

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 17, 2019



### Welcome...

Each and every Sunday we gather together as a family to be reminded of and re-formed by the Story of the Bible. It's a dynamic Story of a world made by God, stuck in sin, but saved by Jesus and sustained by the Holy Spirit. It's a Story that provides hope for the hurting, purpose for the wanderer, and community for the lonely. And ultimately, it's a Story that draws us in to worship and sends us out in mission, to share this Good News with our world that is in desperate need of salvation. So welcome to worship at First Reformed Church! We pray God will speak to you through His Story today and you would join us in Growing Together in the Grace of Christ.

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### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Time of Worship	#2 <i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i> <i>"All Creatures of Our God and King"</i> <i>"I Will Trust in The Lord"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Praise the King"</i>

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Mark 8:1-30
Sermon	"Who Do You Say I Am?"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Jim DeGroot
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Tim Toeset
*Sending in Grace	#346 <i>"Sing Praise to the Lord"</i> (vs. 3)
*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.

## OUR GIFTS...

### Sunday, February 10

Basket Total: \$7,768.41; Online Total: \$2,251.00; Special Offering: \$425.00

**Giving Total: \$10,444.41**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

## 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 and become more disciplined in our discipleship (nursery provided).

**THE PATH TO THE CROSS:** 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 and are designed to foster the personal and corporate spiritual disciplines that are integral to the development of Christian discipleship. As such, these gatherings will include times of worship, teaching, introspection, and interpersonal discussion (nursery provided).

## 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'** continues. Remember to register early for preferred dates. Visit [Manitoqua.org](http://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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 left are **Feb. 18, & 25** from 6:00-7:30pm. To RSVP, please contact [nathan@manitoqua.org](mailto:nathan@manitoqua.org) or call 815.469.2319. Payment can be submitted upon arrival. Space is limited so RSVP soon!

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THIS MORNING WE WELCOME** Pastor Tim Toeset to our pulpit. Since October, Pastor Tim has been assisting and working with Pastor Rich Grevengoed in caring for our congregation. We are glad to have him lead us in worship this morning in a sermon titled "Who Do You Say I Am?" from Mark 8:1-30.

**OUR NEW PROJECTOR** is scheduled to be installed tomorrow, **Monday, February 18**. Thank you for your patience during this process! Please see Anthony with any questions or concerns.

**NEXT SUNDAY WE WELCOME** the Worship Team from Elim Christian Services to help lead and join in our worship service. Please come prepared for a second offering that the deacons have arranged to help support Elim Christian Services.

**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. Also, please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are joining us for the evening.

**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.

## CARE...

**Gabby Gatlin** continues in the University of Chicago.

**Lil Kortum** has returned home from the hospital.

**Paul Van Kley** continues in hospice care at home.

**Ralph Knopf** has started immunotherapy treatments.

**Paul Paarlberg** continues in hospice care.

**Claude Boomsma** continues 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 the results of a lung biopsy.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer, Room 221, 1532 Calumet Avenue, Dyer, IN 46311.

***SERMON NOTES...***

**“Who Do You Say I Am?”**

**Mark 8:1-30**

**Pastor Tim Toeset**

**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, FEBRUARY 17**

**GREETERS:** Rick & Pam Furst and Don & Gerri VanBaren

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Craig & Jan Nelson

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Kevin Hesselink, Nick Paarlberg, & Abby Veldboom

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**PRAYER ROOM:** David Besser

**WELCOME CENTER:** Roger Hommes

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Rich Thornton

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Diane Abernathy, Mary Decker, Arleta Hommes & Nikki Nyhanna

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

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

**7:00PM:** Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal

**8:15PM:** Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**GREETERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Mary Koster

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Ray & Barb Housman and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen

**PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Nick Paarlberg, and Nikki Nyhanna

**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**PRAYER ROOM:** Dave & Jodi Eylander

**WELCOME CENTER:** Ron Abernathy

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Rich Thornton

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Mary Koster and Alice Kats

## MEMORY VERSE...

“The Lord’s teachings are perfect. *They give new strength.* The Lord’s rules can be trusted.  
*They make plain people wise.* The Lord’s orders are right. *They make people happy.*  
Keeping them brings great reward.” -Psalm 19:7-8, 11

## 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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** (5<sup>th</sup> 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.

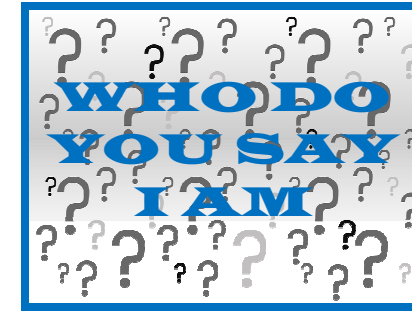
### ADULT CLASS:

- **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 on **Tuesday, February 26** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We are beginning our new study of “The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi.” Session 1 – “Bethlehem: Where It All Began” and Session 2 – “Nazareth: The Early Years” will be studied. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Judy Brouwers and Carol Barnes.

**BOOK CLUB** meets on **Tuesday, March 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “The No.1 Ladies’ Detective Agency” by Alexander Smith. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.



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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*

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

**Darcy Daly**  
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*Church Accountant*

**Gerri Van Baren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Nyla De Graff**  
*Church Administrator*

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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.**