

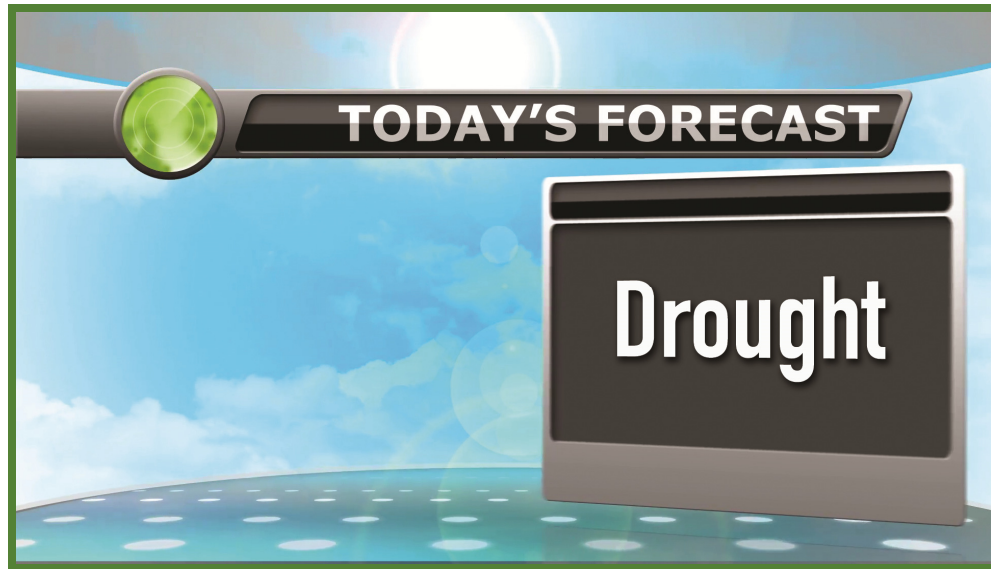
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 12, 2018



Welcome...

What is the one thing we talk about the most? What is the one thing that changes all the time? What is the one thing we complain about whatever it is? What do you think? The weather! Of course. The weather gets brought up in the smallest of small talk. The weather changes by the hour, especially around the Midwest. And we most certainly complain about the weather at every chance we get. But what if I told you that the weather played a very important role in the Bible?! It's true and for the next several weeks, we'll be looking at different weather patterns throughout the Bible. And today, the forecast calls for drought.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 12, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Time of Worship	<i>"Great Is He"</i>
	Great is He who's the King of kings and the Lord of lords, He is wonderful! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! He is wonderful! Hallelujah, salvation and glory, honor and power, He is wonderful!
	#61 "How Majestic Is Your Name"
	#2 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	#60 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	II Chronicles 7:11-14
Sermon	"The Forecast Calls for...Drought"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offering	<i>"If My People"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	#834 "Lord, Dismiss Us" (vs. 2)
*Postlude	<i>"I Must Tell Jesus"</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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 29

Basket Total: \$8,877.00

Online Total: \$1,490.00

Gift & Memorial: LaVerne Churchill - \$50.00, Marie Rietveld - \$125.00

Special Projects Total: \$120.00

Giving Total: \$10,682.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lois Van Vuren and Rich Riddering are at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Ralph Knopf continues with his chemo treatments.

Lynn Hoeksema continues her recovery at home.

Lenore Vander Meer continues at Christ Advocate in Oak Lawn.

Nancy Zivkovich is in hospice care at home.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barbara Klein, Munster Med Inn, Room 507, 7935 Calumet Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

WORSHIP...

OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE A FRIEND! Our Outdoor Service is on **Sunday, August 26** at 9:30am on the beautiful front lawn of the Church. We will also celebrate our annual Church Picnic on that Sunday immediately following the morning service.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church. The dual screens and the center hanging projectors will be removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area. Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still encouraged.

Approximately \$64,000 of the \$75,000 needed for this project has already been raised thanks your gracious support. Your prayers over generosity to this important project are encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Dorothy Van Vuren’s family on the passing of her daughter, Nancy Zivkovich on Friday, August 10. Funeral arrangements are pending.

THANK YOU for the many cards, phone calls, and words of encouragement we have seen and felt during the recent loss of our mom, Marian Van Someren. It is a blessing to be part of the family of God.
– The Van Someren and Gill Family

DEAR FIRST CHURCH: Thank you for the prayers, concerns, calls and cards Marie received during her illness and for the many condolences I and our family received in her passing. We are thankful for a caring church.
– Charlie Rietveld and Family

OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE A FRIEND! Our Outdoor Service is **Sunday, August 26** at 9:30am and will be followed by our Church Picnic in the Activity Center. Last names beginning with **A–I** make a **SALAD** to share; **J–Z** make a **DESSERT** to share. Jimbooo’s fried chicken & pulled pork is our main course. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall after our morning service.

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY of the HOPE Packs drive. Please take home with you today a checklist and envelope (in your mail slot). Our church can provide meaningful work for the adults in Elim’s Adult Services Program *and* bless children living in need around the world. You will have the next two weeks to return it back here at church, **Sunday, August 26**. Please help us bless as many children as possible by collecting the supplies on your checklist and including a small donation. A bag of school supplies and a small donation allows Elim’s adults to assemble and ship one HOPE Pack of school supplies. Help us bless two people with every single HOPE Pack. Please don’t forget your encouraging notes and to fill out the gift information completely for accurate receipting of your tax-deductible donation.

THE INVITATIONS TO PASTOR COREY AND TIFFANY SURREL’S bridal shower have been placed in your mailbox. Please circle the date of **Wednesday, September 5**, at 6:30 pm as we honor the happy couple and share in their joy. A delightful dessert and beverage fare will be served. RSVP by August 29 to Nyla DeGraff @708-542-2501, Mary Koster @708-380-4316 or on the sign-up sheet on the welcome center in the Fellowship Hall. Hope you can attend!

ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE - We're going back **Saturday, September 8** for a bonus Summer Serve Day! We had so much fun sorting clothes, and they need a lot of help putting out their winter stock. We plan to be there for a short day from 10 to about 1. Pack a lunch and join us! The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall or contact sara.jabaay@gmail.com or (708)302-2612.

LEARNING...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On **Sunday, September 9**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am.

BOOK CLUB meets **Tuesday, September 11** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers" by Sara Ackerman. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Please join us on **Tuesday, September 25**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church, for a time of food, fellowship, and an introduction to our new season. The first part of the season, we will be working on a DVD Study by Karen Ehman titled, "What Matters Most, A Study of Philippians". In this study, the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians will show us how we can banish our anxieties of the world and rest in the peace of Christ. The cost of the study guide is \$15.00 and will be distributed at the kick-off. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the kick-off, or for more information, please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

SOUTH HOLLAND'S EDUCATION FAIR is on **Saturday, August 11** from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the South Holland Community Center. Fun for the whole family: face painting, raffle prizes, children's reading room and master gardener demo. Also, free vision screenings, hearing tests, kids' dental check-ups and a blood drive.

AFTER FOUR YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS OF PRAYER, planning, study, research and sweat equity, Unity Christian Academy will open its doors to its first freshman class on August 15. Many members of our congregation have been supporting the school along the way. You are invited to attend the ribbon-cutting at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, August 14** at the campus (16341 South Park Avenue—on the south side of Calvary Community Church).

THE ILLIANA DIVISION OF BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS is hosting Selah in concert on **Friday, September 14** at Bethel CRC in Lansing, IL. Limited seating. Purchase your tickets online at bibleleague.org/selah.

SAVE THE DATE: Providence Life Services has its 58th annual ministry celebration Torchlight Dinner on **Friday, November 2**, 2018 at the Shedd Aquarium. Reserve online <https://www.providenceliveservices.com/torchlight-registration-2018/> or call 708-342-8108 to reserve your seat.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

GREETERS: Rich Zimmerman and Larry & Phyllis DeYoung

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

NURSERY: Sherry Norris and Barb Housman

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: John DeVries

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Daniel Day, & Dacia Hill

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes

WELCOME CENTER: Dave Wright

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Rich Thornton

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Grace Jacobsma, Celeste DeBoer, Barb Grevengoed, & Arleta Hommes

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

GREETERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Mary Koster

COFFEE SERVERS: Ray & Barb Housman and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

NURSERY: Cindy Paarlberg and Dawn Kuyper

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: James Kuyper

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Robert Wooley

PRAYER ROOM: Don DeGraff

WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Rich Thornton

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Mary Decker, Gail Housman, and Mary Koster

• The church office secretary summer hours are 9:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday •

SERMON NOTES...

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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.

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.