

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Sunday, November 22, 2020



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

"He Is the King of Kings"
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
"You Deserve It"

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Praise the King"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Revelation 1:9-20

Sermon

"Rules of Engagement: Who Do You Follow?"
Pastor Jim Oord and Pastor Corey Buchanan

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

"Take Up Your Cross"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

*Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*Those who are able please stand.

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

GREETERS: Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

USHERS: Gwen Adams, Ron Rietveld, Trina Taylor, and Dennis & Debbie Woltzen

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom and Robert Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Mike Decker

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:30PM: Elders and Deacons meet

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:00PM: Thanksgiving Eve Service in the Sanctuary

As you enter for worship, please bring your monetary and material gifts (non-perishable food items and clothing) to church with you. Material gifts will be collected in the narthex. Baskets will be provided for your monetary offerings. Ushers are present to help you carry your items if needed.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – THANKSGIVING & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Church Office and Day Care Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

GREETERS: Gwen Adams, Andy DeBoer, Don DeGraff, and Don & Gerri VanBaren

USHERS: Russ Paarlberg, Clifton Rhodes, Ron Rietveld, Dennis & Deb Woltzen, and Trina Taylor

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna, Austin Parks, Matthew Rietveld and Rachel Wooley

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

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

CARE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Lois Van Vuren on the passing of her sister, Beverly Lorenz, on Sunday, November 15.

Rhonda Hesselink received results from some tests that confirmed a diagnosis of breast cancer. She is scheduled for additional tests and will be scheduled for surgery soon.

Dorothy Ravesloot fell and broke some ribs. She will be staying with her daughter in Wisconsin for a few weeks.

Dave and Becky Wright are going through COVID. Becky is starting to feel better, however, Dave is still experiencing some symptoms.

Marla Owens continues at Great Lakes Nursing Home in Dyer Room 4A.

Don Spiekhout is at Symphony of Dyer for rehab. His new room number is A103.

Leona Jacobs is out of Hospice Care and in an Assisted Living Apartment at Park Place in Elmhurst.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, continues needing prayer as he struggles with non-hodgkins lymphoma.

Dottie VanVuren's son, **Brian**, had testing done for a recurring problem on his lip. Pray for good results and a treatment plan.

Lenore VanderMeer is at St James Manor for physical therapy and dementia.

Jean Schultz, Deb Woltzen's mother, has been able to return home after being in the ICU with breathing complications from congestive heart failure.

Chad and Dara VandenBosch, our missionaries in Mozambique, need your prayers as they await a final court date with their adoption of Zinha.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Diane Snyder, 774 E. 164th St., South Holland, IL 60473

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2020...



AS INDOOR WORSHIP CONTINUES and Faith & Fellowship

Formation ministries are starting up again, it is a great time to be a part of our First Church Family. The deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support of the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and your donations. Currently, we need to complete raising funds to pay for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. We are 1/3 of the way there already, but we still need to raise \$70,000 to add to the \$50,000 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

SERMON NOTES...

Revelation 1:9-20
“Rules of Engagement: Who Do You Follow?”
Pastor Jim Oord and Pastor Corey Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU to our First church family for your love, encouragement, and support following the sudden loss of our dear son and brother, Tommy. We thank God for the gift of His church and the assurance of eternal life for His children.

– The Buchanan Family

THE QUILTERS AND KNITTERS have temporarily suspended meeting together. More information will follow when they decide to meet again.

COVID PROTOCOL VOLUNTEERS: We are so thankful that God has blessed us with the ability to worship together in our building in a safe and joyful way, and we are so thankful for the volunteers that help open doors and usher us in and out. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please email or call the office (office@frch.org) and we'll add you to the list. All it requires is some brief training, a cheerful heart, and willingness to show up to church at 8:45am on your assigned Sundays.

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL has a volunteer opportunity for a Spanish/English translator to assist BLI with the translation of documents or other forms of communication between English and Spanish in order to engage more donors and partners in Bible League's ministry. Contact DVanSwol@bibleleague.org

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Sunday School classes will meet for a 15-minute lesson beginning 10 minutes after the conclusion of worship. 3-4-year-olds will meet in the Sanctuary, Kindergarten-2nd grade in the Genesis Room, and 3rd-5th grade in the Chapel. They will be sent home with crafts and projects. There is also a discussion group for 6th-12th grade which meets in the Narthex. Please remind your children to keep their masks on during Sunday School. We look forward to growing in God's Word together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: There will be no Sunday School on Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving Break or on Dec. 27, Jan. 3, and Jan. 10 for Christmas Break.

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY finished up their last session for the fall this past Tuesday. The 2021 session will begin on **Tuesday, January 12**, with the study, “Jonah, Navigating A Life Interrupted” by Priscilla Shirer.

WORSHIP...

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2020: "Advent" is the beginning of the Church Calendar, a period of longing and preparing for Christmas. "Advent" means "waiting," and doesn't that feel appropriate for the way things are in our world right now? We are all waiting for this pandemic to be over, waiting for restrictions to be lifted, waiting for life to return to normal. Our Advent sermon series which will begin on **Sunday, November 29**, is titled "**It's Hard to Wait.**" We are praying that we will meet the Jesus who answers our longings and gives us wisdom and strength to wait with hope.

Here are some Advent & Christmas Dates to keep in mind:

Sunday, December 13 at 6:00pm

A special evening celebrating the story and songs of Christmas!

Thursday, December 24 at 11:00pm

Christmas Eve service

Sunday, January 3 at 9:30am

Tolling of the Bells service

This year, we will not be doing our traditional Wednesday night Advent gatherings due to the pandemic, but we have several other opportunities for pandemic-appropriate community encouragement and celebration planned. Stay tuned!

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 15

Basket Total: \$5,613.25

Online Total: \$1,400.00

Blessing Boxes: \$100.00

Giving Total: \$7,113.25

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

There are several ways to bring your gifts to the church:

- Online
- Mail
- Bring to church office
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door

SECRETARIES' COVID OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – NOON / Monday – Friday



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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.**