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☐ Cell ☐ Home

☐ First-time guest
☐ Second-time guest
☐ Regular attendee
☐ College student
I heard about Fifth... check all that apply:
☐ From a friend/family
☐ Online/Social Media
☐ Walk-In

☐ This is updated contact information.

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Order of Worship

Prelude Randy Wolthuis

Gathering Song:
Come, Now is the Time to Worship (arr. Kathryn Scott)

*Declaration of Trust & God’s Greeting Janna Lange

*Rejoice (Charity Gayle) Celebration Choir,
Worship Team, Congregation

*Christus Victor (Christ the Victor) (Getty et al.)

Prayers of Confession Sam Eldersveld

Assurance:
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Hymnal #213

Sharing Christ’s Peace
(Kids, Kdg-5th grade are invited
to continue worship upstairs and in Rm 103)

Prayers of the People Sam Eldersveld

Offertory: “Gathered As One” Celebration Choir
(D. Light & P. Tate)

Message: “The Character of Christ” Jon Sherrill
First in Series: Forward to Maturity
Galatians 5:13-26, Ephesians 4:11-15 Jennifer Holberg
(pg. 946, 948)

Our Response

*Abide (The Worship Initiative)

*Benediction & Sending

*You are invited to stand, if you are able

The Prayer Team invites you to meet at the front
of the sanctuary to pray today after worship.

Website: www.fifthchurch.org
Guest Wi-Fi Password: welcome2fifth



Fifth
REFORMED CHURCH
EST. 1886

September 13, 2026
Ordinary Time | Week 24

WELCOME

Every journey begins with the first step, and we are thankful you have chosen the step of coming to Fifth Church. We are a community of faith, centered on the resurrection of Jesus and the new life God offers us in Christ.

We are a multi-generational community, and we celebrate that fact. No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. If you believe in God some of the time, none of the time or all of the time, you are welcome here. If your skin is brown, black, white or any other color, you are welcome here. If you are married or single, rich or poor, happy or sad... you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us in becoming followers of Jesus – learning to live and lead like Jesus. And when you feel ready, take the next step of getting connected.

~ Pastor Jon Sherrill

Getting Connected

When you complete a Connection Card either the physical version attached here, or the digital version through our church app, someone from the church will contact you to welcome you and begin a conversation about any questions you might have.

Download our Church Center App

To get started with the app on your mobile device: Download it from the App Store, or Get It On Google Play. Once installed, open the app and search for “Fifth Reformed Church.” If you’re using a computer, simply visit: Church Center Online. All of these options are available on the homepage of the church website.

TODAY

As part of our Going Deeper Together focus this year, we begin a new sermon series, “Forward to Maturity.”

Early Childhood | Infant - Age 3

Please register at the check-in desk before worship. Children go to Room 101 by 10AM.

Preschool | 3—Pre-K

Please register at the check-in desk before worship. Children go to Room 102 by 10AM. Please pick up your children immediately following worship.

Fifth Kids | Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Children, K-5th grade, begin worship in the Sanctuary this morning. From there, they are invited to Fifth Kids. K-3rd graders meet in Rm. 201; 4-5th, Rm 103.

Women’s Ministry Kick-off Dessert | TODAY

2-4PM @ Pat Haine’s home. Come kick off the ministry year. Meet new friends and enjoy fellowship.

Liturgical Dance Rehearsal | TODAY 4-5PM

Dancers lead worship on **World Communion Day**, Oct. 4. Contact Miss Sue @ sw930egr@gmail.com.

Student Ministries Tonight

Middle School | 5:00-6:15PM
Meal for all students | 6:15-6:45PM
High School | 6:45-8:00PM

SAVE THE DATE

Liturgical Dance Rehearsals | Sept. 13, 20, 27 | 4-5PM
Men’s Retreat | Sept. 18, 19 | Camp Geneva, Holland
Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course | Sept. 20
Women’s Ministry Book Club Mtg. | Sept. 24 | 7PM
Membership Meet-n-Greet | Oct. 11, 18 lunch
Membership Seminar | Oct. 24 9-11AM
Woodland Drive-In tree planting | Oct. 17 9-3PM

College Care Boxes— Women’s Ministry is making plans to shower love on Fifth’s college students. Parents, please email your student’s name and college address to Kristeen Ralston at kfralston1@gmail.com by Monday, Sept. 29.

NEWS & UPDATES

Wednesdays @ Fifth Sept. 16

King’s’ Kids Choir Musical Rehearsal | 5:00PM
Free Community Meal | 5:30 - 6:30PM
GEMS / K-Quest (girls & boys clubs) | 6:20PM
Bible Study on the book of Mark 6:30PM (Comm. Rm. 3)

Mom’s Time Out | Tuesdays | 9:15-11:15AM

A time for moms to be in the Word and grow in community. (Childcare provided)

Women’s Morning Bible Study | Sep 15 | 9:30AM

All women are welcome to join in a study of Ecclesiastes. (Childcare provided) Contact Kara Paetschow.

Elizabeth/Ruth Circle | Sept. 15 | 9:30AM

Come explore the Lord’s Prayer on the third Tuesday of each month. All are invited. Contact Marsha Dood.

Women’s Evening Bible Study | Sept. 15 | 6:45PM

Explore Romans and what it means to live by faith. Read, listen, and go deeper together. Bring a Bible and notebook. All are welcome! Contact Holli Leegwater.

Senior Adult Event | Sept. 15 | 1:00PM

Join in a singalong. All are welcome!

Baptism | If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please complete the Connection Card or email seldersveld@fifthrc.org.

Membership Seminar | Saturday, Oct. 24 | 9-11AM

This event is for those who’d like to learn more about Fifth or to find out what membership is all about. (Attending the seminar does not commit you to membership.) Please complete the Connection Card.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course

You are invited to work through Peter Scazzero's Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course this fall on Sunday mornings. Scan this QR code for more information and to register online. Reach out to Noah at nprins@fifthrc.org with questions. Class begins Sept. 20.



CONNECTION CARD

Please list your name on the reverse side and place in the offering basket.

- ☐ I would be interested in **Baptism** for myself or my child/ren.
- ☐ I am interested in **Membership** at Fifth.
- ☐ I can help **plant trees** at WDI on Oct. 17.
- ☐ I **sing or play a musical instrument** and would like to talk about participating in worship.
- ☐ I would like to receive **Fifth’s eNews** at this email address:

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ☐ Share with Prayer Team Only
- ☐ Share with Whole Congregation

*To request prayers directly, please email prayer@fifthrc.org

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