

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Communion Sunday, February 3, 2019



Welcome...

At First Church one of the best ways we can grow together is through Sunday morning worship. Here, you'll find a warm and welcoming community of people from all different walks of life gathered together in unity to lift high the name of Jesus. We do this in all sorts of different ways. We sing new songs with guitars and old songs with an organ. We pray new prayers from the heart and ancient prayers of the faith. We preach the same Good News of Jesus Christ in new and fresh ways in hopes of intersecting the Word of God with the stories of our lives. Whether you grew up Catholic, married a Baptist, or anything in between, you'll find a home in worship here at First Church.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude Joanne Hoeksema

Opening Song of Worship *"Jubilate Deo"* – arr. by Peter Anglea
Trinity Christian College Concert Choir
Dr. Helen Hoekema Van Wyck, conductor
Kristin Slager, accompanist

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.
For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting,
and His truth endureth to all generations.*

Psalm 100:1, 2 & 5

Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Time of Worship #3 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* (vs. 1, 2, & 4)
"God the Uncreated One"

Prayer of Confession Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance *"Death Shall Not Destroy"* – arr. by Alice Parker & Robert Shaw
Trinity Christian College Concert Choir
Dr. Helen Hoekema Van Wyck, conductor
Kristin Slager, accompanist

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon "Conquering Your Fears"

*Those who are able please stand.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Barb Grevenoged

Offering

"I Sing the Lord A Morning Song" – arr. by Austin Lovelace
Trinity Christian College Honors Ensemble
Dr. Helen Hoekema Van Wyck, conductor
Maria Heynen, accompanist

*Doxology

Joanne Hoeksema

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan
The congregation is invited to be seated for the 'Sending in Grace'.

*Sending in Grace

"The Lord Bless You & Keep You" – arr. by Philip Stopford
Trinity Christian College Concert Choir
Dr. Helen Hoekema Van Wyck, conductor
Kristin Slager, accompanist

*Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship
for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND. Rejoice with us this morning in celebrating the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have joined us and invite you to return at your next opportunity. Join us after the service for a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall located on the lower level, followed by a Sunday School hour for all ages! Our thanks to Trinity Christian College Concert Choir and Honors Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Helen Hoekema Van Wyck, for providing our ministry of music this morning.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 27

Basket Total: \$3,985.00

Online Total: \$615.00

Giving Total: \$4,600.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

WORSHIP...

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be **Wednesday, March 6** at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Join us for a time of worship and stay for a Soup Supper following the service as we begin the Lenten Season.

LENTEN GATHERINGS: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent beginning Wednesday, March 6. They will be held in the Chapel on Wednesdays (through April 10) at 6:00pm. Don't miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus (nursery provided).

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our organ. For more information or with any questions please see Clair Hoeksema, Elder VP, or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. "Special Project" envelopes are available on the narthex shelves.

AREA EVENTS...

REGISTRATION FOR 'SUMMER CAMP 2019' continues. Remember to register early for preferred dates. Visit Manitoqua.org for additional information and registration. Call our office at 815.469.2319 if you need any assistance.

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN WINTER ACTIVITIES? Camp Manitoqua & Retreat Center is hosting family game nights on Mondays in February. The game nights will include rotations based on age and activities (1st grade through adults). Cost is \$5 per person per child each date (parents are free) or \$15 if you come all 4 weeks! Dates and times are **Feb. 4, 11, 18, & 25** from 6:00-7:30pm. To RSVP, please contact Nathan@manitoqua.org or call 815.469.2319. Payment can be submitted upon arrival. Space is limited so RSVP soon!

CHURCH LIFE...

PLEASE EXCUSE the scaffolding and other building equipment in the narthex as we continue the necessary repairs on the projection system. This past week a temporary projector was installed, and we anticipate that our new projector should be installed very soon. Thank you for your patience during this process! Please see Anthony with any questions or concerns.

THANK YOU for your thoughts, prayers, calls and cards during this difficult time in our lives with the passing of my daughter Kim's husband and Jessica's father, Victor Maurer. All were greatly appreciated. With Christian Love - Norma Smit, Kim Maurer, Brandon and Jessica Murzyn and their son.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite soups for our annual Soup Supper following our **Ash Wednesday Service, March 6**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333.0622.

THE CHAPEL is available for you to use to participate in the morning worship service. Please feel welcome to use this space to accommodate your family's needs.

MUNCH & MINGLE is scheduled for **Sunday, February 10** at 11:30am in the Activity Center. Please call the church office to RSVP.

PRAYER ROOM: Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11:00am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.

CARE...

Gabby Gatlin has been admitted to the University of Chicago.

Paul Van Kley continues in hospice care at home.

Ralph Knopf continues with chemo treatments.

Paul Paarlberg has started his chemo treatments.

Claude Boomsma is now in rehab at Park Place in St. John, Indiana.

Tom Peterson has been diagnosed with cancer in his face, head and neck and is scheduled for a lung biopsy on Tuesday, February 12.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Anker, Beecher Manor, Room 504A, 1201 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL 60401

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

GREETERS: Bob & Nancy Asmus and Larry & Phyllis DeYoung

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Myrna Eytcheson

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dawn Kuyper

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: John DeVries

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Rachel Wooley

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck

WELCOME CENTER: Rick Furst

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Rich Thornton

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Jeannie Spike, Norma Smit and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30AM: Management Team Meeting in the Genesis Room

10:00AM: Perpetual Care Meeting in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

GREETERS: John & Ramelle DeVries and Ron & Diana Abernathy

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

MUSIC TEAM: Dave Besser, Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Peter Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

SOUND: James Kuyper; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes; **WELCOME CENTER:** Don DeGraff

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MEMORY VERSE...

“The Lord’s teachings are perfect. *They give new strength.* The Lord’s rules can be trusted. *They make plain people wise.* The Lord’s orders are right. *They make people happy.* Keeping them brings great reward. -Psalm 19:7-8, 11

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continues for all ages at 11:00am.

PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT KIDS meet for a time of singing in the Genesis Room at 11:00am followed by their Bible story time.

- **PRESCHOOL** (Ages 3-4) Teachers: Aubrey Durkin, Rhonda Hesselink, Sara Jabaay, and Brittany Paarlberg. This class will meet in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible stories and a craft-time.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten-4th Grade) Teachers: Kim Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna and Noreen VanDeursen. This class will meet in the rooms across from the drinking fountain in the Activity Center for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (5th Grade – High School) Teachers: Pastor Corey, Barb Grevengoed, Mike Hoeksema and Roger Hommes. This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall and will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

ADULT CLASS:

- **JOIN RUSS PAARLBERG** in the Chapel for a Sunday School class continuing today titled: “Who Are We? – the Identity of the Reformed Church in America and the First Reformed Church of South Holland.”

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

AFTERNOON WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will be this **Tuesday, February 12**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room as we continue Lesson 6 and 7 “What Matters Most.” Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Nancy DeVries and Sherry Gouwens.

BOOK CLUB meets on **Tuesday, February 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Breaking Night” by Liz Murray. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.



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