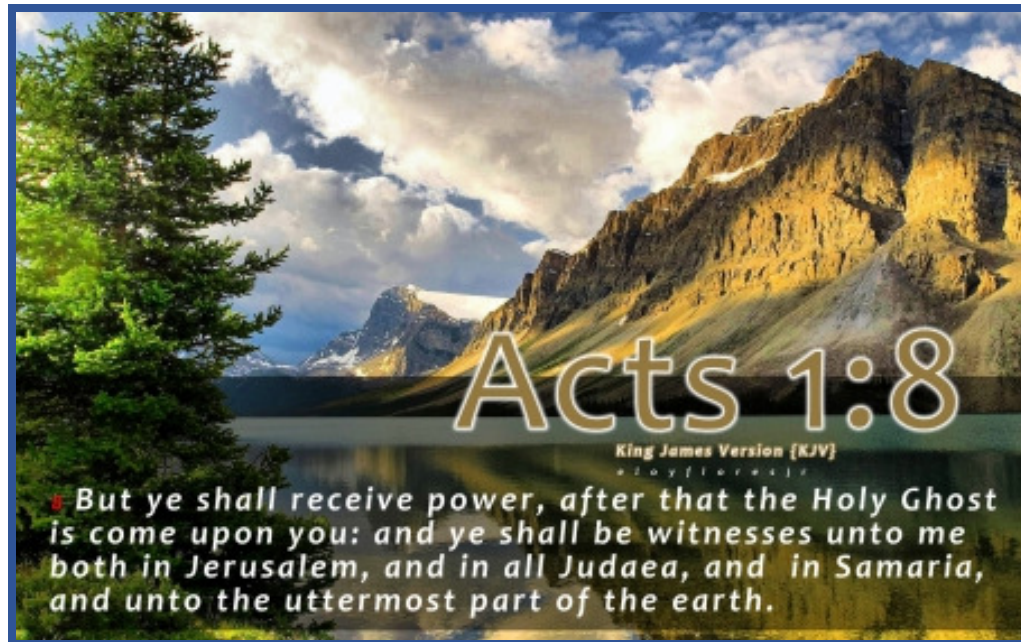


# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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Third Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2019



## 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Communion Sunday, May 5, 2019 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Singing	<i>"Worship Christ, The Risen King"</i> (vs. 1, 2 & 5) <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Lord, I Need You"</i>

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Acts 1:1-9
Sermon	<i>"Storm Surge: How the Book of Acts Flows To and Through First Reformed"</i>

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Don DeGraff
Offering	<i>"I Love To Tell the Story"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Craig Parro
*Sending in Grace	<b>#97 "He Is Lord"</b> (vs. 1)
*Postlude	<i>"Come, Thou Almighty King"</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.

## OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 28

Basket Total: \$10,390.00

Online Total: \$1,015.00

Giving Total: \$11,405.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

## MEMORY VERSE...

*"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."*

- Philippians 3:10-11

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATES...

Page 36: Nick Paarlberg's cell phone is 708-269-6716

Page 53: Evergreen Counseling should be dropped

## AREA EVENTS...

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S** State of the School Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 9** at 7:00 pm. Join us to vote on new Board members, approve the 2019-2020 budget, and hear from the Foundation and Thrift Store. Click on this link for all the information: [http://www.calvinschool.org/editoruploads/files/Board\\_Member\\_Nominees\\_2019.pdf](http://www.calvinschool.org/editoruploads/files/Board_Member_Nominees_2019.pdf).

**THE EXODUS PROJECTS** needs your help in gathering cleaning supplies for an upcoming giveaway! Bring in a bucket of supplies or bring in a few items. Items needed: Bucket, dish soap, sponges, SOS pads, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose cleaner and paper towels (feel free to put your donation in the bucket). A suggestion is to shop at DOLLAR TREE to be able to purchase all these items for \$7.00. Supplies need to be brought to church by **Sunday, May 19**. A table by the Welcome Center will be provided. Any questions see Pastor Corey.

**CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET** will be held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019** to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Reception starts at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00. Please RSVP by May 1 to [cpoministries@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpoministries@sbcglobal.net) or to Noreen VanDeursen at the office - 708-331-3301.

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THIS MORNING WE WELCOME** Pastor Craig Parro to our pulpit. Pastor Parro is the President of Leadership Resources, an organization that seeks to equip and encourage pastors around the world to teach God's Word with God's heart. Pastor Parro will be preaching on Acts 1:19 in a sermon entitled "Storm Surge: How the Book of Acts Flows To And Through First Reformed."

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to Lester and Shirley Van Deursen on their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 6. God is so good!

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!** Join us for a time of prayer and thanksgiving **this afternoon at 4:00pm** in the Chapel. We will unite our hearts in a focused time of corporate prayer rejoicing in our new life in Christ and asking God to continue to bring the reality of the resurrection to places of hurt, pain, and need in our church, community, and world. See Anthony with any questions.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS** have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon and Trustees:

ELDER NOMINEES: Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, Rhonda Hesselink, and Trina Taylor

DEACON NOMINEES: Keith Durkin, Keith Flowers, Craig Nelson, and Rodger Norris

TRUSTEE NOMINEES: Mark Spiekhout and Don VanDeursen

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, May 14** at 7:00PM. The main purpose of the meeting will be the election of elders, deacons and trustees and any other business which rightfully comes before such a meeting. Eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age. Nursery is provided and an update from the Search Committee will be communicated.

**PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** Absentee Ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 14. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of "yes" or "no" for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

**IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS** is a packet with the minutes from the 2018 Congregational Meeting and the proposed annual budgets for 2019/2020. Please review and take this packet along with you to our annual Congregational Meeting on **Tuesday, May 14** at 7:00PM.

*SERMON NOTES...*

“Storm Surge: How the Book of Acts Flows To and Through First Reformed”  
Acts 1:1-9  
Pastor Craig Parro

**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...*

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 5

**GREETERS:** John & Ramelle DeVries and Jan Nelson  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Ray & Barb Housman and Ron & Shirley Scheffers  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Abby Veldboom  
**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Merley Verhagen  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger and Judy Gill; **WELCOME CENTER:** Russ Paarlberg  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Tiffany Buchanan; First Response: Ray Ondrejka  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nyla DeGraff, Norma Smit, Jeannie Spike, & Debbie Woltzen  
**TIME OF PRAYER & THANKSGIVING** meets in Chapel at 4:00pm. All invited!  
**OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students)** meets from 6:00-7:30pm in the Loft

...**SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS: 9:00AM - NOON...**

MONDAY, MAY 6

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

TUESDAY, MAY 7

**NOON:** Women’s Bible Study Spring Luncheon (see announcement)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
**8:15PM:** Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 12

**GREETERS:** Ray and Barb Housman and Ron and Shirley Scheffers  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Gwen Adams, Trina Taylor and Faye Gowens  
**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg & Rachel Wooley  
**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Ron & Diana Abernathy; **WELCOME CENTER:** Don VanBaren  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Tiffany Buchanan; First Response: Ray Ondrejka  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Mary Koster

## CARE...

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

**Les VanDeursen** continues in Manor Care in South Holland, Room 152B for rehab.

**Jeannie Spike** has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. She is doing well and continues with her chemo.

**David Besser** is feeling stronger and continues with targeted chemo drugs. Pray that his body responds well to them.

**Ralph Knopf** has completed his immunotherapy treatments.

**Colton Smit**, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, continues to need our prayers.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer, Room 221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN. 46321

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

**FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will have their annual Spring luncheon this **Thursday, May 7** at NOON at Tricia Paarlberg's home (15942 Parkside Avenue, SH). If you need a gentle reminder as to what you signed up to make for the luncheon, please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Hope to see you there!

**BOOK CLUB** meets on **Tuesday, May 14** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "No Turning Back" by Rania Abouzeid. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. 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.



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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*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

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

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Gerri Van Baren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

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