

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018



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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 18, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	<i>"Praise Him, Praise Him!" & "Hallelu, Hallelu"</i> #5 <i>"Come, Thou Almighty King"</i> <i>"Here I Am to Worship"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	#520 <i>"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	II Timothy 4:1-8
Sermon	"Looking & Listening to the Judge"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offering	Moment for Missions: Suzie Miller with Reliant Ministries
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	#840 <i>"God Be with You"</i>
*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.

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ralph Knopf continues in Northwestern Hospital. A filter was inserted for clotting and after healing he will be having hemorrhoid surgery.

Deb Woltzen is recovering at home from out-patient wrist surgery.

Clarence and Judy Brouwers' infant great grandson, **Colton Smit**, is in the Comer Children's Hospital with bacterial meningitis.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barbara Klein, Munster Med Inn, Room 501, 7935 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN. 46321.

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

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

PREVIEW ILLIANA (Open house for prospective students and their parents) **Thursday, November 29** at 7:00pm. Meet with faculty and administration, tour the campus, attend informative sessions and have all your questions answered about Illiana. No pre-registration necessary. Questions? Contact Marie Limback, Director of Admissions, @219.558.7066 ext. 49

ILLIANA ORATORIO SOCIETY cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of **Handel's Messiah**. The concert will be on **Sunday December 2, 2018** at 2:00pm at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please join us for the Christmas season as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

FAITH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH invites you to attend their annual Journey of Joy. This live nativity will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 1** and **Sunday, Dec. 2**, from 1:00-6:00 pm. All ages will enjoy the 40-minute guided tour through eight scenes (complete with live animals) leading up to the birth of Christ. Tours begin every 10 minutes. For shorter wait times, we suggest coming on Saturday. There is no charge for admission and the event is wheelchair accessible. Faith is located at 8383 W. 171st Street in Tinley Park. Call 708.532.8300 for more information.

COME CELEBRATE the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord** cordially invites you to join them in **A Festival of Nine Lessons in Carols for Christmastide** on **Saturday, December 15** at 7 pm at Thorn Creek Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Come join the singing with the Carols and Songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Justin Rich is the director, Beverly Hoitsma is the pianist, and Nancy Venema is the organist. Betsy Archer will be with us this year as soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

SERMON NOTES...

"Looking & Listening to the Judge"

II Timothy 4:1-8

Pastor Corey Buchanan

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...

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 by emailing to office@frsh.org. Please keep those photos coming.

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall today with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates.

JOIN US today **Sunday, November 18**, in the Fellowship Hall at noon for a Mission Luncheon with Suzie Miller with Reliant Ministries. After the morning service, please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you can join us.

BOOK CLUB will not meet in December. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, January 8** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

OUR GIFTS...

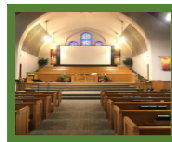
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Basket Total: \$10,837.00; Online Total: \$1,040.00; Special Offering: \$100.00
Giving Total: \$11,977.00 (Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



Many thanks to those who have given "above and beyond" to replacing our front doors and improving our projection system. 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.



MEMORY VERSE...

"I will praise the Lord at all times. His praise is always on my lips. My whole being praises the Lord." - Psalm 34:1-2

WORSHIP...

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE is this **Wed., November 21** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. As you enter for worship, please bring your monetary and material gifts (non-perishable food items and clothing) to the front of the church. Place your offering of food on the steps. Baskets are provided for your monetary offerings. Ushers and Sunday school children are present to help you carry your items if needed. Nursery provided.

ADVENT is a time of waiting and preparation. Join us for mid-week worship services during the season of Advent as we pause, reflect and wait for the coming Messiah. We will gather in the Chapel at 6:00pm on **Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19** for a time of worship. Nursery provided.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT is **Sunday, December 9** at 6pm. Join us in the Sanctuary for a celebration of Christmas music including Vocal Ensembles, Instrumental Pieces and a Children's Choir. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Let's fill the Sanctuary as we celebrate this Advent Season. Nursery provided.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE is **Monday, December 24** at 11:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come to greet the infant King through song, prayer, proclamation, the lighting of the Birth Candle and a candlelit sending.

LEARNING...

SUNDAY SCHOOL today for all ages at 11:00am.

- **PRE-SCHOOL** (Ages 3–4) – This class will meet in the Genesis Room.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten–4th Grade) – This class will meet in the rooms across from the drinking fountain in the Activity Center.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (5th Grade – High School) – This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall studying the Heidelberg Catechism.
- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Our next Bible study will be on **Tuesday, November 27**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church as we continue our new season, Lesson 3 "What Matters Most – How & Why We Run The Race", Philippians 3. Study Guide page 84-106; Memory Verse: Philippians 3:13-14. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Betty Lenting and Jeannie Spike.

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, November 27** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylen's home (16009 School Street). We will continue to meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. We will be studying the book "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nylen at 708-217-3713.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

GREETERS: Roger & Arleta Hommes and Larry & Phyllis DeYoung

COFFEE SERVERS: Gwen Adams, Trina Taylor and Nyla DeGraff

NURSERY: Merley Verhagen and Kelly Bruinsma

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: David Besser; **WELCOME CENTER:** Larry DeYoung

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok, Mary Decker and Arleta Hommes

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00PM: Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:00PM: Thanksgiving Eve service

THANKSGIVING DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

GREETERS: James & Michelle Kuyper and Dan & Terry Dieck

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Rodger & Sherry Norris

NURSERY: Barb Housman and Gail Housman

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Daniel Day, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna and Robert Wooley

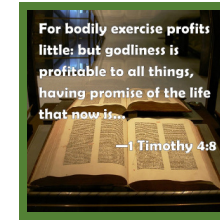
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck

WELCOME CENTER: Dave Wright

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