

**Faith Reformed Church
Stevensville, Ontario**

October 15, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Elder: James Ramsay

Organist: Dianne Oster

Our Invitation

To all who are strangers and would have a church home; to all who are weary and would find rest; to all who sorrow and seek comfort; to all who are friendless and long for companionship; to all who are sinning and need a Saviour; to all who have lost the sense of the spiritual and would hear the Divine Voice; to all who desire to bring the kingdom of righteousness on earth... this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ bids you...

----- *Welcome* -----

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song Shout to the Lord (sing 2x)

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My Comfort, my Shelter
Tower of Refuge and Strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty Praise to the King
Mountains bow down And the sea will roar
At the sound of Your Name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to The promise I have in You.

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading (responsive) Titus 3:8-15

(pew Bible p. 845/1859)

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

***Hymn 693 Blessed Assurance**

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways, like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. AMEN.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elder: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 125 Let All things Now Living

The Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Scripture Text Acts 15: 1-21

Sermon The Heart of the Gospel: God's Grace Alone

* Hymn 457 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* Benediction

* Congregational Amen

Postlude

** Welcome to Faith Reformed Church **

Faith is a congregation of the Reformation Canada Network
Church Secretary: Mrs. Helen Hill – hhill@faithreformed.ca

Church Office: Closed on Mondays

Office Hours: Tuesday to Saturday - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Web Administrator: Cole Hayes chayes@faithreformed.ca

Church website – www.faithreformed.ca

The Elders continue with worship leadership for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services and pastoral care.

Please Note: the use of the church cell phone has been discontinued.

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship with us this morning.

To Our Visitors

Welcome, we are very pleased to have you here to worship with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us following the service for a time of fellowship.

A Faith Church Prayer Chain is organized that prayer concerns may be brought before the Lord by the congregation as a whole. Prayer concerns may be given to – Nancy Figler for inclusion in the Prayer Chain.

Faith Reformed Church's Prayer Corner

Mabel and Bert Lee
 Kristin, Andrew and Julianna McCombs
 Selina Ogden
 Jerod Ogden
 Howard Fretz
 Carrie and Bill Howe

**** Announcements for the Week of October 15 ****

Sunday, October 15

- ~ 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- ~ 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
- ~ 11:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, October 16

- ~ 10:00 a.m. Faith Fellowship and Prayer online

Wednesday, October 18

The Encouragers Bible Study is cancelled until November 30 in order that we can attend Nel Koudy's Bible Study. Our Bible Study time will recommence on December 4, 11 and 18 – where we will be working on Advent studies and then we will break for Christmas.

~ 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

Prayer, hymn favourites and requests and continuing with the sermon series on the Heidelberg Catechism.

Thursday, October 19

~ 7:00– 8:30 p.m. Community Bible Class at the church
 Continues this week with Nel Koudys teaching an 8 week Fall Session **to November 30.**

The topic for this session is “The Other Twelve”
 Valuable lessons in the ministry from some prominent partners of the Apostles.

Saturday, October 21

~ 10:00 a.m. Ladies Breakfast

Welcome back to all with an invitation to all women of the congregation to join us at Mae's Place Restaurant, Stevensville
 For reservations please sign up in the church foyer.

Upcoming Ministry Events

South Niagara Life Ministries Banquet

The Banquet is on Friday October 27 at 6:15 pm at the Delphi Banquet Hall in Niagara Falls. Please confirm with Janet after church if you will be attending. Details need to be forwarded to SNLM this week and carpooling arrangements need to be made. It's a worthwhile cause and a wonderful time of fellowship.

Holly Daze Soup Lunch & Bake Sale

A Team Meeting was held this past week.

Please Note - some changes to our traditional Holly Daze

Bazaar:

Name Change to - Holly Daze Soup Lunch & Bake Sale

Date & Time the same –

Saturday, November 4 ~ 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Chicken pot pies and Attic Treasures will not be included this year.

Volunteers and donations are needed, please check the sign up lists to help out and donate where you are able.

For any questions and further information please talk to Judy Wood.

Samaritan's Purse

– Operation Christmas Child- Shoebox Ministry

Faith Church is participating in this ministry again this year with Audrey Koole kindly volunteering as Co-ordinator.

Shoeboxes are available at the display in the foyer.

Please help support this ministry by filling a shoebox and returning it to the church on Sunday, November 12.

	Last Week	Year To Date
	<u>October 8, 2023</u>	<u>October 15, 2023</u>

Tithes

& Offerings

General Fund	\$ 4,359.80	\$ 104,468.57
Missions	62.00	6,720.77
Bldg. & Church Property	122.00	7,113.00
Church Sign		200.00
Easter Givings		3,490.00
Estate Bequest	1,000.00	26,000.00
Donation		100.00
Memorials to Men's Group		545.00
Thanksgiving	<u>1,020.00</u>	<u>1,020.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,563.80	\$ 149,657.34