FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM – January 29, 2023 Rev. Brian Hofman....Guest Minister

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: SW#8:1-4 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Opening Prayer *God's Greeting

*What We Believe: Apostles' Creed (PH pg. 813) Hymn of Praise: #555:1-3 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

(children may leave for children's church)

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Congregational Prayer Offering: Cadets Offertory

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: SW#36:1,2 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Prayer for Illumination

God's Word Read: Matthew 5:1-12

God's Word Proclaimed: "Life in God's Kingdom: Shocking Blessings"

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Response: #288"1,2,5,6 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #632 "To God Be the Glory"

*Postlude

Matthew 5:1-12 - 1/29/23 PM Pastor Brian's Big Ideas

Jesus' teaching on life in God's kingdom begins with beatitudes
The kind of people Jesus declares blessed are not the kind of people we or the world around us would probably expect
God's people receive rather than earn these blessings
God's blessed people depend on God and love others
The promised rewards result from God's kingdom coming
Jesus calls and helps His people gratefully grow in these traits