

Faith Reformed Church
Stevensville, Ontario
October 8, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving Sunday

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 715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading (responsive) 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
(pew Bible p.820/1803)

***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.

Special Music Fairest Lord Jesus Solo - Jim Ramsay
Accompanist - Dianne Oster

***Hymn 115 All Creatures of Our God and King**

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 111 This Is My Father's World

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 14:19-28

Sermon Blessed Provisions for God's Church

* Hymn 44 How Great Thou Art

* 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

Phone: 905-382-2914

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.

A church cell phone is now available for **pastoral emergencies after church office hours**. Please call 289-697-4368

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

Molly and Dirk Bod

Sandy and Erwin Mako

Dolly Evans

Elsie Spear and family

Sue and Matt Ward

**** Announcements for the Week of October 8 ****

Sunday, October 8

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

Monday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 11

The Encouragers Bible Study will be cancelled from October 11 – 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.

Holly Daze Bazaar

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

Preparations are underway for a Bazaar again this year.

On **Wednesday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m. here at the church**

a meeting will be held to discuss the organizing details and finalizing the preparations for the day of the Bazaar and the Set-Up day and time. All are most welcome to attend. For any questions or further information please talk to Judy Wood.

~ 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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

Thursday, October 12

~ 7:00– 8:30 p.m. Community Bible Class at the church

Starting this week Nel Koudys will be teaching an 8 week Fall Session from **October 12 to November 30.**

The topic for this session is “The Other Twelve”

Valuable lessons in the ministry from some prominent partners of the Apostles.

To register: sign up or call the church office 905-382-2914 or Email hhill@faithreformed.ca

Upcoming Ministry Events

Saturday, October 14 – 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Invitation to all men of the congregation to join us for breakfast at Mae's Place Restaurant, Stevensville

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 for breakfast at Mae's Place Restaurant, Stevensville. For reservations please sign up in the church foyer.

	Last Week	Year To Date
	<u>October 1, 2023</u>	<u>October 8, 2023</u>
Tithes		
& Offerings		
General Fund	\$ 3,756.00	\$ 100,108.77
Missions	347.00	6,658.77
Bldg. & Church Property	67.00	6,991.00
Church Sign		200.00
Easter Givings		3,490.00
Estate Bequest		25,000.00
Donation		100.00
Memorials to Men's Group	<u>45.00</u>	<u>545.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,215.00	\$ 143,093.54