

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

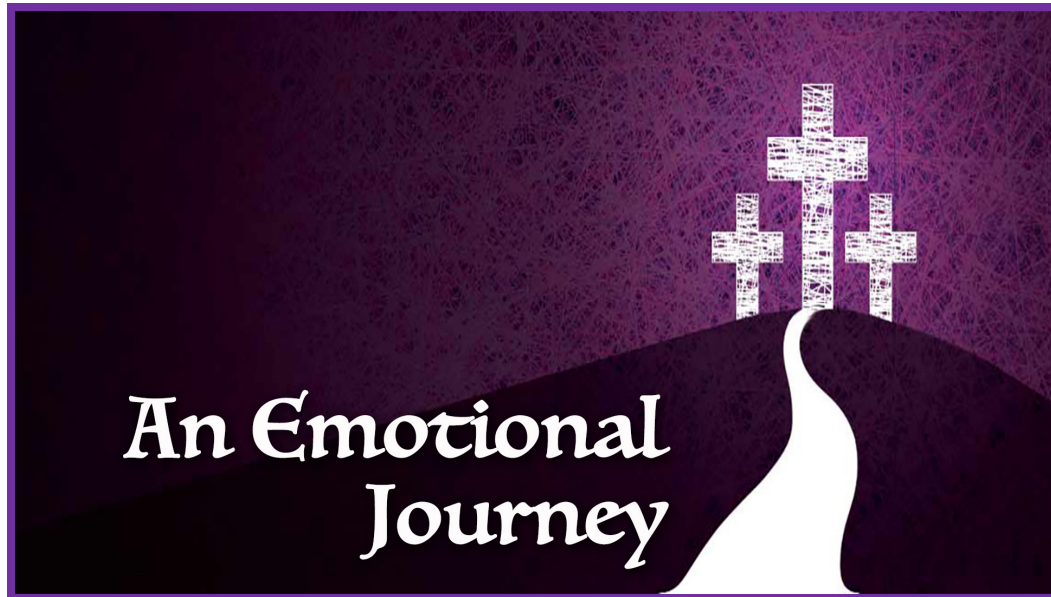
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 18, 2018



Welcome...

Lent is a time of repentance and renewal. And one way to do this is to consider the emotional texture of what is going on in our hearts and minds throughout this season. Lent, perhaps more than any other season, draws upon our human emotion. Feelings we don't always feel. Images and scriptures of agony, betrayal, anger, and confusion all come to the forefront. And throughout this season of Lent, we are going to explore the human emotions connected to this holy season. What feelings are being felt? What emotions are being dealt with? What are people like Judas, Jesus, Peter and the rest of the disciples feeling? And how should we be feeling? And more importantly how can those feelings and emotions focus our worship on repentance and renewal?

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday, February 18, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Time of Worship	<i>"God the Uncreated One"</i> #96 <i>"Praise Him, Praise Him"</i> <i>"O God Beyond All Praising"</i> <i>"Thank You, Lord"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Isaiah 53:1-7
Sermon	An Emotional Journey: "Conviction & Confession"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Time of Confession	Pastor Matt Waterstone "Lord Have Mercy"
Song of Assurance	#496 <i>"Give Thanks"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Don DeGraff
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending In Grace	#211 <i>"Lead Me to Calvary"</i> (vs. 4)
*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.

CHURCH LIFE...

LENT IS A SEASON OF PREPARATION AND REPENTANCE during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Please come into worship this morning preparing your hearts and minds through prayer and silence.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Karen Van Kley who passed away on **Tuesday, February 13.**

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Harvey Hoekstra who passed away on February 10 at the age of 97. He was the former President of Talking Bibles and one of our missionaries for over fifty years. The work of Talking Bibles will be carried on as in the past by two of his sons, Mark and Paul. Funeral services will be held in California on **Monday, February 19.**

DUE TO LAST WEEK'S INCLEMENT WEATHER the PASS baby bottles can still be turned in today at the table located in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

MUNCH & MINGLE has been rescheduled for **Sunday, February 25** at 11:30am in the Activity Center. Please call the church office to RSVP.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on **Sunday, March 11.** Please set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



COFFEE COUNTER in the Fellowship Hall will be open to those who would like to fellowship prior to the service at 9:00am and enjoy a hot cup of coffee.

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL ELIM HOSTESS SUPPER will be on **Friday, March 16** at Crete Protestant Reformed Church. The doors open at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. If interested please contact Judy Gill, Lynn Hoeksema or Tricia Paarlberg.

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.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH is having a food drive for the food pantry for the month of February. Food may be dropped off on the table in the Fellowship Hall. The items that are needed are: canned chicken, canned ham, canned beef stew, canned tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables & fruits, mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, sides (stove top stuffing, boxed potatoes & etc.).

WORSHIP...

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing **Wednesday, February 21st.** They will be held in the Chapel on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Don't miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus (nursery provided).

CARE...

Howard Taylor is recovering from shoulder surgery at home.

Jackie Rietveld has moved to the Memory Care Program at Park Place in St. John, IN.

Nora Anker continues at Beecher Manor for rehab.

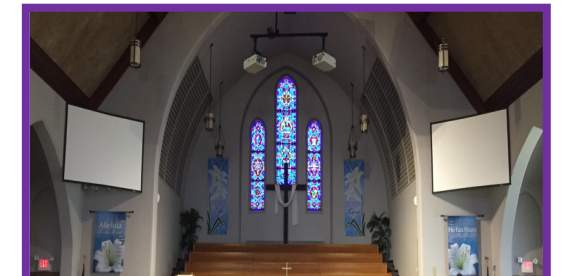
Kathryn Vinke is continuing at Arden Court under hospice care.

Ralph Knopf has completed his treatments and will soon be scheduled for surgery.

Nancy Zivkovich, Dottie Van Vuren's daughter, has started a new medicine and is able to be home but does have in-home care.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Shirley Witvoet, 148 Indianwood Dr., Thornton, IL 60476

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



Many thanks to those who have given "above and beyond" to the projection system project. An Ad-Hoc Team has been formed to explore the best options for our projection system that are both functional and aesthetically congruent with the beauty of our sanctuary. We are also beginning to address the improvements needed to the organ. Please pray for wisdom and discernment regarding both of these important projects. 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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

GREETERS: Ron & Diana Abernathy and Ray & Barb Housman
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Colin & Geni Cutler
NURSERY: Kim Bolkema and Merley Verhagen
SOUND: Rhonda DeBok; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld; **PROJECTION:** Brittany Paarlberg
MUSIC TEAM: Kevin Hesselink, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
PRAYER ROOM: Andy DeBoer
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Rich Thornton
COOKIE PROVIDERS: Mary Decker, Diana Abernathy, Arleta Hommes and Rhonda DeBok

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:30AM: Knitters meet in the Library
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:00PM: Lenten Service meets in the Chapel
7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

GREETERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Roger & Arleta Hommes
COFFEE SERVERS: Mike & Cindy Nysten and Trina Taylor & Gwen Adams
NURSERY: Brittany Paarlberg and Kaylee Kuyper
SOUND: James Kuyper
VIDEO: Mike Decker
PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander
MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg
ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen
PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema
PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Rich Thornton
COOKIE PROVIDERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats, Pam Costello and Celeste DeBoer
OASIS: Meets from 6:00-7:30pm in the Loft

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES TODAY AT 11:00AM

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5) Teachers: Sara Jabaay, Sarah Waterstone and Rhonda Hesselink. This class meets in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible Stories and has a craft-time.
PRIMARY (Ages 6-10) Teachers: Rachel Wooley, Kim Bolkema and Nikki Nyhanna. This class will meet in the Library for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
SECONDARY GROUP (Ages 11-17) Teachers: Nyla DeGraff & Pastor Corey Buchanan. This class meets in the Loft and will follow up on themes learned in the Sunday morning sermons.

ADULT CLASSES:

Join Barb and Rich Grevengoed as they lead a class on Tim Keller's best-selling book "Generous Justice." The class will meet in the Chapel.
Pastor Mel's Adult Class meets today in the Heritage Room. Studying "Faithful Disciples", Acts 9:36-43.

LEARNING...

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, February 27** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nysten's home (16009 School Street). We are studying "Crossing the Waters" by Leslie Leland Fields. We will continue to meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.

FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet **Tuesday, February 27** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. Study Session 8, "Mary and Martha: Finding Life From Death." Treats to be provided by Betty Lenting and Jeannie Spike.

BOOK CLUB: Book club meets **Tuesday, March 13** at 9:30am. We are reading "John Adams" by David McCullough. Questions? Call Ann Koval @ 331-4338.

OUR GIFTS...

Online Giving for the Month of January, 2018

Current Expense – \$5,826.00; Benevolent – \$100.00; Special Projects – \$160.00

Sunday, February 11

Current Expense – \$6,860.00; Benevolent – \$40.00

Missions – \$90.00; Building – \$40.00

TOTAL – \$7,030.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$100.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$49,378.00

SERMON NOTES...

An Emotional Journey: "Conviction & Confession"

Isaiah 53:1-7

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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.

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.