

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018



## Welcome...

"We believe that our good God, mindful of our crudeness and weakness, has ordained sacraments for us to seal his promises in us, to pledge his good will and grace toward us, and also to nourish and sustain our faith. He has added these to the Word of the gospel to represent better to our external senses both what he enables us to understand by his Word and what he does inwardly in our hearts, confirming in us the salvation he imparts to us. For they are visible signs and seals of something internal and invisible, by means of which God works in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. So they are not empty and hollow signs to fool and deceive us, for their truth is Jesus Christ, without whom they would be nothing." ~ Article 33 of the Belgic Confession

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
September 16, 9:30AM

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"I Will Sing Praise"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Time of Worship	<b>#77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</b> <i>"Praise the King"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Balm in Gilead"</i> – Chancel Choir

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	James 5:13-20
Sermon	<b>"Sac • ra • ment: Anointing the Sick"</b>

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Time of Response	<i>"O Come to the Altar"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Matt Waterstone
Offering	Moment for Missions: Chad & Dara VandenBosch
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	<b>#840 "God Be with You"</b> (vs. 1)
*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.

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**ELIM'S DUTCH FESTIVAL** is **Saturday, September 22**. Pancake Breakfast is from 7:30-10:00am. Shops, farmers market, entertainment and delicious food throughout the day (8am-4pm). Free admission, parking and shuttle. All proceeds go directly to the children and adults of Elim (13020 S. Central Ave., Crestwood, IL). For more information, call 708-293-6509 or visit [www.elimcs.org](http://www.elimcs.org).

**THE EXODUS PROJECTS** invite you to join them at their annual breakfast being held on **Saturday, September 22** at Scrementi's Restaurant in Steger IL, from 8:30 - 10:00 am. This event will include introductions to The Exodus Projects board and staff, a review of the previous year's events, and information regarding upcoming events. Please consider joining them for a morning of fellowship and thanksgiving. To R.S.V.P. please call 708-414-0527 or email [theexodusprojects@gmail.com](mailto:theexodusprojects@gmail.com). For more information, please see Corey Buchanan or Nikki Nyhanna.

**23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS** will take place on **Tuesday, October 9**. There will be a brief public service at Thorn Creek Reformed Church (1875 E 170th Street) at 7:00pm and the parade will begin there at 7:30pm. The parade will then wind through the streets of South Holland, Thornton and Homewood, ending at the Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway, in honor of Homewood Firefighter, Brian Carey, who gave the "Supreme Sacrifice" while fighting a structure fire in Homewood.

**PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES** will host its 58<sup>th</sup> annual Torchlight Dinner on Nov. 2 at the Shedd Aquarium. Come celebrate another year of ministry and enjoy a variety of food, music, and, of course, amazing aquatic exhibits. For reservations, contact Joan at (708) 342-8108 or go to [www.torchlight2018.com](http://www.torchlight2018.com) to register.

## CARE...

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Lois Van Vuren** continues at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

**Ralph Knopf** continues with his chemo treatments.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Winnette Anker, Holland Home, Room 632, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL

## OUR GIFTS...

### Sunday, September 9

Basket Total: \$8,196.00; Online Total: \$2,210.00

Gift & Memorial: Jaci Rietveld – \$300.00; Rich Riddering – \$125.00

Special Projects Total: \$150.00

**Giving Total: \$10,981.00**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

## SERMON NOTES...

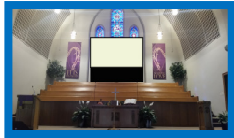
"sac • ra • ment: Anointing the Sick"

James 5:13-20

Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone

**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.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...**



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church. The dual screens and the center hanging projectors have been removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area. Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still encouraged. Approximately \$71,000 of the \$75,000 needed for this project has already been raised thanks your gracious support. Your prayers over generosity to this important project are encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

## **CHURCH LIFE...**

**RICH AND I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED** attending this church. I have found out it is not only because of the beautiful messages, but because of the caring staff and congregation. When one of us is down, it is God’s people who rally together to help pick up the pieces. My family will forever be grateful for the prayers, love and compassion that you showed all of us during all of Rich’s trials, but especially these last 4 months. Thank you, Pastor Matt, for your visits and words of hope that you shared with Rich, Kim and I at the hospital and on that last visit at home. Anthony and Joanne, thank you for the beautiful music at the funeral, Rich surely would have loved that. And a special thank you to the “soup serving” team on Sunday, you handled the large crowd with grace and ease. Thank you, church family. You are so very dear to all of us.

– Monty Riddering & Family

**TIFFANY AND COREY CANNOT EXPRESS** how grateful they are for the encouragement they received last Wednesday at their Bridal Shower. It was a perfect evening. Thank you for your generosity and we cannot wait to see you on the big day!

**AS WE CONTINUE** in another year of Sunday School for all ages, please pray for our teachers and helpers as they lead classes, prepare crafts, and teach the catechism. Also, please pray for learners of all ages as they deepen their faith. A friendly word of encouragement to make Sunday School a priority for you and your family as we grow together in the grace of Christ.

**MUNCH & MINGLE** will begin their new season next **Sunday, September 23** in the Activity Center at 11:30am. Call the church office or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to reserve your spot.

**THE SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE** is coming to First Church on **Sunday, October 15** for a concert at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. Mark your calendars for an enjoyable afternoon of music.

## **LEARNING...**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** continues 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: Rhonda Hesselink, Sara Jabaay, and Sarah Waterstone. This class will meet in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible stories and a craft-time.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Teachers: Kim Bolkema and Nikki Nyhanna. 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** (5<sup>th</sup> 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 CLASSES:**

- **JOIN PASTOR MATT** in the Chapel at 11:00am as we reflect on where we want to sit. Come and find out more!
- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

**DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES!** Please join us on **Tuesday, September 25**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church, for a time of food, fellowship, and an introduction to our new season. The first part of the season, we will be working on a DVD Study by Karen Ehman titled, “What Matters Most, A Study of Philippians”. In this study, the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Philippians will show us how we can banish our anxieties of the world and rest in the peace of Christ. The cost of the study guide is \$15.00 and will be distributed at the kick-off. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the kick-off, or for more information, please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316.

**EVENING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on **Tuesday, September 25** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylén’s home (16009 School Street). We will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. We will be studying the book “Uninvited” by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nylén at 708-217-3713.

**BOOK CLUB** meets **Tuesday, October 9** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Notorious RBG” by Irin Carmon. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**GREETERS:** Griff & Mary Decker and Mike & Cindy Nylen  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Craig & Jan Nelson and Wendy Stehle  
**NURSERY:** Rachel Wooley  
**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen  
**PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Anthony & Kim Bolkema, Nancy Burke, Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom  
**SOUND:** James Kuyper  
**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor  
**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Ron Abernathy  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Don VanBaren  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Colin Cutler  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Mary Decker, Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok, and Arleta Hommes

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**GREETERS:** Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Craig & Jan Nelson  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen  
**NURSERY:** Sara Jabaay and Nikki Nyhanna  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom  
**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Sarah Waterstone; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Arleta Hommes  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Furst  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Colin Cutler  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema and Alice Kats  
**11:30AM:** Munch & Mingle in the Activity Center  
**6:30-8:00PM:** OASIS meets in the Loft



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### STAFF...

**Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone**  
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*Director of Mercy & Justice Ministries*

**Anthony Bolkema**  
*Director of Worship & Student Life*

**Rev. Mel De Vries**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Nyla De Graff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri Van Baren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Toni Smith**  
*Director of Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

**Ben Plascencia**  
*Church Custodian*

**Darcy Daly**  
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**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

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