



REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA
FOLLOWING CHRIST IN MISSION

JULY 23, 2017

9:30 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Approach God in Praise and Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN #405** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***PRAISE SONGS – #94** “Shout to the Lord”; “In Christ Alone”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

The Word of God

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 44:6-8; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON “To Uproot or Let It Be”

Reverend Bill Appleyard-Pekich

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERING

INTROIT **We give thee but thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be:
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

PRAYER AND GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY #34** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***HYMN #428** “It is Well”

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG #305** “He is Lord”

***POSTLUDE**

Welcome!

Sisters and brothers, welcome as we gather to praise our Lord Jesus Christ. Please greet one another warmly.

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**Our shut-ins:** Lois Eertmoed, Ruth McClellan, Ida Stauthammer, Pat Stauthammer, Mary Thorne, Ruth Topper and Viola Wolfer. Please remember them all in your prayers.

**Prayer request:** Please pray for our church partnership with Mvera CCAP church in Malawi, Africa.

**Consistory members:** If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of our consistory members:

## **Elders**

Nancy Munkhondya – *Education*  
Jim Ash – *Missions / outreach*  
Larry Sims – *Property*  
Gloria Busman – *Congregational care*  
Mark Busman – *Education*

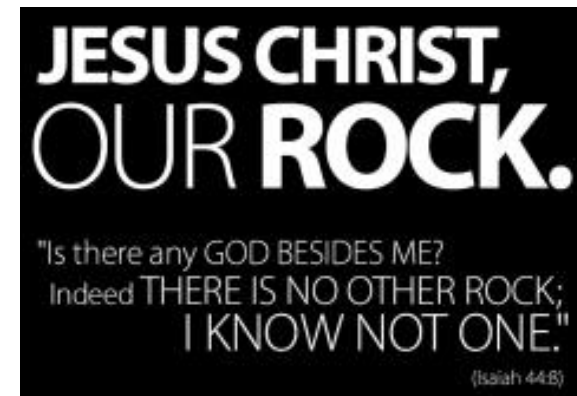
## **Deacons**

Randy Bowers – *Property*  
Jenni Bowers – *Congregational care*  
Paul Sims – *Worship*  
Sharron Proehl – *Worship*  
Bev Cornwell – *Missions / outreach*

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*“Second Reformed Church seeks to invite all people to follow Jesus Christ. Learning and doing, together, all God teaches in the Bible”.*



Reverend Bill Appleyard-Pekich  
Sunday Morning Worship                      9:30 AM  
Sunday School                                      10:45 AM

## *Announcements*

Today 9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Mission of the month:** The July mission of the month is for Words of Hope. The offering will be received July 30.

**Boiler fund:** We continue to solicit donations for the eventual replacement of the boiler that heats the main part of the church building. Please give by placing your contribution in the offering plate (in an envelope labeled “Boiler Fund”). The account that has been set up, exclusively for the boiler replacement, currently has a balance of \$3300.00.

**Please remember** Paula and Bonnie in your prayers. You may send a card of concern to:

Bonnie Pollock  
1413 Matilda St.  
Pekin, IL 61554

Paula Farrar  
24438 Tonka Avenue  
Channahon, IL 60431

## Those Who Serve

### Today (7/23/17)

Greeters: Jim and Jody Ash

Scripture: Jim Ash

Lawn care: Joseph  
Munkhondya

### Next Sunday (7/30/17)

Shirley Holeman and Bernice  
Luft  
Tom Proehl  
Pastor Bill

### ATTENDANCE

Worship service – 62  
Sunday School – 29

### STEWARSHIP

Needed weekly: \$1870.00  
7/2/17 offering: \$1333.60

### Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we come to you praising you. But we also come to you with heavy hearts. Our hearts are heavy with the knowledge that we have gone astray. We have sinned against you in our thoughts words and deeds. Forgive us and give us the strength to follow where you lead and to listen to the still small voice which guides us. In your name we pray, Amen.