

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DISABILITIES AWARENESS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018



## Welcome...

"We believe that our good God, mindful of our crudeness and weakness, has ordained sacraments for us to seal his promises in us, to pledge his good will and grace toward us, and also to nourish and sustain our faith. He has added these to the Word of the gospel to represent better to our external senses both what he enables us to understand by his Word and what he does inwardly in our hearts, confirming in us the salvation he imparts to us. For they are visible signs and seals of something internal and invisible, by means of which God works in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. So they are not empty and hollow signs to fool and deceive us, for their truth is Jesus Christ, without whom they would be nothing." ~ Article 33 of the Belgic Confession

## DISABILITIES AWARENESS SUNDAY

October 14, 9:30AM

### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"I Exalt Thee"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Time of Worship	<i>"O God Beyond All Praising"</i> <i>"Your Name"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Preparation	<i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i> – Chancel Choir

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Romans 10:9-15
Sermon	Sac • ra • ment: Confirmation

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Matt Waterstone
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#840 <i>"God Be With You"</i> (vs. 1)
*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.

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** will be hosting an open house for prospective members of its 2019/2020 Freshman Class and interested members of the community on **Monday, October 15** from 6:45-8:00pm. The open house will be held at the school on the Calvary Community Church campus, 16341 South Park Avenue. For further details please call the school at 708-980-1040 or check it out on their website [www.WeAreUCA.org](http://www.WeAreUCA.org).

**PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES** will host its 58<sup>th</sup> annual Torchlight Dinner on **Friday, November 2** at the Shedd Aquarium. Come celebrate another year of ministry and enjoy a variety of food, music, and, of course, amazing aquatic exhibits. For reservations, contact Joan at (708) 342-8108 or go to [www.torchlight2018.com](http://www.torchlight2018.com) to register.

## CARE...

**THANK YOU** for your prayers, cards and calls during my recent heart procedure. First Church is certainly a caring family. - Jim Veld

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Betty Paarlberg** has returned home from the hospital.

**Charlie Dix** has returned home from the hospital.

**Deanne Besser** has returned home from the hospital.

**Don Spiekhout** has returned home from the hospital and he will be having outpatient rehab therapy three times a week.

**Ralph Knopf** has returned home from the hospital and continues with his chemo treatments.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Viola VanDam, Providence Palos Room 1, 13259 Central Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60463

**PLEASE CONTACT** the church office if you know of a friend or family member that has been admitted to the hospital.

## OUR GIFTS...

### Sunday, October 7

Basket Total: \$5,971.86

Online Total: \$990.00

**Giving Total: \$6,961.86**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

## SERMON NOTES...

**Sac • ra • ment: Confirmation**  
**Romans 10:9-15**  
**Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone**

**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.

## CHURCH LIFE...

**JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION** in the Activity Center immediately following our worship service this morning in honor of Pastor Matt, Sarah, Willem and Bram Waterstone for their many years of faithful ministry to First Church. Their new address is 18 Masterton Road, Bronxville, New York, 10708. God bless them on their new journey in ministry.

**A SEARCH COMMITTEE** was unanimously approved by the full consistory this past Monday night. The members are Jim DeGroot (CoChair), Roger DeGraff (CoChair), Tim DeYoung, Joanne Hoeksema, Peter Keep, Nikki Nyhanna, Ray Ondrejka, Trina Taylor, Amy Veldboom, Clint Verhagen, and Rachel Wooley.

**CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Chairman, Mike Decker.

**PLEASE SUBMIT** any address/phone number/email updates to the church office for our new upcoming directory. We would like to incorporate updated pictures in this directory, but we will not be hiring a photography company to take photos of all church members. Instead, we ask that you please submit a recent, clear photo of your family (cell phone photos are perfect) to the church office.

**THE SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE** has their concert today at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of music followed by refreshments.

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED** to a **game night** in the Activity Center next **Sunday, October 21** from 6:30pm-8:00pm hosted by our OASIS students. **All ages** (including children) are welcomed to attend. So come out and meet some of our OASIS students and enjoy a night of fun, laughter, and snacks. Please see Anthony with any questions.

**MUNCH & MINGLE** (Senior Singles) will meet on **Sunday, October 21** in the Activity Center at 11:30am. Call the church office or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to reserve your spot.

**TRUNK R' TREAT** is **Wednesday, October 31** from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick R' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There will be a candy donation box in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

**ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE** - We're going back to help! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 15** from 10:00am-1:00pm for sorting and stocking. Bring a lunch and a friend! We can arrange carpools, too. If you can come, please contact Sara Jabaay at [sara.jabaay@gmail.com](mailto:sara.jabaay@gmail.com) or (708)302-2612.

## LEARNING...

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!** All classes will resume next Sunday for all ages at 11:00am.

**EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet this **Tuesday, October 23** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nysten's home (16009 School Street). We will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. We will be studying the book "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nysten at 708-217-3713.

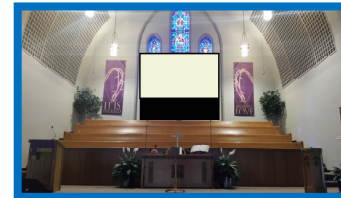
**DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES!** Our next Bible study will be **Tuesday, October 30**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church as we continue our new season, Lesson 2 "What Matters Most – Heavenly Minded & Earthly Good", Philippians 1:20-30. Study Guide page 33-50; Memory Verse: Philippians 1:27. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Arleta Hommes and Nancy Asmus.

**BOOK CLUB** meets on **Tuesday, November 13** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "The Good Neighbor" by Maxwell King. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

## MEMORY VERSE...

"I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart. I will tell of the miracles you have done. I will be happy because of you. God Most High, I will sing praises to your name." - Psalm 9:1-2

## SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The dual screens and the center hanging projectors have been removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area. We have secured a Revitalization Grant from the Illiana-Florida classis for \$5000 in support of this project, meaning we now have a \$200 surplus for this project. God is good! Thank you for your generous

support! More information will be available soon regarding our next Special Project. Your offerings to Special Projects, "over and above" your regular weekly offering are still encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. "Special Project" envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

**GREETERS:** John and Ramelle DeVries and Ron & Diana Abernathy  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Faye Gowens  
**NURSERY:** Dawn Kuyper and Izzy Veldboom  
**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen  
**PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Peter Keep, and Nick Paarlberg  
**SOUND:** James Kuyper  
**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor  
**VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Veldboom  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Mike Costello  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Jeannie Spike, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Mary Koster

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

**9:30AM:** Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall  
**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

**GREETERS:** Bob & Nancy Asmus and Dave & Becky Wright  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Pastor Rich & Barbara Grevengoed and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg  
**NURSERY:** Aubrey Durkin and Michelle Kuyper  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**PIANO:** John DeVries  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor  
**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Dave Wright  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Gwen Adams  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok, Mary Decker and Arleta Hommes  
**OASIS GAME NIGHT:** 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Activity Center (everyone invited)



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### STAFF...

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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.**