

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



Welcome...

“We believe that our good God, mindful of our crudeness and weakness, has ordained sacraments for us to seal his promises in us, to pledge his good will and grace toward us, and also to nourish and sustain our faith. He has added these to the Word of the gospel to represent better to our external senses both what he enables us to understand by his Word and what he does inwardly in our hearts, confirming in us the salvation he imparts to us. For they are visible signs and seals of something internal and invisible, by means of which God works in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. So they are not empty and hollow signs to fool and deceive us, for their truth is Jesus Christ, without whom they would be nothing.” ~ Article 33 of the Belgic Confession

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September 30, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	“There’s Power in The Blood” – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#96 “Praise Him! Praise Him!” “Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)” “I Stand Amazed”
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	“Come to the Water” – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Matthew 3:13-17
Sermon	“Sac • ra • ment: Baptism”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Barb Grevengoed
The Sacrament of Baptism	Layla Jane Keep
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#840 “God Be with You” (vs. 1)
*Postlude	Joanne Hoeksema

*Those who are able please stand.

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

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

23RD ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS will take place on **Tuesday, October 9**. There will be a brief public service at Thorn Creek Reformed Church (1875 E 170th Street) at 7:00pm with Pastor Matt speaking and the parade will begin there at 7:30pm. The parade will then wind through the streets of South Holland, Thornton and Homewood, ending at the Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway, in honor of Homewood Firefighter, Brian Carey, who gave the “Supreme Sacrifice” while fighting a structure fire in Homewood.

PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES will host its 58th annual Torchlight Dinner on **Friday, November 2** at the Shedd Aquarium. Come celebrate another year of ministry and enjoy a variety of food, music, and, of course, amazing aquatic exhibits. For reservations, contact Joan at (708) 342-8108 or go to www.torchlight2018.com to register.

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Don Spiekhout is in Munster Community Hospital in rehab.

Lois Van Vuren continues at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Ralph Knopf continues with his chemo treatments.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Holland Home, Room 205, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 23

Basket Total: \$12,574.63

Online Total: \$815.00

Special Projects Total: \$2,025.00

Giving Total: \$15,414.63

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

SERMON NOTES...

“Sac • ra • ment: Baptism”
Matthew 3:13-17
Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone

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.



SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...

The dual screens and the center hanging projectors have been removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area.

We have secured a Revitalization Grant from the Illiana-Florida Classis for \$5000 in support of this project, meaning we now have a \$200 surplus for this project. God is good! Thank you for your generous support! More information will be available soon regarding our next Special Project. Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still 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...

THANK YOU for your prayers and cards during my recent knee replacement procedure. The new knee is working very well. Thank you!
— Sherry Rietveld Gouwens

ELIM'S DUTCH FEST was blessed with another good year. Thank you to our congregation who helped make it a success.
— Judy, Lynn, Tricia & Wanda

AS WE CONTINUE in another year of Sunday School for all ages, please pray for our teachers and helpers as they lead classes, prepare crafts, and teach the catechism. Also, please pray for learners of all ages as they deepen their faith. A friendly word of encouragement to make Sunday School a priority for you and your family as we grow together in the grace of Christ.

UPTOWN BAPTIST: Come and help prepare supper for those less fortunate on **Monday, October 1**. We will meet in the church parking lot by the office at 12:30pm. Call Norma Smit with questions at 219-864-2958.

THE SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE is coming to First Church on **Sunday, October 14** for a concert at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. Mark your calendars for an enjoyable afternoon of music.

MUNCH & MINGLE (Senior Singles) will meet on **Sunday, October 21** in the Activity Center at 11:30am. Call the church office or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to reserve your spot.

TRUNK R' TREAT is **Wednesday, October 31** from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:15pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick R' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There will be a candy donation box in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

LEARNING...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continues for all ages at 11:00am.

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 will meet in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible stories and a craft-time.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten-4th Grade) Teachers: Kim Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna and Noreen VanDeursen. This class will meet 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** (5th Grade – High School) Teachers: Pastor Corey, Barb Grevengoed, Mike Hoeksema and Roger Hommes. This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall and will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

ADULT CLASSES:

- **WHAT DO YOU WANT?** This is a powerful and provocative question that Jesus poses to a blind beggar named Bartimaeus. Join Pastor Matt in the Chapel at 11:00am to explore the faithful response of Bartimaeus.
- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Our next Bible study will be **Tuesday, October 9**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church when we will begin our new season, Lesson 1 “What Matters Most – The Gospel”, Philippians 1:1-19. Study Guide page 12-26, Memory Verse: Philippians 1:12. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316.

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Tuesday, October 9** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylén's home (16009 School Street). We will continue to meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. We will be studying the book “Uninvited” by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nylén at 708-217-3713.

BOOK CLUB meets **Tuesday, October 9** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Notorious RBG” by Irin Carmon. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

GREETERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Myrna Eytcheson and Rodger & Sherry Norris
NURSERY: Gerri VanBaren and Abigail Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer and John DeVries
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Nate Krygsheld, Bill and Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill
WELCOME CENTER: Larry DeYoung
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Colin Cutler
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Carol Barnes, Dorothy Jacobsma, Nikki Nyhanna & Gerri VanBaren

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

12:30PM: Uptown Baptist volunteers meet at church
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal
8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:30AM: Management Meeting meets in the Genesis Room
7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 – WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

GREETERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Ray & Barb Housman
NURSERY: Amber Fransen and Chandra Ondrejka
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
MUSIC TEAM: Nate Krygsheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker
PRAYER ROOM: Ron & Dianna Abernathy
WELCOME CENTER: Clair Hoeksema
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Mike Costello
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Debbie Woltzen, Nyla DeGraff, Nancy DeVries & Norma Smit
6:30-8:00PM: OASIS meets in the Loft



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