

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

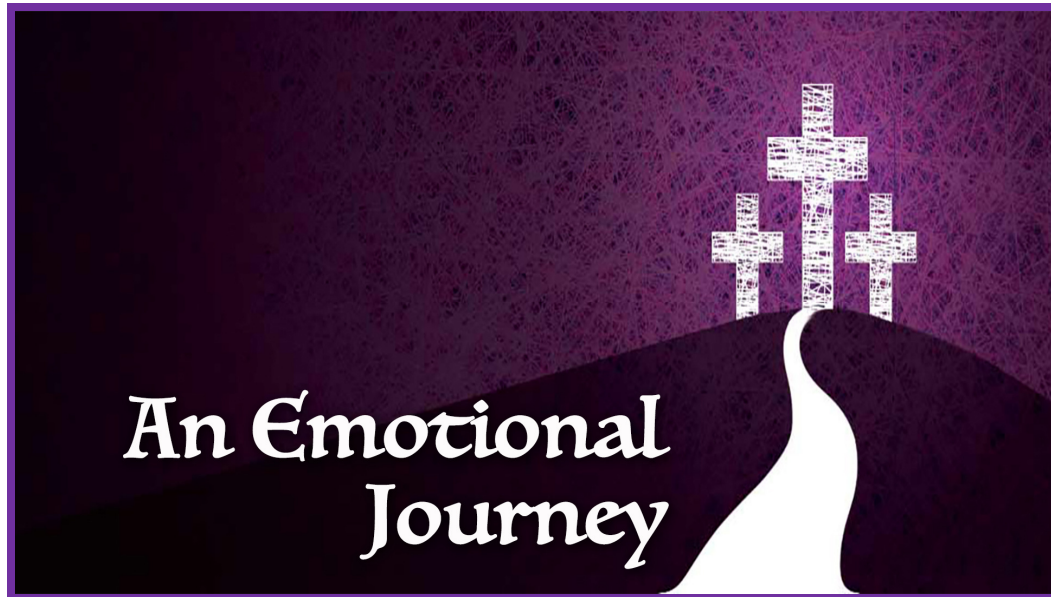
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 4, 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?

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Communion Sunday, March 4, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Piano Prelude	Celeste DeBoer
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Time of Worship	#21 <i>"How Great Thou Art"</i> (vs. 1, 3 & 4) #98 <i>"Majesty"</i> <i>"Your Name"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"Psalm 62"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	John 17
Sermon	<i>"An Emotional Journey: The Antidote to Anxiety"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offering	<i>"The Glory of These Forty Days"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending In Grace	#211 <i>"Lead Me To Calvary"</i> (vs. 4)
*Postlude	<i>"Take the Name of Jesus with You"</i>

*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.

WHILE JESUS INSTRUCTED US "To be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect," we all fall short of this command. The office staff is no exception! Due to a clerical error, the ballots for nominations for Elder, Deacon and Trustee were incorrect. You will find new (correct) ballots that have been printed on green paper in your mail slots. To avoid confusion and any voter fraud:), we will only accept ballots on green paper. Again, we apologize for this error and are thankful for your anticipated grace.

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 begins 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.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite **casserole** for the dinnertime after the **Maundy Thursday** service on **March 29**. 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)☺.

BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS invite you to their Spring Luncheon at Teibel's Restaurant on **Thursday, March 22** at 11:30am. Our soloist is Sarah VanDrunen and an offering will be taken for Bibles for Latin America. Call Marsha Ryskamp at 474-0514 for tickets (\$18 for chicken and \$22 for perch) by the deadline of March 15.

PLEASE JOIN US for our annual Evening for Calvin on **Friday, March 23** at Villa Cesare in Schererville, Indiana at 6:30pm. This annual fundraiser banquet is one of the largest fundraisers each year and features a dinner, entertainment, and an opportunity to give. This year it will feature a concert by worship leaders and song writers, Dee and Jen Wilson, and Calvin Christian student artists. Please RSVP by Friday, March 9.

JUST A REMINDER to check in the kitchen next to the refrigerator and take home the containers or trays that may belong to you. Thank you.

WORSHIP...

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing **Wednesday, March 7**. 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).

March 29: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Chapel (nursery provided) followed by a casserole dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

March 30: Good Friday Service at 7:00pm at The Spirit of God Fellowship (16350 State Street, SH).

April 1: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

CARE...

Don Spiekhout has been released from the hospital.

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: LaVerne Kampen, Holland Home Room 348, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

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...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 4

GREETERS: James & Michelle Kuyper and Dawn Kuyper

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

NURSERY: Amber Fransen and Chandra Ondrejka

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

ORGAN & PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

VIDEO: Ryan Doodeman; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Rachel Wooley

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Colin Cutler

COOKIE PROVIDERS: Deb Woltzen, Mary Koster, Jeannie Spike and Norma Smit

MONDAY, MARCH 5

9:30AM: Knitters meet in the Library

12:30PM: Uptown Baptist volunteers meet in church parking lot

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

7:30AM: Management meeting meets in the Genesis Room

6:00PM: Lenten Service meets in the Chapel

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

GREETERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Ron & Shirley Scheffers

COFFEE SERVERS: Deanne Besser, Wendy Stehle and Tiffany Surrel

NURSERY: Sarah Waterstone and Abby Veldboom

SOUND: James Kuyper

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer and John DeVries

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld; **PROJECTION:** Tiffany Surrel

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, Dacia Hill, Abby Veldboom, & Robert Wooley

PRAYER ROOM: Ron & Diana Abernathy

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Colin Cutler

COOKIE PROVIDERS: Nyla DeGraff, Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed and Gail Housman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY. We will continue next Sunday at 11:00am.

PASTOR MEL'S ADULT CLASS will meet today in the Heritage Room. Studying "The Good Fight of Faith", 1 Timothy 6:11-21.

PASTOR MATT'S PROFESSION OF FAITH class meets today in his office.

LEARNING...

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, March 13** 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, March 13** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. Study Session 9, "Bent Women: We've Got God's Complete Attention." Treats are provided by Celeste DeBoer and Joanne Hoeksema.

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 25

Current Expense – \$7,744.00

Benevolent – \$340.00

Missions – \$510.00

Building – \$465.00

TOTAL – \$9,059.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$1,100.00

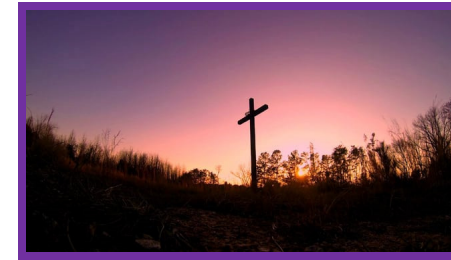
Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$50,553.00

SERMON NOTES...

An Emotional Journey: “The Antidote to Anxiety”

John 17

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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.