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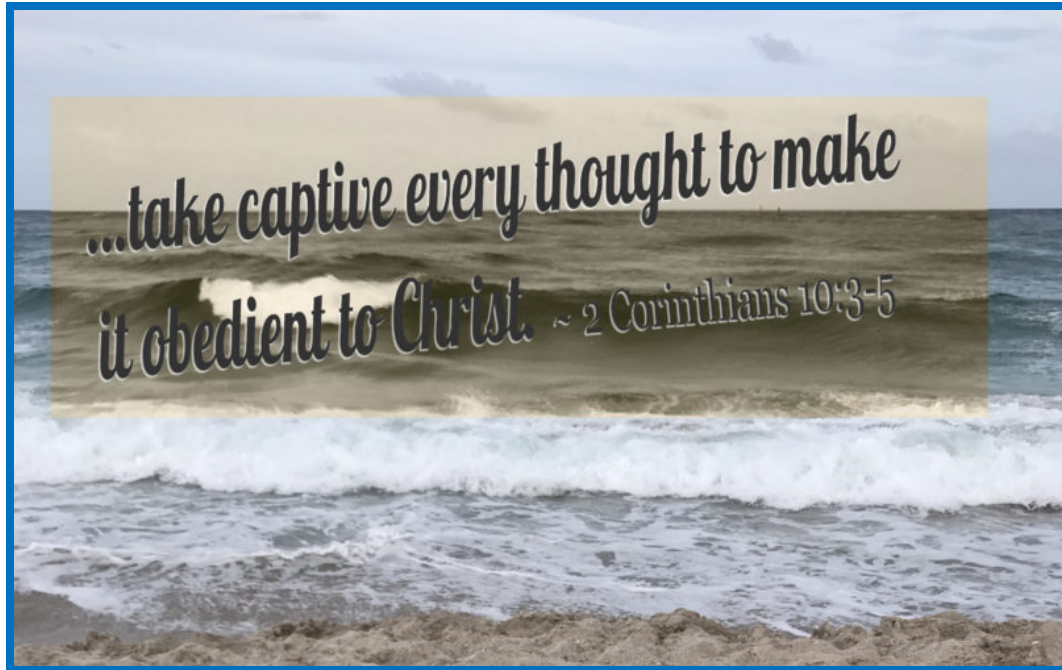
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 27, 2019



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.

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Sunday, January 27, 2019

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Time of Worship	<i>"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"</i> Children's Choir #48 <i>"God of Creation, All-Powerful"</i> (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5) <i>"Great Is He"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"Jesus Paid It All"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 2:41-52
Sermon	"About Our Father's Business in 2019"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response	<i>"Take Up Your Cross"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Russ Paarlberg
Offering	<i>"My Father's World"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Willard High
*Sending in Grace	#346 <i>"Sing Praise to the Lord"</i> (vs. 3)
*Postlude	<i>"Stepping In the Light"</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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 20

Basket Total: \$11,256.98

Online Total: \$700.00

Giving Total: \$11,956.98

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

Special Projects: \$25.00

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...

REGISTRATION FOR 'SUMMER CAMP 2019' begins **Friday, February 1** at 5:00am. Remember to register early for preferred dates. Visit Manitoqua.org for additional information and registration. Call our office at 815.469.2319 if you need any assistance.

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN WINTER ACTIVITIES? Camp Manitoqua & Retreat Center is hosting family game nights on Mondays in February. The game nights will include rotations based on age and activities (1st grade through adults). Cost is \$5 per person per child each date (parents are free) or \$15 if you come all 4 weeks! Dates and times are **Feb. 4, 11, 18, & 25** from 6:00-7:30pm. To RSVP, please contact Nathan@manitoqua.org or call 815.469.2319. Payment can be submitted upon arrival. Space is limited so RSVP soon!

COME OUT AND ENJOY a hot and delicious breakfast at Calvin Christian School's annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast on **Saturday, February 2**. Bring your friends and family to 528 E. 161st Place, South Holland, IL for all you can eat pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Breakfast will be served from 7:00-10:30 a.m. Donations accepted at the door and will be used to support Calvin's sports teams. See you there!

CHURCH LIFE...

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME back to the pulpit Pastor Willard High. Pastor High is the former pastor of Shepherd's Community Church and a faithful friend to First Reformed Church.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite soups for our annual Soup Supper following our **Ash Wednesday Service, March 6**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333.0622,

OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS ALMOST COMPLETE! This is your last chance to submit any address/phone number/email updates/photos to the church office by emailing them to office@frch.org or calling the church office.

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.

MUNCH & MINGLE is scheduled for **Sunday, February 10** at 11:30am in the Activity Center. Please call the church office to RSVP.

WORSHIP...

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be **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.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES: 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. Don't miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus (nursery provided).

CARE...

Paul Van Kley continues in hospice care at home.

Ralph Knopf continues with chemo treatments.

Paul Paarlberg has started his chemo treatments.

Claude Boomsma is now in rehab at Park Place in St. John, Indiana.

Tom Peterson has been diagnosed with cancer in his face, head and neck and is waiting for test results.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Holland Home Room 205, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473.

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 2:41-52
“About Our Father’s Business in 2019”
Pastor Willard High

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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

GREETERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Rodger & Sherry Norris
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Griff & Mary Decker
NURSERY: Rachel Wooley and Izzy Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker
PRAYER ROOM: Ron & Diana Abernathy
WELCOME CENTER: Dave Besser
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Trina Taylor; First Response: Keith Durkin
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema and Alice Kats

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Elders and Deacons meet
7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal
8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal

COMMUNION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

GREETERS: Bob & Nancy Asmus and Larry & Phyllis DeYoung
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Myrna Eytcheson
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dawn Kuyper
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Rachel Wooley
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld
PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck; **WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Furst
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Rich Thornton
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Jeannie Spike, Norma Smit and Deb Woltzen

MEMORY VERSE...

“The Lord will keep his promises. With love he takes care of all he has made.” – Psalm 145:13

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continues 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 RUSS PAARLBERG** in the Chapel for a Sunday School class continuing today titled: “Who Are We? – the Identity of the Reformed Church in America and the First Reformed Church of South Holland.”

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

AFTERNOON WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will be this **Tuesday, February 12**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room as we continue Lesson 7 “What Matters Most – Partnership in the Gospel;”, Philippians 1:3-5. Study Guide page 11-20. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Nancy DeVries and Sherry Gouwens.

EVENING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Tuesday, February 12** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nysten’s home (16009 School Street). We will be finishing up the study of the book “Uninvited” by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nysten at 708-217-3713.

BOOK CLUB meets on **Tuesday, February 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Breaking Night” by Liz Murray. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
2 Corinthians 10:5

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