

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018



Welcome...

At First Church one of the best ways we can grow together is through Sunday morning worship. Here, you'll find a warm and welcoming community of people from all different walks of life gathered together in unity to lift high the name of Jesus. We do this in all sorts of different ways. We sing new songs with guitars and old songs with an organ. We pray new prayers from the heart and ancient prayers of the faith. We preach the same Good News of Jesus Christ in new and fresh ways in hopes of intersecting the Word of God with the stories of our lives. Whether you grew up Catholic, married a Baptist, or anything in between, you'll find a home in worship here at First Church.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 28, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"The Church's One Foundation"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#34 <i>"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"</i> (vs. 1, 2 & 3) <i>"Cornerstone"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Preparation	<i>"Ancient Words"</i> – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 2:15-25
Sermon	"Not Alone"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Larry DeYoung
Offering	Margaret Oetjen
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	#840 <i>"God Be with You"</i> (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...

PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES will host its 58th annual Torchlight Dinner this **Friday, November 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 to register.

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL in South Holland, IL is hosting their Fall Open House for interested families of PK-8th graders. It's not too early to begin planning for the 2019-20 school year. Come visit and meet staff, Calvin parents, and tour the school. Mark your calendars for **Monday, November 5th from 9:00-11:00 am**. To RSVP, please visit www.calvinschool.org and click "Open House Sign-Up" or contact Tanya Harper, Director of Enrollment, at 708.331.5027.

THE EXODUS PROJECTS is collecting gently used winter coats for a give-a-way on November 17 in Chicago Heights. If you have any men, women or children's coats you would like to donate, please bring them in by **November 4** and place on the table in the Fellowship Hall. See Corey Buchanan or Nikki Nyhanna if you have questions. Thank you as always for your support!

YOU'RE INVITED TO FAITH AND ACTION'S Annual Banquet on **Thursday, November 15** at 6:30pm at the Serbian Social Center (18550 Stony Island Avenue, Lansing, IL). This evening is a fundraiser banquet and will include opportunities for you to partner with Faith and Action through financial gifts, prayer, and fellowship. Please RSVP by November 8 to 708.672.7520 or faithandaction.jodi@gmail.com.

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

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tom Peterson has returned home from the hospital but is still in need of prayer as he has a compression fracture, herniated disk and severe heart problems.

Don Spiekhout continues with outpatient rehab therapy three times a week.

Ralph Knopf has returned home from the hospital.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Mulder (new address), Village Woods Room 213, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

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

SERMON NOTES...

"Not Alone"

Genesis 2:15-25

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.

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Diane Snyder on the unexpected passing of her sister, Jo-Anne Dalman, on Monday, October 22.

A SEARCH COMMITTEE was unanimously approved by the full consistory. The members are Jim DeGroot (CoChair), Roger DeGraff (CoChair), Tim DeYoung, Joanne Hoeksema, Peter Keep, Nikki Nyhanna, Ray Ondrejka, Trina Taylor, Amy Veldboom, Clint Verhagen, and Rachel Wooley.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Chairman, Mike Decker.

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.

UPTOWN BAPTIST volunteers, going forward, will not be making their monthly trip to Uptown as they have done for 20 years! Thank you all who have given their dedication to this mission that started as a Youth Project in 1998.

TRUNK R' TREAT is **Wednesday, October 31** from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick R' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There will be a candy donation box in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE - We're going back to help! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 15** from 10:00am-1:00pm for sorting and stocking. Bring a lunch and a friend! We can arrange carpools, too. If you can come, please contact Sara Jabaay at sara.jabaay@gmail.com or (708)302-2612.



Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 3!

OUR GIFTS...

[Sunday, October 21](#)

Basket Total: \$4,521.00; Online Total: \$845.00

Giving Total: \$5,366.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

LEARNING...

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! It will resume on **Sunday, November 4** 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:

- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Our next Bible study will be this **Tuesday, October 30**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church as we continue our new season, Lesson 2 "What Matters Most – Heavenly Minded & Earthly Good", Philippians 1:20-30. Study Guide page 33-50; Memory Verse: Philippians 1:27. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Arleta Hommes and Nancy Asmus.

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, November 13** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nysten'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 Nysten at 708-217-3713.

BOOK CLUB meets on **Tuesday, November 13** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "The Good Neighbor" by Maxwell King. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

MEMORY VERSE...

"I will praise the Lord at all times. His praise is always on my lips. My whole being praises the Lord." - Psalm 34:1-2

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

GREETERS: Rick & Pam Furst

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Griff & Mary Decker

NURSERY: Marie Hesselink and Rachel Wooley

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Joe Fransen, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Amy Veldboom and Robert Wooley

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Mike Decker

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes

WELCOME CENTER: David Besser

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema and Alice Kats

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00-7:00PM: Trunk R Treat in the church parking lot

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

GREETERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Rich Zimmerman

COFFEE SERVERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

NURSERY: Cindy Paarlberg and Sherry Norris

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

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill; **WELCOME CENTER:** Ron Abernathy

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Jeannie Spike, Norma Smit and Deb Woltzen



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