

THE WEEKLY

First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit

March 31, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICES

March 31

Series: Peace I Leave You

Text: John 16:16-24

Title: *In a Little While*

Choir

Offering: Benevolence

April 7

Series: Peace I Leave You

Text: John 17:1-6; 20-26

Title: *That They May Be One*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Offering: Mission Partners

April 14

Palm Sunday

Series: Peace I Leave You

Text: John 12:12-19

Title: *The Whole World Has Gone After Him*

Choir and Children's Choir

Offering: Community Assistance Program

April 21

Easter Sunday

Series: Peace I Leave You

Text: John 20:1-10

Title: *They Still Did Not Understand*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Choir

Offering: Pregnancy Aid

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

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, April 14, at 10:00am

Palm Sunday Worship

Choir and Children's Choir

Potluck brunch after worship

Thursday, April 18, at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Worship

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Choir

Friday, April 19, at 7:00pm

Gabriel Faure's "Requiem"

North Hills Christian Reformed Church

3150 N. Adams Road in Troy

Sunday, April 21, at 10:00am

Easter Sunday Worship

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Choir

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Nominations: Our church council invites professing members of First Church to nominate individuals for the offices of elder and deacon for the upcoming church year (June 2019 - May 2020). The ballot was distributed by email and provides background on the process being used as well a list of individuals who are eligible to serve. Hard copies are also available in the gathering space. We'd like to encourage you to participate in the process either by submitting ballots in the ballot box in the gathering space or by sending an email to the church office (connect@firstcrdetroit.org) by **next Sunday, April 7**. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

MINISTRIES AT FIRST

Today's Special Offering is for Benevolence: First Church's Benevolence Fund benefits our desire as a faith community to help our members, friends, and neighbors. The Fund is used by the Deacons to assist people in financial need, following guidelines based on geographic location and relation to the congregation.

Charlotte Mason Christian School: One of our ministry partners is Charlotte Mason Christian School. After

years of renting (at times with inadequate facilities), Charlotte Mason has made an offer on a building that will more than meet the school's needs. The Charlotte Mason community is engaged in a short-term fundraising initiative to cover the purchase and move-in costs for the new facility. The school has received a \$50,000 gift-matching grant, effective until May 1. If you are passionate about Christian schools and inner-city education, please consider making a special donation to this limited-time fundraiser.

CAP Drive: The Deacons will be collecting travel-sized men's toiletries for Community Assistance Program through May 26. They are requesting shaving cream, razors, soap, shampoo, combs, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Donations will be sorted into hygiene kits for CAP. Please place donations in the collection bin in the gathering area. Thank you for your generosity!

Community Assistance Program: First Church continuously supports CAP by donating non-perishable food items. CAP requests peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, dry spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, Vienna sausage, Spam, crackers, and cereal. Please put the items in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support!

Current Sermon Series: Our sermon series for the season of Lent is entitled, "Peace I Leave You". In this series we study a section of the Gospel of John known as the "Farewell Discourse". The Farewell Discourse reports Jesus' words and actions during the Last Supper, and outlines the key habits and ethics of the Christian life. During Lent we consider Jesus' service and self-sacrifice as the model for our life of faith.

Bible Study: For 2019, our Bible study focus will be a New Testament reading plan. With an investment of five minutes, five days a week, you can read the entire New Testament in a year. The reading plan is available electronically (by request) and print (at the back of the sanctuary at church). 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 – **cancelled April 2**

If you have questions; would like to join a study; or would like to start your own Bible study group, 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.

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). 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kim N. requests prayer for her father, Larry. For some time Larry has been undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. Though his prognosis is good, the treatments are taking a heavy physical and emotional toll. Please pray for Larry's healing, as well as strength and courage for the duration of his treatment.

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	<i>March 31</i>	<i>April 7</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Paul and Cheryl V.	Pearl and Ken V.
<i>Ushers</i>	Jane S.	Maggie B.
<i>Nursery</i>	Jen P., Kris V., Josh S.	Jen P., George S., Charlotte V.
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Susan S.	Charlotte V.
<i>Offertory Prayer</i>	Jon K.	Elissa M.
<i>PowerPoint</i>	Jason I.	Eric K.
<i>Refreshments</i>	Bev and Ken N.	Jeff and Kim N.
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Katie C., Kerrie N., Lily B. 30: The Great Banquet	Mary K., Nancy M., Emily P. I-18: The Rich Young Ruler

CALENDAR

Week of March 31 – April 6:

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00am
Choir Rehearsal 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am

Monday

Bible Study 7:00am

Tuesday

Coffee Break Bible Study 10:00am
Bible Study *cancelled*

Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
AA Meeting 8:00pm

Week of April 7 – April 13:

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am
Youth Group 6:30pm

Monday

Bible Study 7:00am
Elders/Deacons 6:30pm
Council Meeting 7:45pm

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
AA Meeting 8:00pm

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