

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 24, 2019



Welcome...

Welcome to First Reformed Church on this Third Sunday of Lent. Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. During the forty days of Lent we remember that being a faithful disciple of Christ requires the disciplined nurture of spiritual life and its practical application. Accordingly, the church has historically observed Lent as a time of spiritual renewal practiced by prayer, fasting, and giving. We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning as we continue our journey together to Golgotha and, ultimately, to the empty tomb.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday, March 24, 2019 WE APPROACH GOD

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| Prelude | Margaret Oetjen |
| Opening Song of Worship | <i>"Take Up Your Cross"</i> – Chancel Choir |
| Welcome & Greeting One Another | Pastor Corey Buchanan |
| *Congregational Singing | #29 "O Worship the King" <i>"What Greater Love"</i> <i>"His Mercy Is More"</i> |
| Prayer of Confession | Anthony Bolkema |
| Song of Assurance | <i>"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"</i> – Chancel Choir |

THE WORD OF GOD

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| Scripture | Luke 10:25-37 |
| Sermon | "Giving Up Your Plans" |

WE RESPOND TO GOD

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| Congregational Prayer | Larry DeYoung |
| Offering | Margaret Oetjen |
| *Doxology | |
| *Benediction | Pastor Corey Buchanan |
| *Sending in Grace | #479 "O, How He Loves You and Me" |
| *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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 17

Basket Total: \$7,433.79; Online Total: \$890.00

Special Offering: \$25.00

Giving Total: \$8,348.79

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. 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.

WORSHIP...

THE PATH TO THE CROSS: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing this **Wednesday, March 27**. They will be held in the Chapel on Wednesdays (through **April 10**) at 6:00pm and are designed to foster the personal and corporate spiritual disciplines that are integral to the development of Christian discipleship. As such, these gatherings will include times of worship, teaching, introspection, and interpersonal discussion (nursery provided).

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (nursery provided). We will have our casserole dinner first and then our service follows.

April 19: Good Friday Service will be held in the Chapel at 7:00pm (nursery provided).

April 21: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

AREA EVENTS...

JOIN US FOR PANCAKES! We invite you to partner with the South Holland Fire Department for our Annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast. This annual event takes place on **Saturday, April 6** from 7:00am until 11:00am at Fire Station #1 (16230 Wausau Avenue). We will enjoy a fun-filled morning with a delicious meal, fellowship, raffle, and conversations with our firefighters.

CHURCH LIFE...

OUT CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Tom Peterson, who passed away on Monday, March 18.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to Gwen Adams, on the passing of her father, John Washington, on Sunday, March 17. Services will be held on Saturday, March 30 from 11:00am – 12:30pm at Lawndale Community Church, 3827 Ogden Avenue in Chicago.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to our congregation who attended the annual Elim Hostess Supper. We collected \$14,150.00. It was a great night of fellowship.

Your Key Ladies, Judy Gill, Lynn Hoeksema, Tricia Paarlberg, & Wanda Veld

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets **Sunday, March 31**, from 6:00-7:30pm in the Loft.

THE MONTH OF MARCH we will be restocking our food pantry. Your donations can be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall. We will accept all foods, but we really need the following: *canned fruit, canned meat & fish, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and canned or boxed potatoes.*

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite casserole for the dinnertime at our **Maundy Thursday** service on **April 18**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite casserole (and soon to be ours)☺.

ONE OF THE THREE PRELIMINARY COPIES of the pictorial directory is missing from the Welcome Center. Could you please notify the church office if you know of its whereabouts?

CARE...

Ralph Paarlberg continues at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee due to pneumonia.

Dave Besser found out that his cancer is much more aggressive than first thought. He has completed a round of radiation on his brain and has begun radiation treatments on his hip.

Ralph Knopf continues with his immunotherapy treatments.

Claude Boomsma has been moved to Providence in Crestwood, Room 36-Bed 2.

Bob Asmus has returned home from the hospital.

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers is recovering from neurological surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Winnette Anker, Holland Home Room 632, 16300 Louis Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

SERMON NOTES...

**Luke 10:25-37
“Giving Up Your Plans”
Pastor Corey Buchanan**

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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

GREETERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Griff & Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Marie Hesselink
ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen
PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, & Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink
VIDEO: Mike Decker; **PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Arleta Hommes
WELCOME CENTER: Larry DeYoung
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema & Alice Kats

MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room
7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary
7:30PM: Elders and Deacons meet

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:00PM: Meet in the Chapel for Lenten Service: *“Into the Desert to be Tested”*

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

GREETERS: Roger & Judy Gill and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot
COFFEE SERVERS: Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Don & Gerri VanBaren
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink
VIDEO: Ron Rietveld; **PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Judy Gill
WELCOME CENTER: Clair Hoeksema
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Carol Barnes, Lili Swenson and Gerri VanBaren
OASIS: Meets in the Loft from 6:30-8:00pm

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continues today for all ages at 11:00am.

PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT KIDS meet for a time of singing in the Genesis Room at 11:00am followed by their Bible story time.

- **PRESCHOOL** (Ages 3-4) Teachers: Aubrey Durkin, Rhonda Hesselink, Sara Jabaay, and Brittany Paarlberg. This class will meet in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible stories and a craft-time.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten-4th Grade) Teachers: Kim Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna and Noreen VanDeursen. This class will meet in the rooms across from the drinking fountain in the Activity Center for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (5th Grade – High School) Teachers: Pastor Corey, Barb Grevengoed, Mike Hoeksema and Roger Hommes. This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall and will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

ADULT CLASS: Today is the third of a 4-week class on how modern archaeology can enhance our knowledge of the Bible. We will talk about a few of the impacts of Ancient Egypt, artifacts from Israel and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be this **Tuesday, March 26** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We continue our study of "The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi." Session 4 – "Galilee: Ministry Grounds." (Matthew 4:23-35). We will take a video tour of Galilee, then work on p.69-75 in our study guide. Homework assignment for the next two weeks: "Digging Deeper" p. 77-84. Questions call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Joanne Hoeksema and Georgian VanDrunen.

BOOK CLUB meets on **Tuesday, April 9** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Maggie Bright" by Tracy Groot. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

MEMORY VERSE...

"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."
- Philippians 3:10-11



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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.