

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
September 29, 2019

The Parable of the  
~~PRODIGAL~~ TWO LOST  
Sons

## Welcome...

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.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 29, 2019  
WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude Margaret Oetjen  
Opening Song of Worship "Surely the Presence" – Chancel Choir  
Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Corey Buchanan  
\*Congregational Singing #9 "Sing Praise To The Father"  
"He Is Exalted"  
"The Lord Is My Salvation"  
Prayer of Confession Pastor Corey Buchanan  
Song of Preparation "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" – Chancel Choir

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Luke 15:11-32  
Sermon "The Loving Father and His Two Lost Sons"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Roger DeGraff  
Offering Margaret Oetjen  
\*Doxology  
\*Benediction Pastor Mark LaChonce  
\*Sending in Grace #834 "Lord, Dismiss Us"  
\*Postlude Margaret Oetjen

\*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship  
for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

## ***SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...***



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. For more information or with any questions please see Don DeGraff, Elder VP, or Ray Ondrejka, Deacon Chairman. "Special Project" envelopes are available on the narthex shelves.

## ***CARE...***

**Charlotte Mitchell** has been admitted to Munster Community Hospital.

**Andy Van Deursen** has been admitted to Northwestern Hospital for tests.

**Jan Nelson** is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Roger Hommes** has completed his tests and has started therapy.

**Jeannie Spike** has started a new chemo regimen that will go through the end of September.

**Chinedu Akoma** continues her recuperation at home.

**David Besser** continues with targeted medications to work against his brain cancer.

**Dave Schultz**, brother of Deb Woltzen, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

**Christopher Nelson**, son of Craig and Jan Nelson has been diagnosed with early stages of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. During his first infusion he had an allergic reaction, thankfully he was able to have his 2<sup>nd</sup> infusion without any side effects.

**Colton Smit**, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, had good results from a recent MRI and will not need another surgery. He will soon be celebrating his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday!

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Viola VanDam, 13259 Central Ave. Room 1, Crestwood, IL 60418

## ***AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...***

**THE PARADE OF LIGHTS** is scheduled to take place on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8** at 7:00pm with a service for firefighters and the public at Thorn Creek Reformed Church, 1875 E. 170<sup>th</sup> Street. The Parade will travel through South Holland, Thornton and will end at the Homewood Fire Department, 17950 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL.

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FALL AUCTION** on **Friday, October 11** -- Join us for a night of fun where every bid supports CCS students! Dinner and edible auction begin at 5:00pm; silent and live auctions begin at 6:00pm.

**ILLIANA ORATORIO SOCIETY** will be starting rehearsals for its annual presentation of Handel's Messiah. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening starting on **October 14** at 8:00pm until 9:30pm. The concert will be on Sunday December 1, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Please join us at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please consider joining us for singing this great work of music to God's praise!

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

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**GREETERS:** Ray & Barb Housman and Roger & Judy Gill

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams and Faye Gowens

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Marie Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Dacia Hill, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg

**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen

**PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**PRAYER ROOM:** Ron & Diana Abernathy

**WELCOME CENTER:** Rhonda Hesselink

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Colin Cutler

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Dorothy Jacobsma, Grace Jacobsma, & Gerri VanBaren

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

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

**7:30PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**7:30AM:** Management Meeting in the Genesis Room

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal

### **COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**GREETERS:** John & Gay Kraai and Rodger & Sherry Norris

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Gerri VanBaren and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**PRAYER ROOM:** Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck

**WELCOME CENTER:** Roger Hommes

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Mike Costello

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nyla DeGraff, Pam Furst, Norma Smit and Deb Woltzen

**OASIS** meets at 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Loft and Activity Center

## LEARNING...

### THE GOSPEL PROJECT: For ALL ages!

All students can be dropped off at 11:00am and picked up in the Genesis Room at noon! Overview: Pre-K (3 – 4 years), Elementary (K – 2<sup>nd</sup>), Middle (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) and Secondary (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>). The adult class meets in the Chapel.

- ❖ September 29: “Sin and God’s Good News”  
*Shortly after God finished creating his good world, it was plunged into sin through human disobedience. But the story doesn't end there, as hints of God's grace are already on display. What are those hints, and what do they promise? Join us at 11:00am to find out!*
- ❖ October 6: “Sin and God’s Grace”
- ❖ October 13: “Sin and God’s Authority”
- ❖ October 20: “Suffering and God’s Presence”

**THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING:** For adults and the Secondary (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) group meeting in the Heritage Room at 11:00am.

- ❖ September 29: “Amazing Grace”  
*We know God is gracious, but how far, exactly, does His grace extend? Just how amazing is God's "amazing grace," really? Join us in the Heritage Room at 11:00am to find out!*
- ❖ October 6: “The Good We Do” (Q & A 62-64)
- ❖ October 13: “How to Grow Your Faith” (Q & A 65-68)
- ❖ October 20: “God’s Promise to You (Baptism)” (Q & A 69-74)

## FAITH & FELLOWSHIP FORMATION...

**FAITH FORMATION GROUPS** are continuing to form. Our vision is that these small groups would meet one time per month (meeting time and location is up to the discretion of the group) and study “The Fundamentals of the Faith” by John MacArthur in order to help us Grow Together in the Grace of Christ. If you would like to participate in a small group and have not yet signed up, please contact the church office. See Pastor Corey or Anthony with any questions you may have.

**FELLOWSHIP PLANNING & EVENTS:** As a part of our Fellowship Formation initiative, we have committed to holding monthly churchwide fellowship events. Events are scheduled for the rest of 2019 (such as community dinners, game nights, etc.), but we need a team of people who are interested in helping plan, organize, and implement the fellowship events for the rest of the 2019-2020 ministry season. If you would like to be a part of a group to creatively plan some new events (on site or off-site) or if you would like to be a part of a group to help implement those events, please contact the church office. Your help and creativity are crucial to the success and growth of this new initiative. Please see Anthony Bolkema or Nyla DeGraff with any questions, or to sign up!

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THIS MORNING WE WELCOME** Rev. Mark LaChonce to our pulpit. Mark is a graduate of Hope College, Western Theological Seminary and Wheaton College Graduate School. He and his family lived in Jordan for fourteen years, where he served in a Christian Arabic language school. They now reside in Tinley Park while Mark is enrolled in a PhD program in World Christianity and Mission at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** blessings to Dottie VanVuren who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday October 8.

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6** at 9:30am as we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. Pastor Rich Grevengoed will be preaching from Luke 13:1-9 in a sermon titled "Responding to God's Grace."

**FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY:** please join us **Tuesday, October 8** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room as we continue with our new Bible Study season. We will be working through the DVD study of Ephesians 6 by Priscilla Shirer entitled, “The Armor of God”. In this study, we will learn the action plan for putting on the full armor of God and developing a personal strategy to secure victory against our enemy, the cost of the study guide is \$16. We will continue to meet the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of the month, October - April at 1:00pm. For more information, please call Mary Koster @708-380-4316, or email her at [mck\\_117@yahoo.com](mailto:mck_117@yahoo.com).

**BOOK CLUB** will next meet on **Tuesday, October 8** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Light Between Oceans” by M. L. Stedman. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596-7314.

**MUNCH AND MINGLE** is scheduled to meet on **Sunday, October 13** in the Activity Center. Please call the church office to reserve your spot.

**THE SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE** is coming to First Church on **Sunday, October 13** for a concert at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. Mark your calendars for an enjoyable afternoon of music.

**ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE** workday is planned for **Thursday, October 17**. Please call Barb Grevengoed @476-1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.

## OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 22

Basket Total: \$4,383.00; Online Total: \$665.00

Giving Total: \$5,048.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

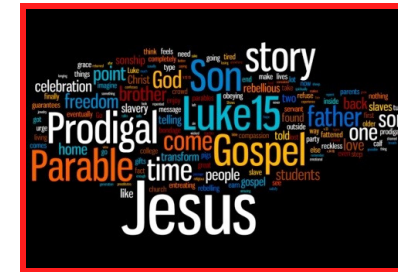
***SERMON NOTES...***

**“The Loving Father and His Two Lost Sons”**

**Luke 15:11-32**

**Pastor Mark LaChonce**

**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.



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*Administrative Assistant*

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*Director of Family Life  
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**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

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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.