

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 10, 2019



Welcome...

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	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"</i> Chancel Choir & Jubilate Ringers
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#45 <i>"Come, Thou Fount"</i> <i>"10,000 Reasons"</i> <i>"His Mercy Is More"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Victory in Jesus"</i> – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Mark 2:18-22
Sermon	<i>"Jesus Changes Everything"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offering	Moment for Missions: Talking Bibles
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	<i>"In This Dry Land"</i>
*Postlude	Margaret Oetjen

Those who are able please stand.

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

GREETERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and John & Ramelle DeVries

COFFEE SERVERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Merley Verhagen

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

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

PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

PRAYER ROOM: Ron & Diana Abernathy

WELCOME CENTER: Rick Veldboom

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Mary Koster

MUNCH & MINGLE: Meets in the Activity Center at 11:30am



VETERANS DAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Church Office and Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care Closed

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library

1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

GREETERS: Larry & Phyllis DeYoung and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen and Faye Gowens

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sherry Norris

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

SOUND: Aaron Taylor; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: Dave Besser

WELCOME CENTER: Don VanBaren

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok, Mary Decker and Arleta Hommes

OASIS: Meets in the Loft from 6:30-8:00PM

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.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, as well as Faith & Fellowship formation ministries are in full swing and it's a great time to be part of our First Church Family. With that in mind, as we begin the second quarter of our fiscal year, the deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and donations.

Though our expenses are less than budgeted due to our senior pastor vacancy, it's important to note that our weekly giving has also been less than budgeted. We are currently \$22,052.88 behind budget. As we approach the end of this calendar year during this time of transition, please continue your faithful giving. As we grow together in the Grace of Christ, we are so very thankful to God for 1st Church and eagerly anticipate the work He will continue to do in and through us.

CARE...

Harriet DeYoung has been admitted to Ingalls Hospital for tests.

Keith Flowers is home recovering from knee surgery.

Bill Rietveld is recovering from gall bladder surgery at Ingalls Hospital.

Roger Hommes has concluded his treatments and will have testing soon to determine if additional treatments will be necessary.

Jeannie Spike has completed her chemo regimen; her bone marrow biopsy showed good results.

Joyce Deinema has been able to return home and will continue rehab on an out-patient basis.

Russ Gouwens has been able to return home and will continue rehab on an out-patient basis.

Chinedu Akoma continues her recuperation at home.

David Besser continues with targeted medications to work against his brain cancer.

Bob Griffin's lung cancer has come back and he has started chemo treatments.

Dave Schultz, brother of Deb Woltzen, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and her mother, Jean Schultz has bleeding in her eye and has started injection therapy to save the eye.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson has been diagnosed with early stages of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; he has completed his treatments with a Pet Scan scheduled for Nov. 18.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Paulette Adams, 16301 Drexel Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

WORSHIP...

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE is on **Wednesday, November 27** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. As you enter for worship, please bring your monetary and material gifts (non-perishable food items and clothing) to the front of the church. Place your offering of food on the steps. Baskets are provided for your monetary offerings. Ushers and Sunday school children are present to help you carry your items if needed. Nursery provided.

ADVENT is a time of waiting and preparation. Join us for a mid-week worship service to begin the season of Advent on **Wednesday, December 4**. We will gather in the Chapel at 6:00pm for a time of worship. Nursery provided.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS is **Sunday, December 15** at 6:00pm. Join us in the Sanctuary for a celebration of Christmas music including Vocal Ensembles, Instrumental Pieces and a Children's Choir as we hear and sing the story of Christmas. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Let's fill the Sanctuary as we celebrate this Advent Season. Nursery provided.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE is **Tuesday, December 24** at 11:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come to greet the infant King through song, prayer, proclamation, the lighting of the Birth Candle and a candlelit sending.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 3

Basket Total: \$10,237.00

Online Total: \$5,315.00

Special Offering: \$50.00

Giving Total: \$15,602.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

PRAYER ROOM – Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. 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.

LEARNING...

THE GOSPEL PROJECT: For ALL ages!

All **students** (3-year-old through 5th grade) can be dropped off in the Genesis Room at 11:00am and picked up there at 12:00pm. **The adult class meets in the Chapel from 11:00am-12:00pm.**

- ❖ November 10: "God Foreshadows His Promise"
What does it mean to obey God in the face of loss? And how do we trust that loss can happen even within God's *good* control of all things? Join us at 11:00am this Sunday morning as we discuss these questions together in light of God's instructions to Abraham.
- ❖ November 17: "God Provides for His Promise"
- ❖ November 24: "God Renews His Promise"
- ❖ December 1: "God's Mercy to a Deceiver"

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING: This **multi-generational class** is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up!

- ❖ November 10: "Key Power" (Q & A 83-85)
What are the two "keys of the kingdom," and what "doors" do they open or lock? Join us in the Heritage Room (next to the chapel) this Sunday morning at 11:00am as we delve into this foundational question of our faith.
- ❖ November 17: "Thankful Living" (Q & A 86-87)
- ❖ November 24: "From "Death to Life" (Q & A 88-90)
- ❖ December 1: "God's Guide to Doing Good" (Q & A 91-93)

FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: Please join us this **Tuesday, November 12** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room as we review the homework from Session 2, "The Belt of Truth". Focus on Ephesians 6:14 as we view the DVD teaching and complete the viewer's guide p. 66-67. As an independent study, for the next two weeks, please do the homework on p. 68-91 for "The Breastplate of Righteousness". Our Bible Studies meet the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of the month. For more information, please call Mary Koster @708-380-4316 or email her at mck_117@yahoo.com. Treats: Nancy Asmus and Arleta Hommes.

BOOK CLUB will meet this **Tuesday, November 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "A Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596-7314.

CHURCH LIFE...

AT THE MEETING OF THE CONSISTORY on Monday, October 28, based on the Search Committee's recommendation, the Consistory unanimously approved to extend a Call to Rev. James Oord to be our next Senior Pastor. There will be an opportunity to receive more information and to affirm the extension of this Call at a congregational meeting to be held immediately following our Sunday morning worship service on November 24. Please pray for the Oord family and for our church family as we move forward in this process, and please make every effort to attend Worship and the congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 24**.

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall today with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Take an angel from the tree and PRINT your name and phone# on the angel list on the table. Buy the gift listed on your angel and return it by Sunday, December 1. On your gift attach the angel (use it for the name tag and you can put your name as giver if you like.) Wrap the gift as securely as possible as it is handled many times getting to its destination. Please spend the minimum of \$10.00 on your gift. This may be the only present your "angel" will receive.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets **Sunday, November 17**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP in the Fellowship Hall after the service to attend our FALL FIESTA catered taco night on **Wednesday, November 20** at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. Fellowship and Fun for all ages.



JOIN US TODAY in the Fellowship Hall at noon for a Mission Luncheon with Mark Hoekstra with Talking Bibles. On **Sunday, November 24**, we will have a luncheon for Suzie Miller with Reliant Ministries. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

ANOTHER ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE workday is planned for next **Thursday, November 21**. Please call Barb Grevengeod @476-1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.

PLEASE VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the Fellowship Hall after the service to sign cards for our shut-in birthdays and hospitalized.

PLEASE KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church – which is closet to the elevator – available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank You!

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.



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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.**