

# THE WEEKLY

First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit

April 22, 2018

## WORSHIP SERVICES

April 22

Series: Reaching Out; Reaching In

Text: Luke 5:27-32

Title: *For the Sinners*

Offering: Detroit Rescue Mission

April 29

Series: Reaching Out; Reaching In

Text: Luke 7:1-10

Title: *Such Great Faith*

Choir

Offering: Hesus Community Church

May 6

Series: Reaching Out; Reaching In

Text: Luke 7:36-50

Title: *Anointed*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Offering: Mission Partners

May 13

Series: Reaching Out; Reaching In

Text: Luke 8:26-39

Title: *Many*

Choir

Offering: Community Assistance Program

Have something for The Weekly? Please submit it to [connect@firstcrdetroit.org](mailto:connect@firstcrdetroit.org) no later than **5:00pm Wednesday**.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**Volunteers Needed:** First Church will be doing the produce run for Community Assistance Program on Saturday, May 5. It is a great way to help out and only lasts a couple hours. We leave from church at 6:30am to pick up produce in Dearborn, deliver it to CAP, and bag it into 100 bags to be given out. We could use a couple vans and 5-6 people. We are usually back to church around 9:30. If you can lend a hand please contact John R. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

**Ladies:** Save Thursday, May 17, at 6:30pm, for an "hors d'oeuvres and dessert" get-together in the gathering space at church. It's a BYOPS event (Bring Your Own Place Setting). It's your opportunity to use your mom's, your grandmother's, your own, or another interesting china piece or place setting, and maybe share its story. Church silverware will be available for another touch of history. Contact Beth Dann or Gayla Batts for more info and to RSVP.

**Meal Requests:** We hope to continue to support and encourage Josh & Kerrie N. and Jennifer & Jason K. by providing meals for their families. To sign up to bring a meal on a specific date, please use the Signup Genius pages or email the church office. Thank you to those who have already prepared meals and thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

**Ascension Day Worship at North Hills:** Our friends at North Hills CRC (3150 N. Adams Rd., Troy, MI) extend the invitation to join them for a special worship service on Thursday, May 10, at 7:00pm. The service will feature a combined choir, Tower Brass and Organ from Oakland University, and sermon by Pastor Randy Engle entitled, "Help from the Right Hand". Nursery will be provided.

## MINISTRIES AT FIRST

**Today's Special Offering is for Detroit Rescue Mission:** Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries is recognized as a credible expert in the fields of homelessness, addiction, substance abuse prevention for youth and adults, and innovative, sustainable economic development projects. From the day a person walks into DRMM they are provided with quality services by people who care. DRMM adheres to the highest standards of Christian stewardship and ethical financial practices as well as to the Continuum of Care, implemented to combat the

cycle of poverty and addiction.

**MACC Development:** Our Mission Partner, MACC Development, has invited First Church to the Grand Opening of The Commons! On Saturday, May 12, from 2:00pm to 7:00pm, this fun, family-friendly event will bring together hundreds of neighbors, families, and friends to celebrate the long-awaited opening of our new coffee shop/laundromat. The celebration will include food trucks, music, dancing, and a special gallery. Please RSVP at [maccdevelopment.com/grandopening](http://maccdevelopment.com/grandopening).

**Volunteer for MACC Development:** MACC has a new website where you can sign up to volunteer for their organizations. If you are interested, visit <https://mackave.galaxydigital.com/> and see where they need help.

**Community Assistance Program:** CAP is collecting toiletries and canned meats (tuna, Vienna sausage, etc.) in March and April. Please put the items in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support!

**Current Sermon Series:** This spring we're studying the Gospel of Luke in a series entitled, *Reaching Out; Reaching In*. Luke introduces us to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. He does so from the perspective of a cultural outsider. Luke highlights Jesus' ministry to those on the cultural, ethnic and religious margins of his day. This Gospel reminds us of our mission to reach out and invite others in to experience the transformative love of Christ.

**2018 Bible Reading Plan:** In the New Year join us in reading through the Bible. With an investment of fifteen minutes daily, you can read the entire Bible in a year. The One Year Bible daily reading schedule is available in print at church, or as a PDF attached to the Weekly email. You can also access it online at [oneyearbibleonline.com](http://oneyearbibleonline.com). To discuss what you're reading, consider joining one of our Bible study groups:

- Monday, 7:00am, Panera Bread in the Village
- Tuesday, 7:30pm, Pastor's Study

If you have questions or would like to join a study please contact Pastor Ben.

**Support for People in Job Transition:** First Church is a member of "Eastside Take Control", a local organization devoted to equipping and supporting those recovering from job loss and looking for work. If you are looking for support during your job transition process, or want to know more about ETC, please contact Pastor Ben (313-443-5446; [ben.vanarragon@gmail.com](mailto:ben.vanarragon@gmail.com)).

**Inquiries about Facility Use:** Any individual or committee that would like to use the church building for a one-time event can send a request to the church email account ([connect@firstcrcdetroit.org](mailto:connect@firstcrcdetroit.org)). Place "Building Use" in the subject line, and include in the body of the email the following details: event purpose and participants; event date; and facilities needed.

## CRCNA MATTERS

**Calvin College:** This year, Calvin College has been developing a vision statement to guide its efforts for the next 10+ years. Since community feedback has been vital to the visioning process, Calvin is inviting you to attend a session at North Hills CRC in Troy on Monday, April 23, from 7:00 to 9:00pm where Paul Bylsma, Assistant Director of Community Relations, will share context, unpack the vision statement, and engage alumni and parents of current students on some key questions about moving forward. Please contact Jack K. if you are interested in attending.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep Cheryl and Paul V. in prayer. Cheryl was recently diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer, and will commence a treatment plan this month.

We continue to pray for Josh and Kerrie N. and family. After his most recent round of chemotherapy, Matthew's blood counts remain too low for him to return home. This represents his longest stay in the hospital yet, and his family is anxious for a chance to be at home together before his next treatment. Please pray for Matthew's treatment and healing, and for courage and clarity for all involved in his treatment.

Please keep the K. family in prayer. Jennifer K. underwent surgery on April 2 in Baltimore and will undergo six weeks of radiation. Please continue to offer prayer and encouragement.

Please remember those in our congregation who cannot worship with us regularly because of health concerns. We especially want to remember Doris M.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	<i>April 22</i>	<i>April 29</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Bev and Ken N.	Eric and Keltie N.
<i>Ushers</i>	Jen K.	Katherine K.
<i>Nursery</i>	Jodie A., Dan B., Kate K.	Maggie B., Andy C., Drew M.
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Nick N.	Allison S.
<i>Offertory Prayer</i>	Larry M.	Eric N.
<i>PowerPoint</i>	Eric K.	Anneke L.
<i>Refreshments</i>	Eric and Keltie N.	Jeff and Kim N.
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Kelly S., Randi B., Lily B. 39: The Good Shepherd and the Wolf	Kelly S., Zoe B., Ellie M. 41: The Good Shepherd

## CALENDAR

Week of April 22 – April 28:

### Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00am  
Worship Service 10:00am  
Youth Group 7:00pm

### Monday

Bible Study 7:00am

### Tuesday

Coffee Break Bible Study 10:00am  
Bible Study 7:30pm

### Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Week of April 29 – May 5:

### Sunday

Choir Rehearsal 9:00am  
Worship Service 10:00am  
Youth Group 7:00pm

### Monday

Bible Study 7:00am

### Tuesday

Coffee Break Bible Study 10:00am  
Bible Study 7:30pm

### Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

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