

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Sunday, November 24, 2019



Welcome...

Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ's reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to his rule. The day is celebrated widely in some traditions and is normally scheduled on the last Sunday before Advent. It therefore serves as a transitional Sunday leading directly into Advent, the Christmas cycle, and the new Christian year. The day fits well with the eschatological emphasis and anticipation of Christ's second coming highlighted during Advent. It also helps worshipers, who are already thinking about Christmas, to remember that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger—it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the "Prince of Peace."

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 24, 2019

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"God Is So Good to Me"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Singing	#53 <i>"Let All Things Now Living"</i> <i>"This Is My Father's World"</i> <i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Like A River Glorious"</i> – Mixed Ensemble

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Sermon	"In Anticipation of Good Things"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Russ Paarlberg
Offering	Moment for Missions: Reliant - Suzie Miller
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Willard High
*Sending in Grace	<i>"In This Dry Land"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"</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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

GREETERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Griff & Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Jan & Craig Nelson and Ron & Shirley Scheffers

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Barb Housman

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Bill Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN & PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck; **WELCOME CENTER:** Don DeGraff

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats and Lili Swenson

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:00PM: Thanksgiving Eve Service in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – THANKSGIVING & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Church Office and Day Care Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

GREETERS: Rick & Pam Furst and Rich Zimmerman

COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Don & Gerri VanBaren

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

MUSIC TEAM: Daniel Day, Calvin Hondoko, Peter Keep, Nate Krygsheld, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

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

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gwen Adams

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Tiffany Buchanan; First Response: Rick Furst

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Pam Furst, Norma Smit and Debbie Woltzen

CARE...

Harriet DeYoung has been able to return home from the hospital.

Bill Rietveld is in rehab at the Villa in South Holland.

Roger Hommes has concluded his treatments and will have testing soon to determine if additional treatments will be necessary.

Jeannie Spike has had her treatments suspended due to interstitial pneumonitis.

Joyce Deinema has been able to return home and will continue rehab on an out-patient basis.

Chinedu Akoma continues her recuperation at home.

David Besser continues with targeted medications to work against his brain cancer.

Bob Griffin's lung cancer has come back and he has started radiation treatments.

Dave Schultz, brother of Deb Woltzen, continues with treatments for lung cancer. Deb's 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 completed his treatments for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. His recent Pet Scan showed an improvement and thankfully he will not need additional treatments at this time.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: LaVerne Kampen, Elevate Senior Living, 16300 Louis Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

WORSHIP...

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE is this **Wednesday, November 27** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. As you enter for worship, please bring your monetary and material gifts (non-perishable food items and clothing) to the front of the church. Place your offering of food on the steps. Baskets are provided for your monetary offerings. Ushers and Sunday school children are present to help you carry your items if needed. Nursery provided.

ADVENT is a time of waiting and preparation. Join us for this year's only mid-week worship service to begin the season of Advent on **Wednesday, December 4**. We will gather in the Chapel at 6:00pm for a time of worship. Nursery provided.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS is **Sunday, December 15** at 6:00pm. Join us in the Sanctuary for a celebration of Christmas music including Vocal Ensembles, Instrumental Pieces and a Children's Choir as we hear and sing the story of Christmas. 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 **Tuesday, 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.

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. We are currently \$26,695 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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

RESTORATION MINISTRIES is selling live Christmas Trees at the South Holland Thrift Store. The Christmas Tree Lot is set up in front of the store. Hours are 9:00am to 9:00pm, Monday - Saturday until December 23. The trees are 5 - 8 feet tall and cost \$40.00. All proceeds support Restoration Ministries.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 17

Basket Total: \$4,534.00

Online Total: \$640.00

Giving Total: \$5,174.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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.

❖ November 24: "God Renews His Promise"

How do you respond when God keeps his promises to You in unexpected ways? Do you grow impatient? Frustrated? Doubtful? Join us at 11:00am this Sunday morning as we discuss these questions together in light of God's continued provision for his people through his covenant to Abraham.

❖ December 1: "God's Mercy to a Deceiver"

❖ December 8: "God's Gift of Love"

❖ December 15: "God's New Name for Jacob"

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

❖ November 24: No class today!

❖ December 1: "God's Guide to Doing Good" (Q & A 91-93)

Justification and Sanctification; The death of our old life in sin and the birth of our new life in Christ. How do the 10 Commandments help us grow in our faith and in our daily life?

❖ December 8: "The First Commandment" (Q & A 94-95)

❖ December 15: "The Second Commandment" (Q & A 96-98)

FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: Due to the inclement weather of November 12, we will be combining the Session 3, "Breastplate of Righteousness" and Session 4, "The Shoes of Peace" lessons and DVDs together in our session on this **Tuesday, November 26** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. Treats will be provided by Kathy Verhagen and Mary Koster.

BOOK CLUB will next meet on **Tuesday, January 14** at 9:30am in the Library. We will be reading The Pioneers by David McCullough. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596-7314.

CHURCH LIFE...

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

AT THE MEETING OF THE CONSISTORY on Monday, October 28, based on the Search Committee's recommendation, the Consistory unanimously approved to extend a Call to Rev. James Oord to be our next Senior Pastor. Immediately following our service this morning, we will have a congregational meeting and have the opportunity to receive more information and to affirm the extension of this Call. Please pray for the Oord family and for our church family as we move forward in this process.

JUST WANTED TO THANK EACH OF YOU for your cards & prayers during my treatment(s) these past months. God is always with us and works in wondrous ways, through you! While treatment has been suspended, due to interstitial pneumonitis, it is uplifting and encouraging to feel the power and presence of God and the power of your prayers. Again, heartfelt thanks to each of you for your expression of God's presence and love. The very thought brings joy.

– Jeannie Spike

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. Take an angel from the tree and PRINT your name and phone# on the angel list on the table. Buy the gift listed on your angel and return it by Sunday, December 1. On your gift attach the angel (use it for the name tag and you can put your name as giver if you like.) Wrap the gift as securely as possible as it is handled many times getting to its destination. Please spend the minimum of \$10.00 on your gift. This may be the only present your "angel" will receive.

JOIN US TODAY in the Fellowship Hall at noon for a Mission Luncheon for Suzie Miller with Reliant Ministries.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets next **Sunday, December 1**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft.

THE CHAPEL is available for you to use to participate in the morning worship service. Please feel welcome to use this space to accommodate your family's needs.

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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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.**