

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 20, 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.

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### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Bonnie Feenstra
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	<i>"Come into His Presence"</i> – Children's Choir #34 <i>"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"</i> (vs. 1, 2 & 3) <i>"Praise the King"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"I've Been Redeemed"</i> – Children's Choir

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 18:1-8
Sermon	"Persistence?"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Larry DeYoung
Offering	<i>"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Chad Schuitema
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i> (vs. 2)
*Postlude	Bonnie Feenstra
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...***

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

**GREETERS:** Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Craig & Jan Nelson  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Rodger & Sherry Norris and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, and Bill & Nikki Nyhanna  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom  
**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger DeGraff  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Trina Taylor  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Diana Abernathy, Mary Decker, Mary Koster, and Nikki Nyhanna  
**ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** 6:00-8:00pm in the Activity Center

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**9:30AM:** Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall  
**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal  
**8:15PM:** Bell Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 – REFORMATION DAY**

**GREETERS:** Rick & Amy Veldboom and Don & Gerri VanBaren  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Ray & Barb Housman and Jan & Craig Nelson  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Calvin Hondoko, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, & Rachel Wooley  
**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink  
**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Don DeGraff  
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## ***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.

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICES,** as well as Faith & Fellowship formation ministries are in full swing and it's a great time to be part of our First Church Family. With that in mind, as we begin the second quarter of our fiscal year, the deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and donations.

Though our expenses are less than budgeted due to our senior pastor vacancy, it's important to note that our weekly giving has also been less than budgeted. After the first three months of this fiscal year we are \$17,850.95 behind budget. As we approach the end of this calendar year during this time of transition, please continue your faithful giving. As we grow together in the Grace of Christ, we are so very thankful to God for 1<sup>st</sup> Church and eagerly anticipate the work He will continue to do in and through us.

## ***CARE...***

**Jan Nelson** is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Roger Hommes** continues with his therapy.

**Jeannie Spike** has completed her chemo regimen; her bone marrow biopsy showed good results.

**Joyce Deinema** is at Symphony of Dyer for therapy.

**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 and her mother, Jean Schultz has bleeding in her eye and has started injection therapy to save the eye.

**Christopher Nelson**, son of Craig and Jan Nelson has been diagnosed with early stages of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; he continues with infusion therapy.

**Colton Smit**, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, had good results from a recent MRI and will not need another surgery.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lenora Jacobs, Park Place Room362, 1050 S. Euclid Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

## ***SERMON NOTES...***

**“Persistence?”**

**Luke 18:1-8**

**Pastor Chad Schuitema**

**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** (3-year-old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) can be dropped off in the Genesis Room at 11:00am and picked up there at 12:00pm. The adult class meets in the Chapel from 11:00am-12:00pm.

❖ October 20: “Suffering and God’s Presence”

*Where is God when we hurt? And what does the presence of pain in our lives mean about God’s authority over all things?* Join us at 11:00am this Sunday morning as we discuss these questions together in light of the story of Job.

❖ October 27: “God Makes A Promise”

❖ November 3: No Sunday School – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter break

**THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING:** This **multi-generational class** is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up!

❖ October 20: “God’s Promise to You (Baptism)” (Q & A 69– 74)

*What is the key idea that **baptism** reminds and assures us of?* Join us in the **Heritage Room** (next to the chapel) this Sunday morning at 11:00am as we delve into this foundational question of our faith.

❖ October 27: “For Me” (Q & A 75–82)

❖ November 3: No Sunday School – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter break

**FIRST CHURCH LADIES’ AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY:** Please join us on **Tuesday, October 29** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room as we review the homework from Session 1, “Sizing Up the Enemy”. Focus on Ephesians 6:13-14 as we view the DVD teaching and complete the viewer’s guide p. 38-39. As an independent study, for the next two weeks, please do the homework on p. 40-65 for “The Belt of Truth”. For the month of October, we will meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and then will continue to meet the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of the month. For more information, please call Mary Koster @708-380-4316, or email her at [mck\\_117@yahoo.com](mailto:mck_117@yahoo.com). Treats: Merley Verhagen and Ellen Nelson.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet **Tuesday, November 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “A Light Between Oceans” by M.L. Stedman. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596-7314.

## ***OUR GIFTS...***

**Sunday, October 13**

Basket Total: \$25,596.42; Special Projects: \$575.00; Online Total: \$1,140.00

Gift & Memorial: Andy VanDeursen - \$50.00; Lillian Kortum - \$50.00

Giving Total: \$27,411.42 (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

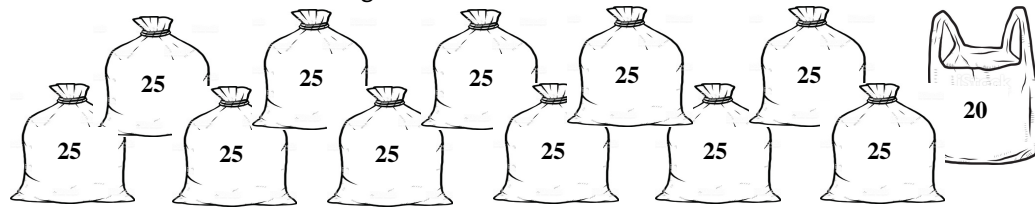
## CHURCH LIFE...

**WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS** our sincere appreciation for all the cards, calls, visits and many acts of kindness during Andy's short illness and passing. It was good to be remembered by so many of our church family. – The Family of Andy VanDeursen

**JOIN US TONIGHT, 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. Please sign up for the event in the Fellowship Hall and mark your calendars to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

**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 is 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. We have collected 294 so far. Let's reach our goal!



**PLEASE VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER** in the Fellowship Hall after the service to sign cards for our shut-in birthdays and hospitalized.

**PLEASE KEEP THE PARKING AREA** that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!



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## STAFF...

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
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**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevenoged**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

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*Administrative Assistant*

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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.