

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 30, 2018



Welcome...

At First Church one of the best ways we can grow together is through Sunday morning worship. Here, you'll find a warm and welcoming community of people from all different walks of life gathered together in unity to lift high the name of Jesus. We do this in all sorts of different ways. We sing new songs with guitars and old songs with an organ. We pray new prayers from the heart and ancient prayers of the faith. We preach the same Good News of Jesus Christ in new and fresh ways in hopes of intersecting the Word of God with the stories of our lives. Whether you grew up Catholic, married a Baptist, or anything in between, you'll find a home in worship here at First Church.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	<i>"152 "Angels We have Heard On High" #151 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain" "Angels From The Realms of Glory/Emmanuel"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Beautiful Savior"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 2:22-38
Sermon	

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Jim DeGroot
Offering	<i>"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"Who Is He In Yonder Stall?"</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, DECEMBER 30

GREETERS: Rich & Barb Grevengoed and John & Ramelle DeVries

COFFEE SERVERS: Ray & Barb Housman and Don & Gerri VanBaren

NURSERY: Amy Veldboom and Isabella Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: John DeVries

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Dacia Hill, & Nick Paarlberg

SOUND: James Kuyper

PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus & Dan Dieck; **WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Veldboom

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Carol Barnes, Dorothy Jacobsma, Nikki Nyhanna & Gerri VanBaren

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Church Office Hours 9am-noon

TUESDAY – FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 -4

Church Office Hours 9am-noon

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

GREETERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Rich Zimmerman

COFFEE SERVERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Rodger & Sherry Norris

NURSERY: Amber Fransen and Chandra Ondrejka

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: John DeVries

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Dacia Hill, & Nick Paarlberg

SOUND: James Kuyper

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes; **WELCOME CENTER:** Don VanBaren

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Trina Taylor; First Response: Keith Durkin

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Norma Smit, Jeannie Spike and Deb Woltzen

OASIS GAME NIGHT: 6:30pm-8:00pm

CHURCH LIFE...

PLEASE SUBMIT any address/phone number/email updates to the church office for our new upcoming directory. We would like to incorporate updated pictures in this directory, but we will not be hiring a photography company to take photos of all church members. Instead, we ask that you please submit a recent, clear photo of your family (cell phone photos are perfect) to the church office by emailing to office@frchsh.org. Please keep those photos coming.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Kim Maurer, daughter of Norma Smit, in the passing of Kim's husband Victor Maurer on December 23. There will be a visitation on January 5 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm with a memorial service beginning at 7:00pm at Smit's Funeral Home in Dyer, IN.

OFFERING ENVELOPES have been issued for 2019 and are in your mail boxes. For those who have had envelope numbers assigned greater than 200 you will now have a number under 200. For those who now give on-line, you will not be receiving envelopes but will receive a personal email with your new number which you will need when using the blue envelope for special giving or when using the Thanksgiving envelope. If you should have any questions, please contact Griff Decker at 708-710-0111.

BEGINNING JANUARY 13, a six-week adult Sunday School class will be offered. We will be learning about the 1628 origin of the Reformed Church in America and the beginnings of First Reformed Church of South Holland in 1848. The elders are also working on plans for spring and fall adult Sunday School for 2019 and would value your input for topics of interest. If you have any recommendations, please contact Anthony Bolkema at (708)333-0622, Ex. 13.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION will be held **Saturday, January 19** here at First Reformed Church at 10:00am. Our day care children will be singing at this event. Everyone invited to attend! This celebration honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with song and scripture.

CARE...

Ralph Knopf continues with chemo treatments. **Shirley Witvoet** continues to need our prayer as she is having in-home care due to congestive heart failure. **Paul Paarlberg** continues with tests. **Marla Owens** is in rehab at Munster Community Hospital. **Claude Boomsma** is now in rehab. **Lillian Kortum** is home recovering from heart surgery. **Colton Smit**, Clarence and Judy Brouwers' infant great grandson has been able to return home.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Mary Thompson, 16418 S. Dobson Ave., South Holland, IL 60473



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STAFF...

Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Director of Mercy & Justice
Ministries*

Anthony Bolkema
Director of Worship & Student Life

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Rev. Mel De Vries
Pastor Emeritus

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

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Gerri Van Baren
Administrative Assistant

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

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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.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our organ. 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.

LEARNING...

SUNDAY SCHOOL is on a holiday break and will resume on **Sunday, January 13**.

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be on **Tuesday, January 8**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room as we continue Lesson 3 "What Matters Most – Turning Worry Into Worship", Philippians 4:1-9. Study Guide page 113-132; Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6-7. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Betty Paarlberg and Tricia Paarlberg.

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will next meet on **Tuesday, January 8** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nysten's home (16009 School Street). We will be finishing up the study of the book "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nysten at 708-217-3713.

BOOK CLUB will not meet in December. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, January 8** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

MEMORY VERSE...

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, December 23

Basket Total: \$14,405.00; Online Total: \$895.00

Special Projects: \$2,030.00

Giving Total: \$17,330.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

THE DEACONS would like to encourage you to remember First Reformed Church in your year-end giving this Christmas season. We have currently received \$236,968.75 of the budgeted \$253,379.91, leaving a shortage of \$16,411.16. Thank you for your generous support of the ministry of First Church!