

**Faith Reformed Church  
Stevensville, Ontario**

September 17, 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 Our God Will Go Before Us**

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Keith Getty and Matt Papa  
(please see green booklet)

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading Galatians 2: 15-21 (responsive)**  
(pew Bible p. 824/1811)

**\*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 390 Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray**

**Preparation for Communion**

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, we propose to celebrate together, with the gracious help of God, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day in our morning service. That we may celebrate this Sacrament to our comfort, it is necessary that we rightly examine ourselves. Let us all, therefore, consider our sins, asking ourselves whether we believe this faithful promise of God: that all our sins are forgiven us only for the sake of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, and that the perfect righteousness of Christ is freely given to us as our own, even as perfectly as if we had fulfilled all righteousness.

**Let us also ask ourselves whether we make it our aim to show true thankfulness to God in our whole life, to walk uprightly before God, and to live in love and peace with our neighbour. All those who are of this mind God will certainly receive in mercy and count them worthy partakers of the Supper of our Lord.**

On the contrary, according to the command of Christ and the Apostle Paul, we admonish all those who are continuing in unrepented sin to keep themselves from the Lord's Table. This admonition is not intended, dearly beloved, to distress the contrite hearts of God's people, as if none might come to our Lord's Table but those who are without sin. For we do not come to this Supper to testify that we are righteous in ourselves, but rather that we are conscious of our sinfulness and trust in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation.

Therefore, despite any feeling that we do not have perfect faith, and that we do not serve God as we ought, but have daily to strive with the weakness of our faith and the selfishness of our desires; yet since we are by the grace of the Holy Spirit, sorry for these weaknesses and earnest in our desire to fight against our unbelief and to live according to all the commandments of God, therefore we rest assured that no sin or infirmity which still remains against our will in us can hinder us from being received by God in mercy and from being made worthy partakers of our Lord.

That we may now so examine ourselves before Almighty God, let us confess our sins

### 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 358 For All the Saints

### 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 13: 42-52

Sermon The Word of God Spreads

\* Hymn 345 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Amen

**\*\* Welcome to Faith Reformed Church \*\***

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

Church Office: Closed on Mondays

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Church website – [www.faithreformed.ca](http://www.faithreformed.ca)

The Elders continue with worship leadership for Sunday morning 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**

Elsie Spear and her Family

Henry Kuik

Nel and Henry Koudys

Pat Harrison

Vida Pitman

**\*\* Announcements for the Week of September 17 \*\*****Sunday, September 17**

~ 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

~ 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

~ 11:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

**Monday, September 18**

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

**Tuesday, September 19**

~ 7:00 p.m. Council meets

**Wednesday, September 20**

~ 10:00 a.m. Encouragers Bible Study at the church and online.

~ 6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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

**Thursday, September 21**

~ 10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit at the church. Bring along your sewing, knitting, crocheting and painting craft projects and enjoy coffee and a social time with us.

**Upcoming Events****Hawaiian Theme Social**

is being hosted by the **JOY Fellowship**

**Friday September 29 at 2:00 p.m. here at the church**

Mark your calendar to join us getting together for a taste of Hawaii. A free will offering will be received.

**Be sure to sign up by next Sunday, September 24**

Estate Bequest		25,000.00
Donation		<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,085.35	\$ 132,020.64

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**South Niagara Life Ministries ~**

**31st Anniversary Banquet**

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When: **Friday October 27, 2023**

Where: Delphi Banquet Hall,- 4414 Portage Rd.,  
Niagara Falls, ON. Timing: Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:15 sharp  
Program begins 7:30  
Program concludes 8:30

Buffet Menu: Mixed vegetables, oven roasted chicken,  
penne and tomato sauce, roast beef au jus, roasted  
potatoes, garden salad, rolls and butter, dessert.

This is a great way to learn about SNLM's services, to enjoy a  
meal with friends, to listen to testimonies and to support.

Those of us who went last year were certainly blessed. The  
Missions committee believes this is a worthwhile ministry to  
support since it provides free biblical counselling and practical  
help for people in crisis in the Fort Erie area.

How it works: The church will sponsor two tables of 8, so  
there is no cost for you to attend. However, you will be  
encouraged to make a donation at the end of the evening  
in support of their ministry.

Please see Janet, Brenda or Elizabeth if you wish to attend  
so that we can register as soon as possible.

**Last Week**

**Year To Date**

**September 10, 2023 September 17, 2023**

**Tithes  
& Offerings**

General Fund	\$ 2,870.35	\$ 91,776.11
Missions	100.00	5,984.53
Bldg. & Church Property	115.00	5,470.00
Church Sign		200.00
Easter Givings		3,490.00