



REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA  
FOLLOWING CHRIST IN MISSION

**JULY 30, 2017**

**9:30 A.M.**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **We Approach God in Praise and Prayer**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Count Your Many Blessings”

### **INVOCATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*PRAISE SONGS** – “10000 Reasons”; “Cornerstone”

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**PREPARATORY LITURGY**

## **The Word of God**

### **SCRIPTURE**

1 Kings 3:5-12; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### **SERMON**

“Terms and Conditions May Apply”

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 #525** “When We All Get to Heaven”

**\*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

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| 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 this morning.

**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 (7/30/17)

**Greeters:** Shirley Holeman and  
Bernice Luft  
**Scripture:** Tom Proehl  
**Lawn care:** Pastor Bill

### Next Sunday (8/6/17)

Randy and Jenni Bowers  
and family  
Mark Busman  
Pastor Bill

### ATTENDANCE

Worship service – 62  
Sunday School – 29

### STEWARSHIP

Needed weekly: \$1870.00  
7/9/17 offering: \$1176.10  
7/16/17 offering: \$976.00  
7/23/17 offering: \$944.00

### Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we have come to praise your name, to celebrate the gift of this day and to worship you. But we also come with the knowledge that we have gone astray. We ask your forgiveness Lord. We pray that you would set us back on your path, and guide our steps and our days. In your name we are bold to pray, Amen.

## *August letter from the Pastor:*

This week has been dominated by one thing in our family. Tonsils. On Monday Liam, Barb and I went to visit the doctor to see what we could do. You see Liam has two very large tonsils, which have caused him to have strep throat several times and also blesses him with snoring that would make my great grandfather proud.

Now these tonsils are not large because of anything but genetics. You see several generations of Sara's family have had to have these removed. After that visit, we had to get clearance from Liam's regular doctor. Now each visit has had a similar feel to them. I want to make sure that things are moving along and that everything will happen like it is supposed to. But on Liam's side of things every visit is fraught with terror. He understands that it is in his own best interest to have these removed. He knows that once they are taken out he will not have to worry about getting strep as frequently and that he will get deeper and more sustained sleep. But that doesn't change or diminish in any way his fear about what the surgery is going to be like and what life is going to contain once he is tonsil-less. Every visit contains a portion of time in which I need to talk Liam down. All it takes is a reminder that this isn't the visit for his surgery and all is well, and right with the world.

Fear isn't rational, you really can't calm it down by measuring how ridiculous you are being, or how the fearful scenarios which are running through your head have the slimmest of slimmest chances of happening. Fear takes rational people and makes them feel and do irrational

things. Logic and reality are thrown to the four winds because the only real reality when fear exists is the reality of fear. Fear has many faces and many names. It is different for each and every one of us, and can vary based on who we are, our background, what is and is not important to us. But fear can and often does cause the same response and reaction in us.

Fear exists in our world. Fear of what is going to happen, fear of the unknown, fear for safety and security, all of these are just a few of the faces which fear brings to our lives. But as certainly as fear exists so too does God exist in our lives. One fairly familiar Psalm talks about God being a refuge and strength. But most specifically in verse ten of the forty sixth Psalm we read "Be still and know that I am God." Fear might be strong, but even stronger is the knowledge that whatever it is that we are afraid of is nothing compared to God.

The beautiful thing about life is that whatever we are afraid of, whatever tension that we are under, God is with us. Think for a moment what that really means. With you through a surgery or a struggle is the one who created the heavens and the earth. When you sit in the tension of your job or struggling with a diagnosis, beside you, with you is the one who didn't just send his son into this world to die for our sins, but also raised him from the dead. It might not stop the fears and make them go away, but it should make it easier to live through the fear.

Grace and Peace  
Rev. Bill

## August Greeters and Scripture Readers

|           | <b>Greeters</b>                   | <b>Scripture readers</b> |
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| August 6  | Randy and Jenni Bowers and family | Mark Busman              |
| August 13 | Tim and Tami Oyer                 | Amy Witzig               |
| August 20 | Lena Rapp and Ruth DeSutter       | Matt Oyer                |
| August 27 | Cheri Burrell and Barbara Maas    | Cole Jordan              |

## August Lawn Maintenance

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| August 6  | Larry Sims   |
| August 13 | Mark Busman  |
| August 20 | Jim Ash      |
| August 27 | Randy Bowers |

# SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Box of 24 Crayola crayons  
 8-count Crayola washable markers  
 Kleenex  
 24-count Crayola colored pencils  
 Wet wipes  
 Glue sticks  
 Yellow #2 Ticonderoga pencils  
 Scissors (either safety edge or pointed) Fiskar  
 Ziploc bags (sandwich or gallon)  
 White glue (Elmer's)  
 Erasers  
 Notebook paper (wide loose-leaf)  
 Pocket folders (2 pocket with 3 hole punch)  
 Clorox disinfecting wipes  
 Backpacks:  
 Donations for backpacks...a backpack may be purchased for \$7.00 this year

Composition books  
 Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)  
 Metric ruler  
 Water-color paint  
 pencil box  
 index cards (lined)  
 yellow highlighters  
 small pencil sharpener  
 black or blue pens

