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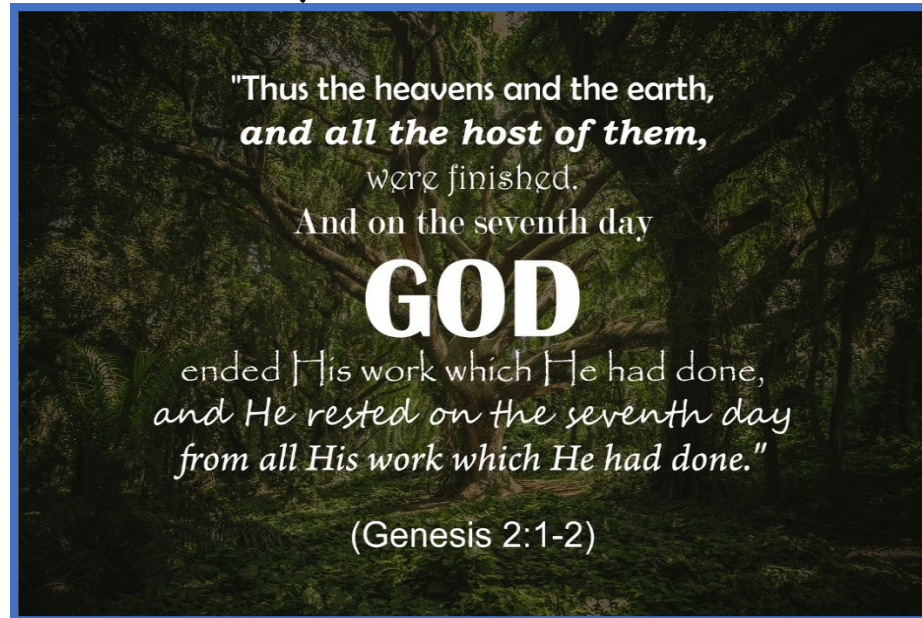
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 15, 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	Steve De Vries
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Singing	<i>"God of Creation, All-Powerful"</i> <i>"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"</i>
Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance	<i>"We Confess"</i>
Song of Assurance	<i>"Like A River Glorious"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 2:1-2; Psalm 146 Ray and Chandra Ondrejka
Sermon	"Rules of Engagement: Rest"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Don DeGraff
Offering	
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore"</i>
*Postlude	Steve De Vries

*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 15

GREETERS: Don & Gerri Van Baren, Bonnie DeGroot, Andy DeBoer, and Deb Oord

USHERS: Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, Rodger Norris, Mike & Cindy Nylen, and Ray Ondrejka

MUSIC TEAM: Julia Keep and Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

OASIS: 6:30-8:00pm meeting in the Loft

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

GREETERS: Nyla DeGraff, Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot and Clair 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

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REMINDERS...

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE is **Wednesday, November 25** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. You will find your Thanksgiving envelope in your mail slot today. 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.

CARE...

Bob Asmus has returned home from the hospital.

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

Bill Rietveld was taken to the hospital this past week with some health concerns. He was able to return home the next day.

Mykah Lett is recovering from out-patient foot surgery that she had on Friday.

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

Don Spiekhout is at Symphony of Dyer, Room 152C for rehab.

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

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.

George and Sharon Dinkel request prayer for their daughter, Kris Hynes, who is recovering from neck surgery and their grandson, Sam, who has COVID.

Jean Schultz, Deb Woltzen's mother, has been admitted to Franciscan Munster 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: Bill & Barb Rietveld, 1413 E. Joe Orr Road, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

SECRETARIES' COVID OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 2:1-2
"Rules of Engagement: Rest"
Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for the cards, prayers, and calls. I am so thankful to be a part of a caring church. – Deb Woltzen

THE QUILTERS AND KNITTERS have temporarily suspended their 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@frcsh.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.

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall now 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 Thanksgiving. 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 a minimum of \$10.00 on your gift as this may be the only present your "angel" will receive. If you are uncomfortable or cannot make it in to get a tag from the tree, please call Noreen (708-752-6706) and she will let you know what is available to pick from. Also, some gifts requested are expensive (ex. coats) so feel free to go together with another family. Thank you.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 8

Basket Total: \$5,857.25; Online Total: \$3,450.00; Sunday School: \$49.02

Giving Total: \$9,356.28; (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

LEARNING OPPORTUNITES...

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.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2020...



AS INDOOR WORSHIP HAS RESUMED 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!

AREA EVENTS...

JOIN US for Illiana Christian's 6TH annual silent and live auctions this **Saturday, November 21**. The silent auction will begin at 5:00pm and the live auction at 5:30pm in the gym. The proceeds of the auction will go to the athletic department. If you have questions or would like to donate to the auction, please email btrepton@illianaweb.org. By donating to the auction, your business will receive advertising the night of the auction and in the winter sports book.



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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.