

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 22, 2019



*His foundation is in the holy mountains.
-Psalm 87:1*

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.

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, September 22, 2019 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"I Will Enter His Gates"</i> - Children's Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#61 <i>"How Majestic Is Your Name"</i> #3 <i>"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"</i> (vs. 1, 3, & 4) <i>"God the Uncreated One"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Preparation	<i>"Beneath the Cross"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Psalm 87
Sermon	<i>"The Glorious and Surprising Church of Christ"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Russ Paarlberg
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Rev. Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</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.

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...

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

Henry Koval is recuperating from successful eye surgery.

Marla Owens has been released from the hospital.

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.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson has been diagnosed with early stages of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; his first infusion treatment caused an allergic reaction, please pray he will be able to continue his treatments without further problems.

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, is recovering from another neurosurgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Anker, Beecher Manor Room 504A, 1201 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL 60401.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATES...

- ❖ Griff & Mary Decker: No longer have a landline. Griff's Cell Phone - #710-0111 and Mary's Cell Phone - #606-1790
- ❖ Sharon Brooks Email: brookssharon71@yahoo.com
- ❖ Brad & Gail Housman and family: 4167 Dubois Blvd., Brookfield, IL 60513
- ❖ Beth Burrink, Freedom Village, P I, 145 Columbia Avenue, Holland, MI 49423

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 15

Basket Total: \$4,784.40

Special Projects: \$60.00

Online Total: \$2,551.00

Giving Total: \$7,395.40

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

GREETERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Bob & Nancy Asmus

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gail Housman

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, and Bill & Nikki Nyhanna

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

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

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger Hommes

WELCOME CENTER: Don VanBaren

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

OASIS: Meets in the Loft from 6:30 – 8:00PM

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats, Barb Grevengoed, & Celeste DeBoer

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

7:30PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

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: Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: Ron & Diana Abernathy

WELCOME CENTER: Rhonda Hesselink

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Carol Barnes, Dorothy Jacobsma, Grace Jacobsma, & Gerri VanBaren

LEARNING...

THIS MORNING we have Sunday School for all ages beginning at 11:am. Please continue to pray for our teachers and helpers: Don DeGraff, Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, Russ Paarlberg, Larry DeYoung, Barb Grevengoed, Rick Veldboom, Dave Wright, Rhonda Hesselink, Gail Housman, Mike Hoeksema, Sara Jabaay, Nikki Nyhanna, Kim Bolkema, Aubrey Durkin, Merely Verhagen, Amber Fransen, Rachel Wooley, Noreen VanDeursen, Gerri VanBaren, Mary Decker, Dawn Kuyper, Anthony Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Faye Gouwens, Linda Capone, Abby and Izzy Veldboom, and Aaron and Alisha Taylor will assist with activities) as they lead classes, prepare crafts, and teach the catechism. Also, please pray for learners of all ages as they deepen their faith. A friendly word of encouragement to make Sunday School a priority for you and your family as we grow together in the grace of Christ.

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.

❖ September 22: God's Good People

What does it mean to be created in God's image? Join us in the chapel today at 11:00am to find out!

❖ September 29: Sin and God's Good News

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

❖ September 22: Highlights from “*HC and Me*” book 1. What is Original Sin, Total Depravity,

Salvation, True Faith, the Apostles Creed, the Trinity, Providence, and the word Christian?

❖ September 29: “Amazing Grace”

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.



CHURCH LIFE...

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME Rev. Jim Oord to our pulpit. Rev. Oord is the pastor at Community United Reformed Church in Schererville, IN.

THANK YOU for the prayers and words of encouragement I received and am still receiving regarding my on-going tests. I do have cancer in my neck; however, the doctors have decided to do another test in a month to help determine if any medication will be recommended. Please continue to remember me in prayer. Thank you again. – Bill Rietveld

FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY KICKOFF: Dear First Church Ladies, please join us this **Tuesday, September 24** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church for a time of fellowship, fun, food, and an introduction to our new Bible Study season. The first part of our 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 and will be distributed at the Kickoff. We will then be meeting the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of the month, October - April at 1:00pm. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the Kickoff, or for more information, please call Mary Koster @708-380-4316, or email her at mck_117@yahoo.com. Hope you can come and join us.

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 are in need of 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!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE THE ANNUAL DUTCH FEST A SUCCESS! The annual Elim Dutch Festival will be held this **Saturday, September 28**. Donations of new handmade craft items are being welcomed *now* through September. Homemade baked goods will be accepted the week of the event. Questions? Contact Laura.Schnyders@elimcs.org. All proceeds directly benefit children and adults with disabilities. Will you be willing to bring a baked good? If so, contact Lynn Hoeksema, Trisha Paarlberg, Judy Gill or Wanda Veld. Thank you!

THE 24TH ANNUAL ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL this **Saturday, September 28**, from 8:00am – 4:00pm (pancake breakfast 7:30-10am). Held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Crestwood, IL), this event features great food, shopping, entertainment, and a farmer's market. Kids will enjoy games, reptile shows, train rides, and pony rides. Free admission and free parking. Tickets for children's activities and the food court can be purchased at the event or pre-purchased online at <http://www.elimcs.org/dutch-festival/>. **All proceeds directly bless children and adults with disabilities.** Mark your calendar now!

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, 2019** at 8:00pm until 9:30 pm. 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!

JOIN PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES on **Friday, November 1**, at the Union League Club of Chicago to celebrate the ministry of Providence at our 59th Annual Torchlight Dinner! Go to www.torchlight2019.com to register, or contact Joan at jschutt@provlife.com or 708-342-8108.



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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.**