

First Reformed Church
October 26, 2025
9:30 AM

Prelude
Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship
*Greetings

*Song PB #76 “Open Our Eyes”
*Song #326 “O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

Children’s Message: Sheri Bousema
Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Day 7 Q & A 21,23

21.Q.What is true faith?

A. True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

23.Q.What are these articles?

**A. 1. I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord;
3. he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
4. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.
5. On the third day he arose from the dead;
6. he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty;**

**7. from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit;
9. I believe a holy catholic Christian church, the communion of saints;
10. the forgiveness of sins;
11. the resurrection of the body;
12. and the life everlasting.**

Scripture: James 2:14-26

Faith Without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Message: “Wait – What Is True Faith?”

Prayer

*Song #299 “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

*Benediction

*Postlude



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee, cookies & juice in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Calendar of the Day:

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

10:40 AM Catechism & Sunday School

Serving Today:

Pianist: Madelyn Vander Heul

Sound: Kevin B. & Jerry K.

Nursery: Justin & Katie Juffer

Coffee Servers: Gary & Donna Miller

Offering: Church Ministry Fund
Building Fund

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Oct. 27: Sandi Koldenhoven
Linda Hoekstra

Oct. 29: Kaylee Vande Hoef

Oct. 30: Katie Juffer
Bentley Juffer
Jacob White

Oct. 31: Meghan Van Middendorp
Ryan Vande Vegte
Nick Van Der Brink

Prayers & Praises:

We will be starting Christmas program practice
Sunday, November 2 during Sunday School time.

Next Week:

Monday October 27:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Tuesday, October 28:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Wednesday, October 29:

6:00 PM Awana Meal – Pancakes
6:30 PM Awana – Theme: Costumes
JAM
Grace Bible Study
7:30 PM CLASS

Thursday, October 30:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Sunday, November 2:

Pastor Cliff will lead us in worship; an offering will be taken for Center of Hope.

Pianist: Freida Vander Sluis

Sound: Blankespoor family

Ministry of Music: Bells *Practice at 9am*

Children's Message: Niki Netten

Nursery: Todd & Nikki Netten

Coffee: Laurie Baatz & Bud Vogelzang

Offering: Church Ministry Fund
Center of Hope

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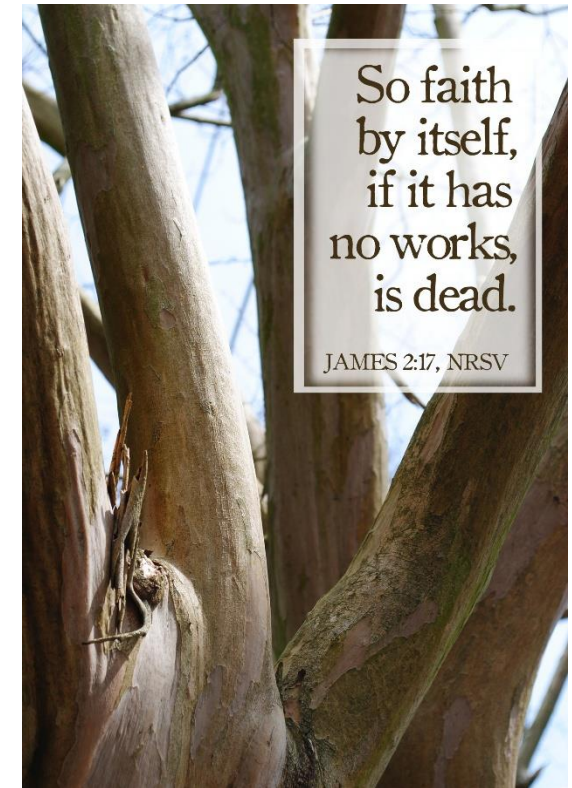
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Our **mission** is accepting God's love, growing in the Word and Spirit, serving others.

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



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