

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 27, 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	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	"Great Is He" – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" "Cornerstone" "You Deserve It"
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	"By Faith" – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	John 21:1-19
Sermon	Vulnerability and Christian Communities: Reflections on Breakfast with Jesus

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Barbara Grevengoed
Offering	Margaret Oetjen
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Dr. Aaron Kuecker
*Sending in Grace	#834 "Lord, Dismiss Us" (vs. 2)
*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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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: Dave & Jodi Eylander

WELCOME CENTER: David Besser

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Celeste DeBoer, Felicia Flowers, Joanne Hoeksema and Alice Kats

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Chapel followed by the Caring Elders & Caring Deacons meeting in the Genesis Room and then Elders and Deacons meetings

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00-7:00PM: Trunk N Treat in the church parking lot



Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 2!

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

GREETERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and Ron & Diana Abernathy

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Calvin Hondoko, Peter Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill

WELCOME CENTER: Jim DeGroot

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Norma Smit, Gerri VanBaren & Debbie Woltzen

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 \$22,052.88 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 1st Church and eagerly anticipate the work He will continue to do in and through us.

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.

CARE...

Roger Hommes continues with his therapy.

Jeannie Spike has completed her chemo regimen.

Joyce Deinema and **Russ Gouwens** are at Symphony of Dyer for rehab.

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 has completed his treatments with a Pet Scan scheduled for Nov. 18.

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

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 20

Basket Total: \$5,012.01; Special Projects: \$5,025.00; Online Total: \$2,036.00

Giving Total: \$12,073.01 (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

SERMON NOTES...

John 21:1-19

“Vulnerability and Christian Communities: Reflections on Breakfast with Jesus”

Dr. Aaron Kuecker

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 5th 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 27: “God Makes A Promise”

*What kind of promise from God would you need in order to leave **everything** you know to follow Him? What would it take for you to pick up and go?* Join us at 11:00am this Sunday morning as we discuss these questions together in light of God's promises to Abram.

❖ November 3: No Sunday School – 1st Quarter break

❖ November 10: “God Foreshadows His Promise”

❖ November 17: “God Provides For His Promise”

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

❖ October 27: “For Me” (Q & A 75–82)

What is the Lord's Supper, and how does our participation in it benefit us? 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. This **multi-generational class** is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up!

❖ November 3: No Sunday School – 1st Quarter break

❖ November 10: “Key Power” (Q & A 83-85)

❖ November 17: “Thankful Living” (Q & A 86-87)

FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: Please join us this **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 5th 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. 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.

CHURCH LIFE...

WE AGAIN WELCOME Dr. Aaron Kuecker to our pulpit this morning. He currently serves as the Provost at Trinity Christian college. After earning his M.Div. from Western Theological Seminary, Dr. Kuecker served a congregation in Zeeland Michigan before returning to school to earn a Ph.D. in New Testament studies.

BILL RIETVELD had good news from a procedure he had this past week. He has no cancer in the neck area where he had surgery. He thanks everyone for their prayers and concerns and gives thanks to God for this good report!

THANK YOU to my First Church family for supporting me once again while I was in the hospital during August and September. Every prayer, call, card, hospital and home visit, and especially the chicken soup spurred me on to better health. A special thank you to Pastor Rich, Judy Gill and Ray Ondrejka for their visits in and out of the hospital and for the personalized counseling I needed to weather the “storm”. I am so blessed to have each and every one of you in my corner!
- Marla Owens

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Linda Capone, Ramelle DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Shirley Scheffers, Evelyn Schreiber, and Gerri VanBaren for helping Diane Munro clean ALL the blinds in the parsonage this past week. Your help was very much appreciated!

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?

Our goal as a church is to collect 1,300 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 **1,000** so far (300 to go). **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.

ANOTHER ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE workday is planned for next **Thursday, November 21**. Please call Barb Grevengoed @476-1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.



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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.