

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018



Welcome...

Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ's reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to his rule. The day is celebrated widely in some traditions and is normally scheduled on the last Sunday before Advent. It therefore serves as a transitional Sunday leading directly into Advent, the Christmas cycle, and the new Christian year. The day fits well with the eschatological emphasis and anticipation of Christ's second coming highlighted during Advent. It also helps worshipers, who are already thinking about Christmas, to remember that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger—it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the "Prince of Peace."

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 25, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Song of Thanksgiving and Praise"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#262 <i>"Rejoice, The Lord Is King"</i> (vs. 1-4) <i>"Living Hope"</i> <i>"Soul Will Sing"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"How Deep the Father's Love"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Ephesians 1:3-14
Sermon	"Gathered Up"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response	<i>"They'll Know We Are Christians"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offering	<i>"Thanks Be to Thee"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	#840 <i>"God Be With You"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"Crown Him King of Kings"</i>

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ralph Knopf is recovering at home.

Colton Smit, Clarence and Judy Brouwers' infant great grandson, is in the Comer Children's Hospital with bacterial meningitis.

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

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member that has been admitted to the hospital.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

PREVIEW ILLIANA (Open house for prospective students and their parents) **Thursday, November 29** at 7:00pm. Meet with faculty and administration, tour the campus, attend informative sessions and have all your questions answered about Illiana. No pre-registration necessary. Questions? Contact Marie Limback, Director of Admissions, @219.558.7066 ext. 49

ILLIANA ORATORIO SOCIETY cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of **Handel's Messiah**. The concert will be on **Sunday, December 2, 2018** at 2:00pm at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please join us for the Christmas season as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

FAITH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH invites you to attend their annual Journey of Joy. This live nativity will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 1** and **Sunday, Dec. 2**, from 1:00-6:00 pm. All ages will enjoy the 40-minute guided tour through eight scenes (complete with live animals) leading up to the birth of Christ. Tours begin every 10 minutes. For shorter wait times, we suggest coming on Saturday. There is no charge for admission and the event is wheelchair accessible. Faith is located at 8383 W. 171st Street in Tinley Park. Call 708.532.8300 for more information.

COME CELEBRATE the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord** cordially invites you to join them in **A Festival of Nine Lessons in Carols for Christmastide** on **Saturday, December 15** at 7 pm at Thorn Creek Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Come join the singing with the Carols and Songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Justin Rich is the director, Beverly Hoitsma is the pianist, and Nancy Venema is the organist. Betsy Archer will be with us this year as soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

SERMON NOTES...

"Gathered Up"

Erin Pacheco

Ephesians 1:3-14

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.

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WELCOME Erin Pacheco to our pulpit this morning. Erin is a graduate of Trinity Christian College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and, together with husband, Moises, is preparing to plant a Christian Reformed congregation in East Garfield Park.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Gwen Adams on the passing of her mother, Alice Washington, on Tuesday, November 20 in Minneapolis.

PLEASE SUBMIT any address/phone number/email updates to the church office for our new upcoming directory. We would like to incorporate updated pictures in this directory, but we will not be hiring a photography company to take photos of all church members. Instead, we ask that you please submit a recent, clear photo of your family (cell phone photos are perfect) to the church office by emailing to office@frch.org. Please keep those photos coming.

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.

BOOK CLUB will not meet in December. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, January 8** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH needs some volunteers to help us in the Food Pantry on Saturday morning Dec. 1 at 9:00. We will be packing some bags for families and sorting the food we received from our Thanksgiving donations. It should only take a couple of hours depending on the number of volunteers, but any time you can come would be appreciated.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 18

Basket Total: \$6,698.00

Online Total: \$715.00; Special Projects: \$50.00

Giving Total: \$7,463.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



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.

MEMORY VERSE...

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6

WORSHIP...

ADVENT is a time of waiting and preparation. Join us for a mid-week gathering during the season of Advent as we pause, reflect and wait for the coming Messiah. We will gather at 6:00pm on **Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19** for a time of worship. Nursery provided.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT is **Sunday, December 9** at 6pm. Join us in the Sanctuary for a celebration of Christmas music including Vocal Ensembles, Instrumental Pieces and a Children's Choir. 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 **Monday, 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.

LEARNING...

SUNDAY SCHOOL today for all ages at 11:00am.

- **PRESCHOOL** (Ages 3–4) – This class will meet in the Genesis Room.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten–4th Grade) – This class will meet in the rooms across from the drinking fountain in the Activity Center.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (5th Grade – High School) – This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall studying the Heidelberg Catechism.
- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Our next Bible study will be this **Tuesday, November 27** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church as we continue our new season, Lesson 3 "What Matters Most – How & Why We Run the Race", Philippians 3. Study Guide page 84-106; Memory Verse: Philippians 3:13-14. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Betty Lenting and Jeannie Spike.

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Tuesday, November 27** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylen's home (16009 School Street). We will continue to meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. We will be studying the book "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nylen at 708-217-3713.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

GREETERS: James & Michelle Kuyper and Ron & Diana Abernathy
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Rodger & Sherry Norris
NURSERY: Barb Housman and Sara Jabaay
ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema
MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Daniel Day, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna and Robert Wooley
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld
PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck; **WELCOME CENTER:** Dave Wright
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema and Alice Kats

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

1:00PM: Women's Bible Study in the Genesis Room
6:30PM: Evening Women's Bible Study at Cindy Nylen's home

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00PM: Choir Practice
8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00AM-1:30PM: Christmas Concert Rehearsals

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

GREETERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen and Ray & Barb Housman
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Myrna Eytcheson
NURSERY: Gerri VanBaren and Abby Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries
MUSIC TEAM: Julia Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes; **WELCOME CENTER:** Roger Hommes
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Tiffany Buchanan; First Response: Rick Furst
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Norma Smit, Jeannie Spike and Deb Woltzen



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