

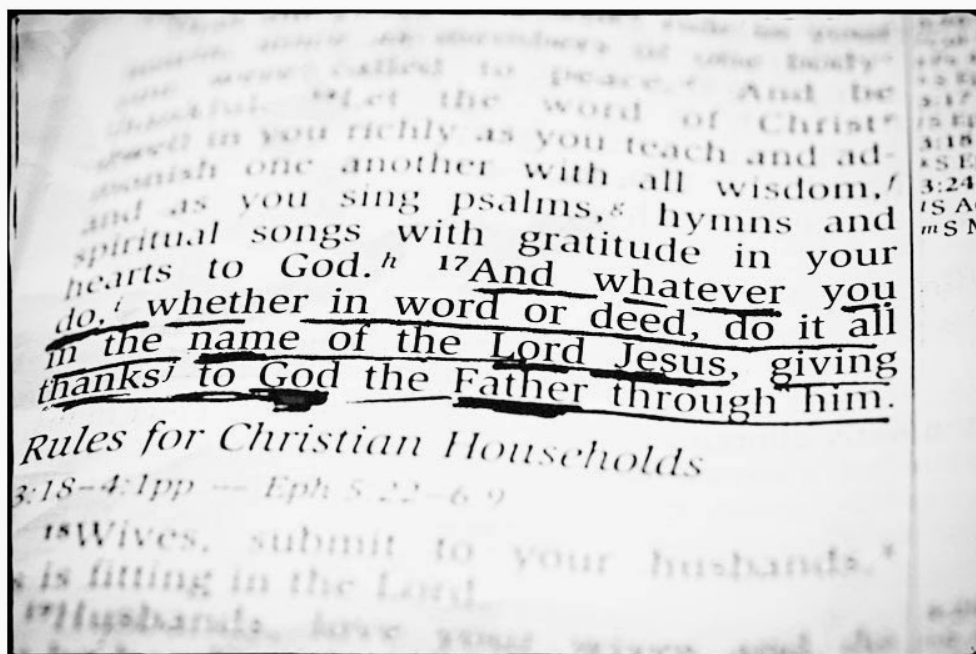
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 11, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"All the Praise of a Lifetime"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Time of Worship	#319 <i>"Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"</i> (vs. 1-3) <i>"Great Is He"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Preparation	<i>"My Tribute"</i> – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Colossians 3:1-17
Sermon	<i>"Wanted: Dead & Alive"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Jim DeGroot
Offering	Moment for Missions: Unity Christian Academy
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Dr. David Larsen
*Sending in Grace	#840 <i>"God Be With You"</i>
*Postlude	Margaret Oetjen

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship
for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY will be hosting an open house tomorrow **Monday, November 12** at 6:45 p.m. on its campus at 16341 South Park Avenue for prospective 2019 students and interested members of the community.

YOU'RE INVITED TO FAITH AND ACTION'S Annual Banquet on **Thursday, November 15** at 6:30pm at the Serbian Social Center (18550 Stony Island Avenue, Lansing, IL). This evening is a fundraiser banquet and will include opportunities for you to partner with Faith and Action through financial gifts, prayer, and fellowship. Please RSVP by November 8 to 708.672.7520 or faithandaction.jodi@gmail.com.

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, Illiana Christian will hold an auction to benefit the athletic department and the tuition assistance fund. A silent auction will begin at 5:00pm and the live auction will begin at 5:30pm in the gym. Great food, great fellowship and lots of great items to bid on. If you would like to donate to the auction, please email ddeboer@illianaweb.org.

JOIN US on **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.

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

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ralph Knopf has been admitted to Northwestern Hospital.

Clarence and Judy Brouwers two-week-old great grandson, **Colton Smit**, is in the Comer Children's Hospital for testing.

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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 4

Basket Total: \$20,117.00; Online Total: \$2,211.00; Special Offering: \$3,300.81

Giving Total: \$23,417.81 (Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

SERMON NOTES...

"Wanted: Dead & Alive"
Colossians 3:1-17
Dr. David Larsen

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...

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT this morning Dr. David Larsen. He is the former Director of Bright Promise Fund and is a founding board member at Unity Christian Academy in South Holland. Dr. Larsen has a Master's in religious education from Trinity Evangelical Seminary and a Ph.D. from Loyola University Chicago.

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.

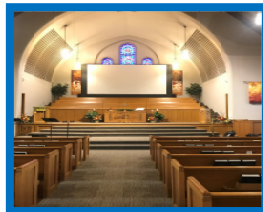
THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall today with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates.

ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE - We're going back to help! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 15** from 10:00am-1:00pm for sorting and stocking. Bring a lunch and a friend! We can arrange carpools, too. If you can come, please contact Sara Jabaay at sara.jabaay@gmail.com or (708)302-2612.

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 **Wed., November 21** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please wait until the offering time to come forward and bring non-perishable food items (to restock our food pantry), clothing (for Exodus Projects) and your monetary donations. 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.

- **PRESCHOOL** (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.

NO ADULT CLASSES THIS WEEK!

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Our next Bible study will be this **Tuesday, November 13**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church as we continue our new season, Lesson 3 "What Matters Most – Living for Christ & Others", Philippians 2. Study Guide page 57-76; Memory Verse: Philippians 2:3. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Dorothy Jacobsma and Grace Jacobsma.

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Tuesday, November 13** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylén'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 Nylén at 708-217-3713.

BOOK CLUB meets this **Tuesday, November 13** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "The Good Neighbor" by Maxwell King. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

GREETERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and John & Gay Kraai
COFFEE SERVERS: Ray & Barb Housman and Craig & Jan Nelson
ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema; **NURSERY:** Kim Bolkema
MUSIC TEAM: Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom
SOUND: James Kuyper; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker
PRAYER ROOM: Ron and Diana Abernathy; **WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Furst
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Mary Koster
MUNCH & MINGLE: 11:30am in the Activity Center

VETERAN'S DAY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

CHURCH OFFICE & DAY CARE CLOSED

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library
1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room
6:30PM: Women's Bible Study meets at Cindy Nylen's home

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

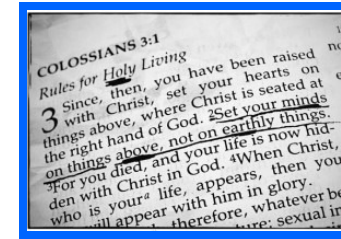
10:00AM-1:00PM: Roseland Christian Ministries Thrift Store

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:45AM: Search Team meeting in the Heritage Room
9:00AM – 1:00PM: Christmas Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
5:30-10:30PM: OASIS Service Project

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

GREETERS: Roger & Arleta Hommes and Larry & Phyllis DeYoung
COFFEE SERVERS: Gwen Adams, Trina Taylor and Wendy Stehle
NURSERY: Merley Verhagen and Kelly Bruinsma
ORGAN: Steve DeVries & 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
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