

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

15924 South Park Avenue • South Holland, IL 60473

Office: 708.333.0622 • Prayer Line: 708.333.8150

E-mail: office@frsch.org • Online at www.frsch.org

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 18, 2020



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 18, 2020

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Come, Ye Sinners"</i>
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	<i>"I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock"</i> <i>"God the Uncreated One"</i>
Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"Our Great Savior"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Matthew 25:31-46
Sermon	"Rules of Engagement: Protection" – Pastor Jim Oord

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response	<i>"This is Our God"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Cindy Nysten
Offering	
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore"</i>
*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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot, Clair Hoeksema, Deb Oord, Mike Spitz, & Don VanBaren

USHERS: Gwen Adams, Cindy & Mike Nylen, Ray Ondrejka, and Debbie & Dennis Woltzen

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nikki Nyhanna, Austin Parks, and Matthew Rietveld

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Mike Decker

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00PM: Family Life Christian Day Care Board Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00-11:30AM: Serve Saturday

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

GREETERS: Don VanBaren, Russ Paarlberg, Jim DeGroot, and Mike & Cindy Nylen

USHERS: Don DeGraff, Clifton Rhodes, Rodger Norris, Roger DeGraff, Ron Rietveld, Deb Oord, and Trina Taylor

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, and Bill Nyhanna

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

CARE...

Bill Rietveld has returned home and continues his rehab.

Marla Owens is at Great Lakes Nursing Home in Dyer for rehab.

Lenora Anker is now living with her daughter Lynn in Crete.

Leona Jacobs is out of Hospice Care and in an Assisted Living Apartment at Park Place in Elmhurst.

Dottie VanVuren's son **Brian** saw a doctor on Tuesday to check on a recurring problem on his lip. Pray for good results and a treatment plan.

Ellen Nelson's granddaughter **Grace** had successful surgery to remove metal clamps remaining from her previous surgery.

Scott Ebbens, brother of **Celeste DeBoer** has now been diagnosed with COVID and, due to his diabetes, he is struggling with the symptoms.

Chad and Dara VandenBosch, our missionaries in Mozambique, need your prayers as they continue with their adoption of Zinha.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Bill & Barb Rietveld, 1413 E. Joe Orr Road, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2020...

AS INDOOR WORSHIP HAS RESUMED and Faith & Fellowship Formation ministries are starting up again, it is a great time to be a part of our First Church Family. The deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support of the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and your donations. Currently, we need to complete raising funds to pay for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. We are 1/3 of the way there already, but we still need to raise \$80,000 to add to the \$40,000 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

SECRETARIES' COVID OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – NOON

Monday – Friday

SERMON NOTES...

Matthew 25:31-46
“Rules of Engagement: Protection”
Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS: Now that we are back to worshipping indoors, the Consistory and Worship Committee would like to unveil a new plan for our Sunday congregational prayers. To represent our congregation, we would like to invite individuals, families, small groups, or friend groups to sign up to be scheduled to occasionally craft and lead congregational prayers. To sign up, individuals should be members of our church, high school age or older (but younger members can participate if doing so as part of a family or small group), and willing to attend two training sessions with staff members. Contact Pastors Anthony or Jim if you are interested or have any questions.

TRUNK-R-TREAT: We will NOT be holding our annual TRUNK-R-TREAT event. Instead, we will be handing out promotional postcards and baggies in the Fellowship Hall today and **Sunday, October 25**, for you to use if you choose to hand out candy at your home. As you serve as a face of our church, please be generous!

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2020 THANKSGIVING CHALLENGE? All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing and corn bread mixes in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall (or you can drop off at the church office.) **Our goal as a church is to collect 400 boxes OF EACH!** These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 400 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization. Please see Pastor Anthony, Pastor Jim, or Geni with any questions. We have collected 28 stuffing and 20 corn bread mixes so far. **Help us reach our goal by Sunday, November 1!**

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall starting November 1 with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Take an angel from the tree and PRINT your name and phone# on the angel list on the table. Buy the gift listed on your angel and return it by Thanksgiving. On your gift attach the angel (use it for the name tag and you can put your name as giver if you like.) Wrap the gift as securely as possible as it is handled many times getting to its destination. Please spend the minimum of \$10.00 on your gift. This may be the only present your “angel” will receive.

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, First Reformed Church will once again host a **SERVE SATURDAY** from 9:00am to 11:30am. Whether you would like to help distribute food and coats, write holiday cards to be distributed by CPO, help rake leaves for our church members and their neighbors, or join us as we do some clean-up for the Village of South Holland, **there is a need for you to use your gifts!** This event will take place almost exclusively outdoors and will observe all applicable social distancing guidelines. To sign up to volunteer, or to request yard-cleaning service for yourself or as a gift to a neighbor, sign up in the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex, or online in the link provided in the Friday Newsletter. See Anthony with any questions.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are so glad Sunday School has started again! Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we are modifying our normal practice: the Sunday School children will sing during the service and then gather for a lesson from 11:00-11:15am. 3-4-year olds will meet in the Sanctuary, Kindergarten – 2nd grade in the Genesis Room, 3rd – 5th grade in the Chapel. They will be sent home with crafts and projects. Please remind your children to keep their masks on during Sunday School. We look forward to growing in God's Word together!

FORMATION GROUPS: many of our members have been greatly blessed by their participation in a small group over the last year (especially during the pandemic). This Fall, we are re-launching this important ministry, so if you have not been a part of a small group, contact the church office to sign up.

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, October 27,** at 1:00pm. Please read Chapters 9 and 10 of "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23". Social distancing and mask wearing will be implemented. Hope you can attend.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 11

Basket Total: \$2,132.50; Online Total: \$1,910.00

Giving Total: \$4,042.50; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

There are several ways to bring your gifts to the church:

- Drop off to the deacons as you exit the parking lot on Sunday
- Online
- Mail
- Bring to church office
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door



15924 South Park Avenue • South Holland, IL 60473

Office: 708.333.0622 • Prayer Line: 708.333.8150

STAFF...

Rev. James Oord
Senior Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
Associate Pastor

Dr. Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Judy Gill
Care & Visitation Assistant

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith
Director of Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care

Visit us online at www.frcsh.org

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.**