

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 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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### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude John DeVries  
Welcome & Greeting One Another Anthony Bolkema  
\*Congregational Singing *"Lord Most High"*  
#21 *"How Great Thou Art"* (vs. 1, 2, & 3)  
#98 *"Majesty"*

Prayer of Confession Pastor Corey Buchanan  
Song of Assurance *"Cornerstone"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Acts 2:42-47  
Sermon "A Church on Fire"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Barb Grevengoed  
Offering John DeVries  
\*Doxology  
\*Benediction Pastor Corey Buchanan  
\*Sending in Grace #297 *"Spirit of the Living God"*  
\*Postlude John DeVries

\*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, June 16

Basket Total: \$8,333.01; Online Total: \$840.00

Gift/Memorial – Ralph Knopf: \$300.00

Giving Total: \$9,473.01 (Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

## SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. 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.

## WORSHIP...

**OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE A FRIEND!** Our Outdoor Service is on **Sunday, August 25** at 9:30am on the beautiful front lawn of the Church. We will also celebrate our annual Church Picnic on that Sunday immediately following the morning service.

## CARE...

**Joanne Hoeksema** has a herniated disc/pinched nerve in her back and will be having further testing and physical therapy. Please pray for pain relief.

**Mike Costello** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Mike Lafferty** will be having surgery on June 25 to remove a cyst near his spine.

**Bill Rietveld** will be undergoing several tests to determine if surgery is needed for a suspicious mass around the lymphatic area of his neck.

**Jeannie Spike** will be having preliminary work done in the weeks ahead and is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant on July 25.

**Harris DeYoung** has returned home from the hospital.

**Lillian Kortum** continues in Ingalls Hospital but has moved to the north building for rehab.

**Chinedu Akoma** has returned home but still has a lot of recovery ahead of her. The family is thankful for how far she has come.

**Les VanDeursen** continues in Manor Care in South Holland for rehab.

**David Besser** has resumed targeted therapy medications. Pray that he regains his strength as he awaits his upcoming PET scan.

**Colton Smit**, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, is recovering from surgery.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lenora Anker, Beecher Manor, Room #504A, 1201 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL 60401

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THE DEACONS** would like to express our gratitude to the congregation for all the tithes and gifts given to the church. We are currently financially stable. Receipts to date are approximately \$501,000 of a budgeted \$540,000; however, this budget did not anticipate the expense savings caused by the vacancy of our senior pastor position. So, while our giving is behind budget, our expenses are as well. Praise God! As our fiscal year draws to a close on June 30, the deacons would like to continue to encourage fiscal year-end giving towards our full budget with the expectation we will ultimately assume the expense of a new senior pastor.

**THANK YOU** to my church family and the consistory of 1<sup>st</sup> church for your continued support, prayers, and acts of kindness during my times of need. You have always been here for me and I so appreciate it.  
- Marla Owens

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is gearing up for a new year full of exciting changes and new additions. If you are interested in volunteering in this growing area of ministry, please mark your calendars to join us for one of the two volunteer information meetings after church on **Sunday, July 21** and **Sunday, July 28**. See Rhonda Hesselink or Anthony Bolkema with any questions.

**THE EXODUS PROJECTS** would like to say THANK YOU to all who donated to our cleaning supply giveaway! The Chicago Heights community was so blessed by your generosity, and we are so thankful for all of your support!

**HOPE PACKS:** In your mail slots there is a checklist and envelope. Our church can provide meaningful work for the adults in Elim’s Adult Services Program *and* bless children in the CPO program. You will have the **month of June** to return it to church. Please help us bless as many children as possible by collecting the supplies on your checklist and including a small donation. A bag of school supplies and a small donation allows Elim’s adults to assemble and ship one HOPE Pack of school supplies. Help us bless two people with every single HOPE Pack. Please don’t forget your encouraging notes and to fill out the gift information completely for accurate receipting of your tax-deductible donation.

**PRAYER AT THE GATES** will take place on the corner of 154<sup>th</sup> & South Park Ave. on **Thursday, July 4** from 8:00-8:30am. Please come out and cover the Village of South Holland in prayer.

**ROB HOUSMAN** (son of our church), completed his Master of Divinity at Western Theological Seminary and will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church, on Sunday, June 30th, at 3pm at Mulder Chapel at Western Theological Seminary. Rob has been hired to be on the ministerial staff at South Harbor Church in Byron Center, Michigan.

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

**GREETERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Craig & Jan Nelson and Faye Gowens

**PIANO:** John DeVries

**MUSIC TEAM:** Anthony Bolkema, Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, & Matthew Rietveld

**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor

**SOUND:** James Kuyper

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**NURSERY:** Rachel Wooley and Marie Hesselink

**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Judy Gill

**WELCOME CENTER:** Clair Hoeksema

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Trina Taylor; First Response: Rick Furst

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats, Mary Koster and Barb Grevengoed

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

**7:00PM:** Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

**7:30PM:** Elders and Deacons meet

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28

**8:30AM-6:00PM:** OASIS – Raging Waves

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

**GREETERS:** Griff & Mary Decker and Ron & Diana Abernathy

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, and Bill Nyhanna

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

**PRAYER ROOM:** Ron & Diana Abernathy

**WELCOME CENTER:** Don DeGraff

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**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Carol Barnes, Grace Jacobsma, Dorothy Jacobsma and Gerri VanBaren



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### STAFF...

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**

*Director of Mercy & Justice  
Ministries*

**Anthony Bolkema**

*Director of Worship & Student Life*

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**

*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Rev. Mel De Vries**

*Pastor Emeritus*

**Nyla DeGraff**

*Church Administrator*

**Toni Smith**

*Director of Family Life  
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

**Steve Alexander**

*Church Custodian*

**Darcy Daly**

*Nursery Coordinator*

**Jane Ackerman**

*Church Accountant*

**Gerri Van Baren**

*Administrative Assistant*

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**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.**

•The church office secretary summer hours are 9:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday•