

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFETER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 8, 2020



## Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;  
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;  
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;  
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;  
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;  
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;  
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;  
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.  
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

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### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude Joanne Hoeksema  
"Lobe den Herren"  
"Ye Servants of God"  
"O God Our Help in Ages Past"  
"Abide with Me, O God of Bethel"

Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Singing *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
*"Every Praise"*

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance *"Lord, I Need You"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Genesis 13

Sermon *"Rules of Engagement: Solidarity"*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer ?

Offering *"Make Me A Servant"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace *"Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore"*

\*Postlude *"We Are One in the Spirit"*

\*Those who are able please stand.

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

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**GREETERS:** Clair Hoeksema, Gwen Adams, Don DeGraff, Debbie Woltzen, and Lynn Hoeksema

**USHERS:** Ray Ondrejka, Deb Oord, Clifton Rhodes, Ron Rietveld, Trina Taylor, and Dennis Woltzen

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Austin Parks, Nate Krygsheld, and Bella VanderWoude

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**6:00PM:** F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**1:00PM:** Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** DNA meeting in Fellowship Hall

### VETERAN'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care Closed**

**7:00PM:** Learning Team meets in the Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**GREETERS:** Gerri Van Baren, Bonnie DeGroot, Andy DeBoer, and Deb Oord

**USHERS:** Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, Rodger Norris, Mike & Cindy Nylen, and Ray Ondrejka

**MUSIC TEAM:** Julia Keep and Nick Paarlberg

**ORGAN:** Steve Devries

**PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

## *CARE...*

**Bob Asmus** has been admitted to Franciscan Health in Olympia Fields. He had a fall at home and fractured his elbow. He also is getting some additional testing done.

**Bill Rietveld** is now allowed to have visitors but the family requests that you call before you come.

**Debbie Woltzen** is recovering at home from laser surgery that she had on her right eye at the Illinois Retina Associates in Orland Park on Friday.

**Marla Owens** is at Great Lakes Nursing Home in Dyer Room 4A for rehab and thankfully does not have COVID.

**Don Spiekhout** is at Symphony of Dyer, Room 152C for rehab.

**Leona Jacobs** is out of Hospice Care and in an Assisted Living Apartment at Park Place in Elmhurst.

**Dottie VanVuren's** son, **Brian**, has a test this week for a recurring problem on his lip. Pray for good results and a treatment plan.

**Lenore VanderMeer** is at St James Manor for physical therapy and dementia.

**Chad and Dara VandenBosch**, our missionaries in Mozambique, need your prayers as they await a final court date with their adoption of Zinha.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer Room 221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311.

## *SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2020...*



**AS INDOOR WORSHIP HAS RESUMED** and Faith & Fellowship Formation ministries are starting up again, it is a great time to be a part of our First Church Family. The deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support of the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and your donations. Currently, we need to complete raising funds to pay for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. We are 1/3 of the way there already, but we still need to raise \$70,000 to add to the \$50,000 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

### *SERMON NOTES...*

Genesis 13  
“Rules of Engagement: Solidarity”  
Pastor Jim Oord

### *CHURCH LIFE...*

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the Buchanan family on the passing of Tommy Buchanan on Tuesday, November 10 in Atlanta, GA. Tommy was the son of Leslie Buchanan and brother to Pastor Corey.

**THIS YEAR** we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall now 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 Thanksgiving. 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 a minimum of \$10.00 on your gift as this may be the only present your “angel” will receive. If you are uncomfortable or cannot make it in to get a tag from the tree, please call Noreen (708-752-6706) and she will let you know what is available to pick from. Also, some gifts requested are expensive (ex. coats) so feel free to go together with another family. Thank you.

### *OUR GIFTS...*

#### Sunday, November 1

Basket Total: \$15,694.03; OASIS: \$100.00

Online Total: \$4,535.00; Special Projects: \$10,000.00

Giving Total: \$30,329.03

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

**There are several ways to bring your gifts to the church:**

- Online
- Mail
- Bring to the church office
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door

#### SECRETARIES' COVID OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – NOON

Monday – Friday

## AREA EVENTS...

**JOIN US** for Illiana Christian's 6<sup>TH</sup> annual silent and live auctions on **Saturday, November 21**. The silent auction will begin at 5:00pm and the live auction at 5:30pm in the gym. The proceeds of the auction will go to the athletic department. If you have questions or would like to donate to the auction, please email [btrepton@illianaweb.org](mailto:btrepton@illianaweb.org). By donating to the auction, your business will receive advertising the night of the auction and in the winter sports book.

## REMINDERS...

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

**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!

**PLEASE CONTACT** the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITES...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are so glad Sunday School has started again! Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we are modifying our normal practice: the Sunday School children will sing during the service and then gather for a 15-minute lesson beginning ten minutes after the conclusion of worship. 3-4-year olds will meet in the Sanctuary, Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Genesis Room, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Chapel. They will be sent home with crafts and projects. Please remind your children to keep their masks on during Sunday School. We look forward to growing in God's Word together!

**THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will meet this **Tuesday, November 10** at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are concluding our study of "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23." Please read chapters 11 and 12. Social distancing and mask wearing will be implemented. Hope to see you there.



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## STAFF...

**Rev. James Oord**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Dr. Anthony Bolkema**  
*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

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

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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.**