

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019



## Welcome...

Welcome to First Reformed Church on this Sixth Sunday of Lent. Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. During the forty days of Lent we remember that being a faithful disciple of Christ requires the disciplined nurture of spiritual life and its practical application. Accordingly, the church has historically observed Lent as a time of spiritual renewal practiced by prayer, fasting, and giving. We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning as we continue our journey together to Golgotha and, ultimately, to the empty tomb.

## PALM SUNDAY Sunday, April 14, 2019 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Processional	<i>"Sing This Joyful Morning"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*A Time of Worship	<i>"Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna"</i> & <i>"He Is the King of Kings"</i> Children's Choir #204 <i>"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"</i> (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5) <i>"The Lord is My Salvation"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Just As I Am"</i> – Chancel Choir

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon	"Hosanna – Behold the Savior"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Judy Gill
Offering	Margaret Oetjen
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Willard High
*Sending in Grace	#479 <i>"O, How He Loves You and Me"</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.

## OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 7

Basket Total: \$7,496.00; Online Total: \$2,326.00

Giving Total: \$ 9,822.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

## WORSHIP...

**April 18:** Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (nursery provided). We will have our casserole dinner first and then our service follows.

**April 19:** Good Friday Service will be held in the Chapel at 7:00pm (nursery provided).

**April 21:** Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

## AREA EVENTS...

**UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** will be hosting its first annual Celebration of Unity on **Saturday, April 27** at the Flossmoor Country Club from 6:00pm-11:00pm. The evening will include dinner, entertainment and a silent auction. Tickets are available through the UCA office or online at [www.WeAreUCA.org](http://www.WeAreUCA.org). See Mike Nysten for more information.

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** 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. Someone put their RSVP for the banquet in Noreen's mail slot. Thank you, but you did not fill in your name or how many are coming. Could you please call Noreen so she can have a room at a table for you?

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THIS MORNING WE WELCOME** back to the pulpit Pastor Willard High. Pastor High is the former pastor of Shepherd's Community Church and a faithful friend to First Reformed Church.

**THANK YOU** for all the cards, prayers, and visits. We are so thankful to be a part of a caring church. – Ralph and Norma Knopf

**PAM AND I** want to thank our wonderful church family for the cards and phone calls we received after the homegoing of Pam's mother. God's blessings to everyone.

– Michael & Pamela Costello

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Rich and MaryAnn Thornton on the passing of MaryAnn's mother, Margo Elaine Harvey, on April 10. Visitation is on Sunday from 3-7pm at the Holt Funeral Home in Harvey.

**OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES** are in your mail slots. Please use your existing 3-ring binder for the updated material. If you do not have a binder, please notify the church office and one will be provided for you.

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS** to make your favorite casserole for the dinnertime at our **Maundy Thursday** service this week on **April 18**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite casserole (and soon to be ours)☺.

## 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

## CARE...

**Les VanDeursen** continues in Ingalls Hospital with a fracture in his back.

**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.

**Claude Boomsma** has been moved to Providence in Crestwood, Room 36-Bed 2.

**Colton Smit**, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers will be having another neurological surgery on Monday.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Barb Klein, Munster Med Inn, 7935 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

*SERMON NOTES...*

**“Hosanna – Behold the Savior”  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Pastor Willard High**

**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...*

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**GREETERS:** Larry & Phyllis DeYoung and Bob & Nancy Asmus

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Craig & Jan Nelson and Rodger & Sherry Norris

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Rachel Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** James Kuyper

**VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld; **PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Arleta Hommes

**WELCOME CENTER:** Don DeGraff

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman & Mary Koster

**MUNCH & MINGLE:** Meets in the Activity Center at 11:30AM

**OASIS:** Meets in the Loft at 6:30PM

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**

**9:30AM:** Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal

**8:15PM:** Bell Rehearsal

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

**6:00PM:** Casserole Dinner and Service in the Fellowship Hall

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

**7:00PM:** Service in the Chapel

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**GREETERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer and Amy Veldboom

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Calvin Handoko, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, John DeVries, Nancy, Matthew & Jonathan Rietveld, Abby Veldboom, & Robert Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and family

**VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld; **PRAYER ROOM:** Rick Veldboom; **WELCOME CENTER:** Roger Hommes

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Diana Abernathy, Mary Decker, Arleta Hommes, Nikki Nyhanna, Mary Paulton and Jeanne Spike.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** continues today for all ages at 11:00am. Easter Sunday we will not have Sunday School and Sunday, April 28 is the last day of Sunday School.

**PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT KIDS** meet for a time of singing in the Genesis Room at 11:00am followed by their Bible story time.

- **PRESCHOOL** (Ages 3-4) Teachers: Aubrey Durkin, Rhonda Hesselink, Sara Jabaay, and Brittany Paarlberg. This class meets in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible stories and a craft-time.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Teachers: Kim Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna and Noreen VanDeursen. This class meets in the rooms across from the drinking fountain in the Activity Center for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade – High School) Teachers: Barb Grevengoed, Mike Hoeksema and Roger Hommes. This class meets at the east end of the Fellowship Hall and is studying the Heidelberg Catechism. Their last class is Sunday, April 14.

**NO ADULT CLASS is scheduled for today!**

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

**AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be **Tuesday, April 23** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We continue our study of "The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi." Session 6 – "Jerusalem: Crucifixion and Resurrection" (John 19:16-18, 30.) We will take a video tour of Jerusalem then we will complete the study guide pages 105-122. Questions call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Mary Koster

**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...

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**Rev. Mel De Vries**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

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

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

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**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Gerri Van Baren**  
*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.**