First Christian Reformed Church
THE GOSPEL IN COMMUNITY

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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GOD CALLS WE GATHER

God's Greeting & Call to Worship

I'll Fly Away Medley

Mutual Greeting

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

God's Guide for Grateful Living

My God, How Wonderful You Are (PsH 499)

GOD SPEAKS WE LISTEN

Children's Moment

Series: Back to Basics
Message: In the Beginning, God
Scripture: Genesis 1:1, Psalm 14
Pastor Loren Kotman

GOD PROVIDES WE GIVE THANKS

Celebration of Holy Communion
Turn Your Eyes

Prayers of the People

Offering (Blue - General/Benevolence)

Promises

GOD SENDS WE OBEY AND SERVE

Sending

God's Blessing

Yes I Will

SERMON GUIDE

Series: Back to Basics
Message: In the Beginning, God
Scripture: Genesis 1:1, Psalm 14

1. "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." (Psalm 14:1a)

- Fool - "_____" refers to the person who is like a stubborn animal, someone who is lacking in reason or righteousness.
- "Heart" refers to the governing center of a person's being. The heart governs a person's attitudes, body, intellect, and emotions.
- The fool really _____ there is a God but chooses to reject that knowledge of him.

2. What is in the heart of the fool _____ the way he lives his life.

- "They are corrupt, their deeds are vile."
- Practical atheists - people who believe there is a God but live like there is none.
- "All have turned away, all have become corrupt, there is no one who does good, not even one." (Psalm 14:3)
- Can the term "practical atheist" ever apply to us as Christians? Do we ever live as though God doesn't exist?

3. Without God and His _____, we are like the people described in this Psalm.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CONFAB

1. Why does the fool believe there is no God?
2. What is a practical atheist?
3. What are some ways that we live as though God does not exist?