

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 11, 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	Bonnie Feenstra
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#34 <i>"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"</i> (vs. 1-3) <i>"Great Is He"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Preparation	#471 <i>"Nothing but the Blood"</i> (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-10
Sermon	"Faith's Greatest Enemy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Don DeGraff
Offering	<i>"Find Us Faithful"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Willard High
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i> (vs. 2)
*Postlude	Bonnie Feenstra

*Those who are able please stand.

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

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. For more information or with any questions please see Don DeGraff, Elder VP, or Ray Ondrejka, Deacon Chairman. "Special Project" envelopes are available on the narthex shelves.

WORSHIP...

OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE A FRIEND! Our Outdoor Service is on **Sunday, August 25** at 9:30am on the beautiful front lawn of the Church. We will also celebrate our annual Church Picnic on that Sunday immediately following the morning service.

CARE...

Doris Peterson is recovering from back surgery at Ingalls Hospital.

Bill Rietveld is recovering at Ingalls Hospital. He had at least 1 cancerous lymph node removed along with multiple other nodes from the area. Biopsy report on the other nodes will be back next week. His doctor is not recommending further treatment if those nodes return as positive for cancer.

Jeannie Spike has started a new chemo regimen that will go through the end of September.

Chinedu Akoma continues her recuperation at home.

David Besser's PET scan showed that the cancer in his liver, bones and adrenal glands is gone. He still has a battle ahead with his brain cancer. He continues with targeted medications to work against this disease.

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, is recovery from another neurosurgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer Room 221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 4

Basket Total: \$5,991.00; Online Total: \$1,720.00; Special Offering: \$115.00

Gift & Memorials: Ralph Knoph - \$100.00 and Pastor Mel DeVries - \$100.00

Giving Total: \$8,026.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATES...

Correction on **Lois Van Vuren's** phone number: #219-515-3292

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for the calls, visits, and prayers I received during my recent surgery and hospital stay. A special thank you to Pastor Rich for his caring calls and visits. All these things were priceless!
- Craig Nelson

OUR OUTDOOR SERVICE is on **Sunday, August 25** at 9:30am and will be followed by our Church Picnic in the Activity Center. Last names beginning with **A-I** make a **SALAD** to share; **J-Z** make a **DESSERT** to share. Jimbooo's fried chicken & pulled pork is our main course. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall after our morning service.

FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY KICKOFF: Dear First Church Ladies, please join us on **Tuesday, September 24** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church for a time of fellowship, fun, food, and an introduction to our new Bible Study season. The first part of our season, we will be working through the DVD study of Ephesians 6 by Priscilla Shirer entitled, "The Armor of God". In this study, we will learn the action plan for putting on the full armor of God and developing a personal strategy to secure victory against our enemy. The cost of the study guide is \$15.00 and will be distributed at the Kickoff. We will then be meeting the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of the month, October - April at 1:00pm. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the Kickoff, or for more information, please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316, or email her at mck_117@yahoo.com Hope you can come and join us.

TRI TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Help raise funds for HOPE Packs of school supplies for local kids in need! Join Elim Team TRI for the SuperSprint at the 2019 Chicago Triathlon on **Saturday, August 24!** Register as an individual (0.23-mile swim, 6.2-mile bike, 1.5-mile run), recruit your own relay team (2-3 people), or sponsor another team or individual. Learn more at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2019elimteamtri/> or info@elimcs.org or 708-293-6509. The Super Sprint is super short, super fun, and super impactful. Register by July 31 and use promo code **2019ElimTRI** to get \$15 off the registration fee!

CRUISE NIGHT at the Town Center Commons (South Park Avenue north of Route 6 in South Holland) on **Saturday, August 24** from 4-8pm. Open to classic, antique, custom and exotic cars, trucks and motorcycles. Live music, food vendors, bounce houses, face painting.

THE SOUTH HOLLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE is looking for those interested in selling arts and/or crafts on **Monday, September 2** (Labor Day), at the Paarlberg Farm, 172nd Place and Paxton Avenue. This event attracts 500+ visitors. Space is limited, so call Lynn at 708-596-3386 for an application. The deadline for reserving a space is August 20.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

GREETERS: Dave & Becky Wright and Rich Zimmerman
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Daniel Day, Peter Keep, & Bill & Nikki Nyhanna
ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema
PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander
SOUND: James Kuyper
VIDEO: Ron Rietveld
NURSERY: Mary Decker and Sara Jabaay
PRAYER ROOM: Ron & Diana Abernathy
WELCOME CENTER: Trina Taylor
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Barb Grevengoed; First Response: Rich Thornton
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Decker, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman, and Nikki Nyhanna
11:00AM: A brief Elders meeting in the Heritage Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

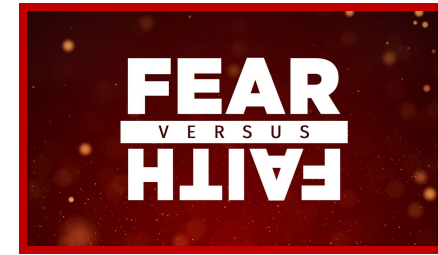
7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

5:45PM: OASIS Service & Snacks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

GREETERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Faye Gowens
COFFEE SERVERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Mike & Cindy Nylen
MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Curt DeGraff, Kevin Hesselink, Nate Krygsheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
PRAYER ROOM: Roger DeGraff
WELCOME CENTER: Rick Veldboom
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To get to know you better, please fill out our **Welcome Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you want more information about the life of First Church, make sure to include your email address.**