

Developing character means being transformed into all God intends us to be. While a consumer culture nurtures self-indulgence and a “religious” approach falls back on the rules, Jesus pointed to something deeper: to the habits of the heart and the cultivated virtues, such as courage, patience, humility, and love. Join with us this month as we investigate how the small, everyday choices we make can shape our moral muscle so that imitating Jesus’ character becomes “second nature.”

Webpage: [fortplainandsprakersreformed.org](http://fortplainandsprakersreformed.org)

**The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry  
is open on Wednesday’s 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**WE NEED:**

**Volunteer’s for ALL SHIFTS**

**Someone to pick up bread at “Freihofers”**

**Tuna and Hot Dogs**

**Bible Study—**

**9:30 am Fort Plain Fellowship Hall**

**1 and 2 Timothy (July 14 and 28)**

**Prayer request forms are available in the narthex,  
place it in the offering plate for use in worship today.  
Also, you can email Bev Dingman with prayer requests at  
[lizingman52@yahoo.com](mailto:lizingman52@yahoo.com)**

Thank you Lauri Broady for leading worship while  
Will and Pastor Ryan are attending Will’s  
Dad’s funeral in North Carolina



FORT PLAIN REFORMED CHURCH

June 30, 2024

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*...as we enter worship, may our hearts and minds be focused on God,  
creator, savior, sustainer.*

**VOTUM**

**PRELUDE**

Alleluia

Mozart

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP—**

God is here with us.

**We come to worship,**

**We come to be changed,**

**We come with love.**

We come as one community, with one voice, to serve one God. Amen.

**\*HYMN**            *"We are Called to be God's People"*            (WC #710)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Loving Savior Jesus Christ,  
Too often we give in to the failings of our human nature,  
Forgetting your teachings and your desires for us.  
Often we stray from your wishes for us,  
Forgetting the times you have lifted us up despite ourselves.  
Many times we let the fear of failure fill out hearts,  
Forgetting that our strength is found in you.  
Hear, Oh Lord, and have mercy on us.  
Help us to know that you are always the one  
Who can clothe us with joy.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**SCRIPTURE**            Romans 12: 3-8      Philippians 4: 1-9

**Musical Meditation**

**SERMON**                      A Virtuous Circle

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH —*Apostles' Creed***

**\*HYMN**            *O God of Every Nation*            (WC #422)

**SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**            *"It's So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*            (WC #520)

**\*Doxology/Prayer**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

*"God who hears...."*

*"bring healing, bring joy."*

**\*BLESSING**

**\*HYMN**                      *"Christ Beside Me"*                      (WC #543)

**\*POSTLUDE**                      *"Allegro"*                      Handel

There is something cooking  
on JULY 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 10:30 am  
Come join the crew as they make  
spaghetti and meatballs for the Food Pantry.  
Stay and enjoy lunch and fellowship.  
Please let Monya know if you can make it.

You are all invited to attend the installation of  
Rev. Nancy Ryan  
to the Sprakers Reformed Church  
**July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 pm**  
Please plan to join us in this joyous  
celebration of our congregations  
ministry together

**Join us in July for a sermon series in Exodus**

July 7

Set Free

Exodus 14—15:21

July 14	Ground Rules for the Journey	Exodus 15:22-27
July 21	Food, Faith, and Testing God	Exodus 16—17:7
July 28	Family, Redemption, and Good Order	Exodus 18