

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Communion Sunday, March 3, 2019



Welcome...

Each and every Sunday we gather together as a family to be reminded of and re-formed by the Story of the Bible. It's a dynamic Story of a world made by God, stuck in sin, but saved by Jesus and sustained by the Holy Spirit. It's a Story that provides hope for the hurting, purpose for the wanderer, and community for the lonely. And ultimately, it's a Story that draws us in to worship and sends us out in mission, to share this Good News with our world that is in desperate need of salvation. So welcome to worship at First Reformed Church! We pray God will speak to you through His Story today and you would join us in Growing Together in the Grace of Christ.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Rich Grevengoed
*Time of Worship	#21 <i>"How Great Thou Art"</i> (vs. 1, 2, & 4) <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Nikki Nyhanna
Song of Assurance	<i>"There Is A Redeemer"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Joshua 1:1-8
Sermon	"Time to Step Up"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Corey Buchanan
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	#346 <i>"Sing Praise to the Lord"</i> (vs. 3)
*Postlude	Joanne Hoeksema

*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, February 24

Basket Total: \$4,754.00

Online Total: \$415.00

Special Offering: \$100.00: Gift/Memorial: \$25.00

Giving Total: \$5,294.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

Elim collection total: \$930.00

WORSHIP...

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be this **Wednesday, March 6** at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Join us for a time of worship and stay for a Soup Supper following the service as we begin the Lenten Season and become more disciplined in our discipleship (nursery provided).

THE PATH TO THE CROSS: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent beginning **Wednesday, March 6**. 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).

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



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.

AREA EVENTS...

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is hosting their annual Taste of PK & Kindergarten Open House tomorrow, **Monday, March 4** from 9:00-11:00am. If you have questions, please contact Tanya Harper at: tharper@calvinschool.org. Thank you for your continued partnership!

THE EXODUS PROJECTS is looking for volunteers for **Saturday, March 9** for a community event in Chicago Heights. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for more information. If you have any questions see Nikki Nyhanna or Pastor Corey.

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU to our church family for all the cards and prayers during Paul's illness and passing. Thank you, Pastor Rich, Anthony, and funeral luncheon ladies, for your loving service at Paul's funeral. It's wonderful to be connected to such a loving church family.

- Cindy, Nick, and Diane Paarlberg

JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL today from 4:00pm-4:30pm as we gather to spend some time in prayer, lifting up those within our congregation who are in need of prayer and seeking God's continued guidance for our church during this time of pastoral transition. Please make every effort to join us for this most important time together.

NOMINATING BALLOTS for the **Tuesday, May 14** Congregational Meeting at 7:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes in the Narthex by **Sunday morning, March 17**.

THE ANNUAL ELIM HOSTESS SUPPER will be held on **Friday, March 15** at the Protestant Reformed church in Crete. If you are interested, please contact Judy Gill (708-279-7599) or Lynn Hoeksema (219-808-3752).

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.**

THE CHAPEL is available for you to use to participate in the morning worship service. Please feel welcome to use this space to accommodate your family's needs.

CARE...

Dave Besser has returned home from the hospital. His melanoma has returned, and he has begun immunotherapy treatments.

Gabby Gatlin has been released from the University of Chicago Hospital.

Paul Van Kley continues in hospice care at home.

Ralph Knopf has started immunotherapy treatments.

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

Tom Peterson has been diagnosed with cancer on his face, head and neck area. He has started radiation treatments. His lung biopsy did show that he also has lung cancer. Treatments for that cancer will start later.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Beth Burrink, Freedom Village, 145 Columbia Ave., Holland, MI. 49423

SERMON NOTES

“Time to Step Up”
Joshua 1:1-8
Pastor Corey Buchanan

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 3

GREETERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Ray & Barb Housman

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Myrna Eytcheson and Rodger & Sherry Norris

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries

MUSIC TEAM: Peter Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **PRAYER ROOM:** Ron & Diana Abernathy

WELCOME CENTER: Rick Veldboom

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:30AM: Quilters and Knitters meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:30AM: Management Team meet in the Genesis Room

6:00PM: Ash Wednesday Service/Soup Supper

7:30PM: Choir Rehearsal

8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

GREETERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and John & Gay Kraai

COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Ron & Shirley Scheffers

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Isabella Veldboom

ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer and Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** James Kuyper

VIDEO: Mike Decker; **PRAYER ROOM:** Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck

WELCOME CENTER: Russ Paarlberg

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Arleta Hommes, Barb Grevengoed, and Mary Koster

MEMORY VERSE...

"Blessed are those who live at Your house. They are always praising You."

– Psalm 84:4

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY. Christian education continues next week 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:

- When you read the Bible, do you ever wonder about the ancient world it describes - the people, their families, and the culture in which they lived? For the next four weeks, Stu Swenson will be teaching an adult Sunday School class focused on the nexus of archaeology and scripture to help us better understand the world and worldview of some of our favorite biblical characters. The class will meet in the chapel on Sunday mornings at 11:00am on **March 10, 17, 24, & 31** and will conclude with a field trip to the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago to see some artifacts from the world of the Bible.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be on **Tuesday, March 12** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We continue our study of "The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi." Session 3 – "Capernaum: Ministry Headquarters." (Luke 4:31-32, 38-39). We will take a video tour of Capernaum then work on p.51-57 in our study guide. Homework assignment for the next two weeks: "Digging Deeper" p. 59-65. Questions, call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Anna Mae Groeneveld and Myrna Eytcheson.

BOOK CLUB meets on **Tuesday, March 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency" by Alexander Smith. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.



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