

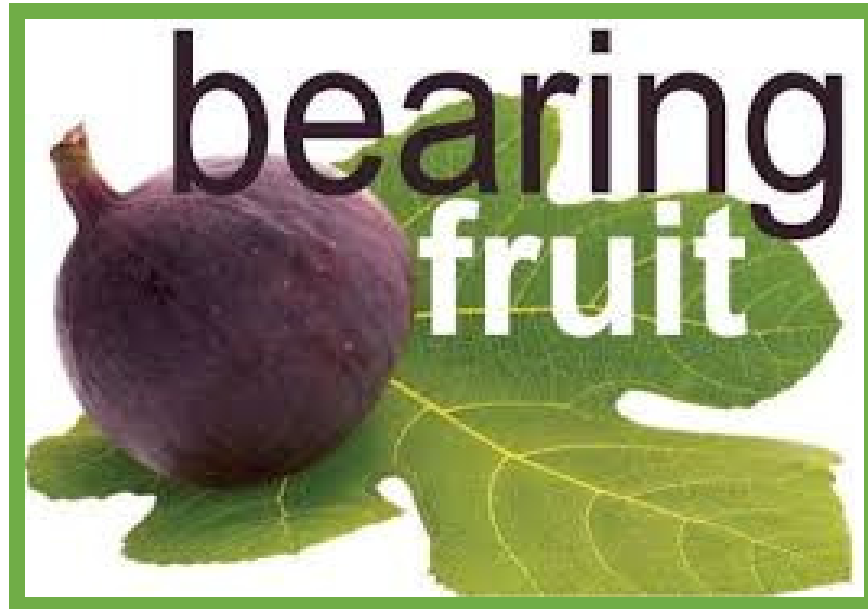
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 6, 2019



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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#497 <i>"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Preparation	<i>"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 13:1-9
Sermon	<i>"Responding to God's Grace"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Russ Paarlberg
Offering	<i>"Satisfied"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Rich Grevengoed
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"</i>

*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...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

GREETERS: John & Gay Kraai and Rodger & Sherry Norris

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Nyla DeGraff

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

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 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft and Activity Center

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets at Tricia's house (see announcement)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

GREETERS: Rick & Amy Veldboom and Rick & Pam Furst

COFFEE SERVERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Peter Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes

WELCOME CENTER: Jim DeGroot

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengeod, Gail Housman and Mary Koster

11:30AM: MUNCH & MINGLE meets in the Activity Center

TRUNK N' TREAT is **Thursday, 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 N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There will be a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2019 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE? All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. **Our goal as a church is to collect 1300 boxes!** These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1300 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Please see Anthony, Pastor Corey, or Geni with any questions.

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...

Mike Nylen is recuperating from gallbladder surgery at home.

Charlotte Mitchell has been discharged from the hospital.

Jan Nelson is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Roger Hommes has completed his tests and has started therapy.

Jeannie Spike has completed her chemo regimen.

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 continuing infusions 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 1st birthday!

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Doris Boomsma, Village Woods Room 601, 2681 S. Rt.394, Crete, IL 60417.

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 13:1-9
"Responding to God's Grace"
Pastor Rich Grevengoed

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.

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 – 2nd), Middle (3rd – 5th) and Secondary (6th – 12th). The adult class meets in the Chapel.

❖ October 6: "Sin and God's Grace"

It wasn't long after God finished creating his world that things nearly came to a screeching halt. But God, in his grace, provided a way of salvation - a reboot of sorts. Join us at 11:00am this Sunday morning as we discuss together God's gracious provision!

❖ October 13: "Sin and God's Authority"

❖ October 20: "Suffering and God's Presence"

❖ October 27: "God Makes A Promise"

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING: Join us in the **Heritage Room** (next to the chapel) as we delve into some of these foundational questions of our faith. This **multi-generational class** is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up!

❖ October 6: "The Good We Do" (Q & A 62-64)

We believe our good works can't earn our salvation, so what's the point in doing them at all?

❖ October 13: "How to Grow Your Faith" (Q & A 65-68)

❖ October 20: "God's Promise to You (Baptism)" (Q & A 69-74)

❖ October 27: "For Me" (Q & A 75-82)

FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: Please join us this **Tuesday, October 8** at 1:00pm at Tricia Paarlberg's house (15942 Parkside Avenue) 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.

BOOK CLUB will not be meeting this month and will meet **Tuesday, November 8** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Last Christmas in Paris" by Hazel Gaynor. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596-7314.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 29

Basket Total: \$3,508.00; Special Projects: \$125.00

Online Total: \$975.00

Giving Total: \$4,608.00 (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Andy Van Deursen who passed away on Sunday, September 29.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Lillian Kortum who passed away on Tuesday, October 1. Visitation will be Monday from 3:00 – 8pm at Smit's Funeral Home in South Holland and the funeral held here at First Church on Tuesday at 11:00am with a luncheon to follow.

WE ARE GRATEFUL to God for successful surgeries and good test results for Henry and our daughter, Julie Applebee. We are also very grateful for our First Church family's many cards and prayers. Your response has been overwhelming. - Henry and Anne Koval

THE ATTENDANCE AND THE SPIRIT at Elim's Dutch Fest was not dampened by the downpour of rain. Our Fest was a success with so many of our caring church members who made handmade items, food, attendance & worked that day. A heartfelt thank you to our faithful church. - Judy Gill, Lynn Hoeksema, Tricia Paarlberg, and Wanda Veld

MUNCH AND MINGLE is scheduled to meet next **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 next **Sunday, October 13** for a concert at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of music.

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

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 for our October Fellowship Formation event. We'll meet in the gym from 6:00 - 8:00pm for a multi-generational game night. We will have a bunch of games ready to go, but we would also encourage you to bring your own favorite board or card game to share with the group. The menu for the night will include BBQ pork sandwiches and some sides. So, mark your calendars to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

SEARCH TEAM REPORT: We continue to review and interview candidates for our senior pastor position and we request and give thanks for your prayers of support. Our weekly meetings and discussions are meaningful and productive. We give thanks to God for His guidance, as we fix our eyes on Him and what He has placed in our hearts. Your support of our meetings and interviews is a blessing. For now, our work continues under God's plan. - Roger DeGraff, Co-Chair, Jim DeGroot, Co-Chair, Tim DeYoung, Joanne Hoeksema, Peter Keep, Nikki Nyhanna, Ray Ondrejka, Trina Taylor, Amy Veldboom, Clint Verhagen, and Rachel Wooley.



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