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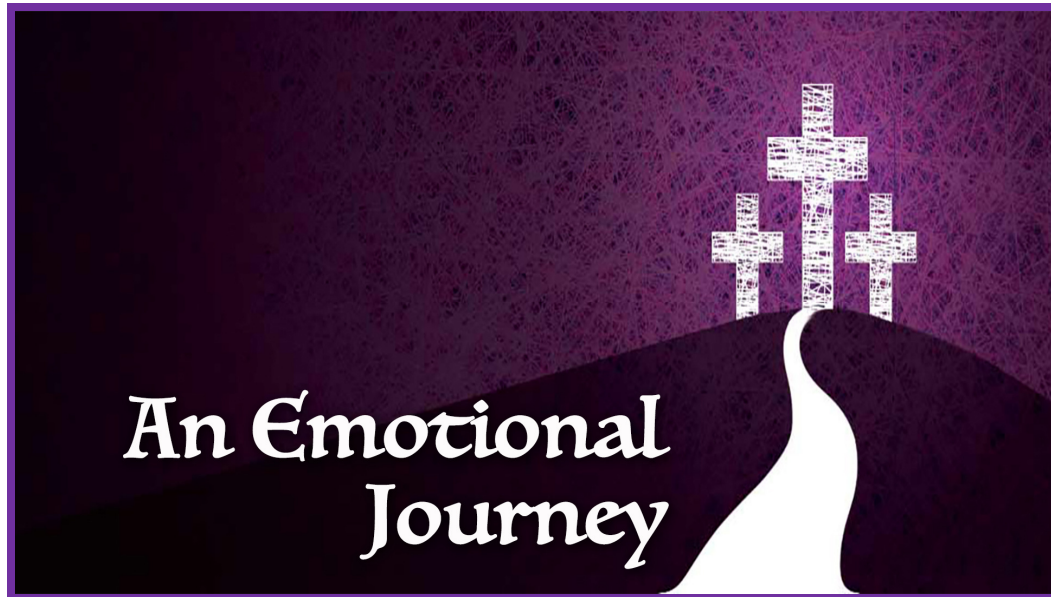
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 11, 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?

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday, March 11, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

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| Prelude | Joanne Hoeksema |
| Opening Song of Worship | "Soon & Very Soon" – Chancel Choir |
| Welcome & Greeting One Another | Pastor Corey Buchanan |
| *Time of Worship | #29 "O Worship the King" "Stronger" "Agnus Dei" |
| Prayer of Confession | Pastor Corey Buchanan |
| Song of Assurance | "God Is All You Need" – Chancel Choir |

THE WORD OF GOD

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| Scripture | Matthew 26:47-56 |
| Sermon | "An Emotional Journey: Shing!" |

WE RESPOND TO GOD

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| Time of Response | "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" |
| Congregational Prayer | Pastor Matt Waterstone |
| Offering | "You Are My King" |
| *Doxology | |
| *Benediction | Pastor Matt Waterstone |
| *Sending in Grace | #211 "Lead Me to Calvary" (vs. 4) |
| *Postlude | "Salvation" |
| *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.

THANK YOU for all the cards, calls and prayers I received during my recent hospitalization. I also appreciate all the birthday cards sent my way from my church family. – Don Spiekhout

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.

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 this **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.

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)☺.

NOMINATING BALLOTS for the **Tuesday, May 8** 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 on the Narthex shelves by next **Sunday morning, March 18**.

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.

JOIN US FOR AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FUNDRAISER, sponsored by New Covenant Assembly of Peace Church (the church who rents our Chapel on Sunday afternoons) on **Saturday, March 24** from 2:00pm – 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food. Adult tickets - \$15.00; children 10 and younger - \$8.00.

WORSHIP...

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing this **Wednesday, March 14**. 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 Fellowship Hall (nursery provided) followed by a casserole dinner.

March 30: Good Friday Service will be held in the Chapel at 6:00pm.

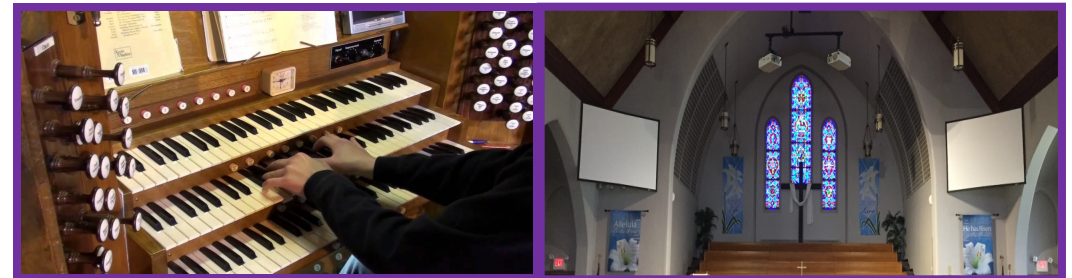
April 1: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

CARE...

Gabby Gatlin has been admitted to Metro South in Blue Island. **Gwen Adams** is requesting prayers for her daughter Brianna, who is at Rush Hospital. Brianna is 32 weeks pregnant and experiencing complications. **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. **Nancy Zivkovich**, Dottie Van Vuren's daughter, has started a new medicine. **Don and Jean Spiekhout** are requesting prayers for their son Jerry, who has been hospitalized in Wisconsin with an infection in his blood.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Winnette Anker, Holland Home, Room 632, 16300 Louis Ave., SH

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, MARCH 11

GREETERS: John & Ramelle DeVries and Ron & Shirley Scheffers
COFFEE SERVERS: Deanne Besser, Wendy Stehle and Tiffany Surrel
NURSERY: Nikki Nyhanna and Abby Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer and John DeVries
VIDEO: Ron Rietveld; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** James Kuyper
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: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Lili Swenson
MUNCH & MINGLE: Meets in the Activity Center at 11:30am

MONDAY, MARCH 12

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
9:30AM: Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

9:30AM: Book Club will meet at Anchorage of Beecher (see announcement)
1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room
6:30PM: Women's Bible Study meets at Cindy Nysten's home

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

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 18

GREETERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Marla Owens
NURSERY: Sarah Waterstone and Sara Jabaay
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Jeff Hayley, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley
PRAYER ROOM: Rick Veldboom
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Colin Cutler
COOKIE PROVIDERS: Diana Abernathy, Mary Decker, Nyla DeGraff, & Nikki Nyhanna

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES resume today.

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) Pastor Matt will be leading a discussion with the class on what it means to make Profession of Faith. This class meets in his office.

ADULT CLASSES:

MIKE NYLEN AND NEIL OKULEY will be discussing "UCA: The Creation of an Ecumenical Christian High School in South Holland". This class meets in the Chapel.

PASTOR MEL'S ADULT CLASS meets today in the Heritage Room. Studying "There Is No God Like You", 2 Chronicles 6:12-21.

LEARNING...

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on this **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 this **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 Barb Grevengoed and Phyllis DeYoung.

BOOK CLUB: Book club meets this **Tuesday, March 13** at 9:30am. We are reading "John Adams" by David McCullough. We will be meeting at Anchorage of Beecher (1201 Dixie Highway, Beecher) with Nora Anker. Questions and directions? 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, March 4

Current Expense – \$9,070.00; Benevolent – \$60.00

Missions – \$220.00; Building – \$190.00

TOTAL – \$9,540.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$50.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$50,603.00

SERMON NOTES...

An Emotional Journey: "Shing!"

Matthew 26:47-56

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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.