for Safety:

Lincoln Oostenink is part of the Air National Guard in Sioux Falls, SD. He has been deployed to Okinawa, Japan for 6 months. Lincoln, Savanna & Paisley live in Ocheyedon, IA.

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Next Week:

Monday, May 6:

3:30 PM Last day of The Block

Tuesday, May 7:

3:30 PM Kids' Block

Thursday, May 9:

3:30 PM Last day of Kids' Block

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship.

Music: Team 2

Sound: Taylor family

Children's Message: Niki Netten

Nursery: Deb Kempema, Ava & Raya Blankespoor

Lift: Steve Van Den Top

Coffee: Bev & Jenna Vande Vegte

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

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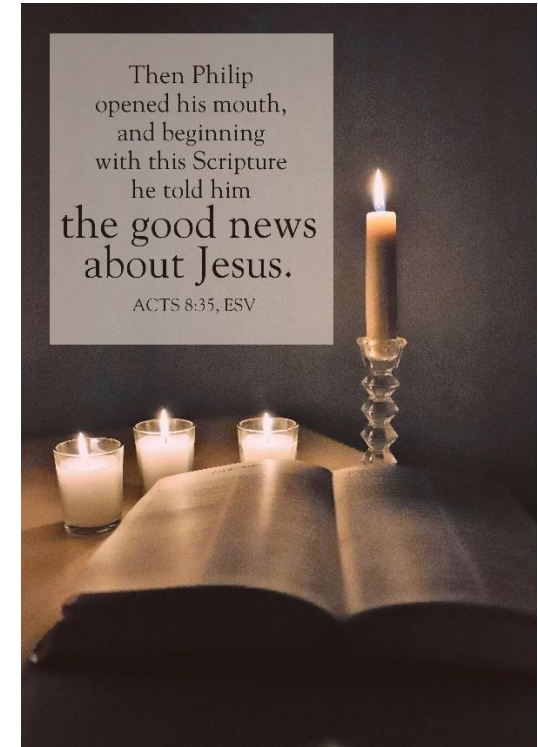
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Our **mission** is accepting God's love, growing in the Word and Spirit, serving others.

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



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