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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.

SECRETARIES' COVID OFFICE HOURS
9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 21, 2021



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema
"Forty Days and Forty Nights"
"Psalm 139"
"Fairest Lord Jesus"
"There's A Quiet Understanding"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Time of Worship

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"
"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Take My Life (I Am Yours)"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 139:1-6; John 13:31-38

Sermon

"Not My Will: Secret Places"

Song of Response

"Thy Will Be Done"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"All for Jesus! All for Jesus!"

*Postlude

"We Will Glorify"

*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, FEBRUARY 21

USHERS: Gwen Adams, Don & Nyla DeGraff, Lynn Hoeksema, and Dennis & Deb Woltzen

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot, Clair Hoeksema, Rodger Norris, and Don & Gerri VanBaren

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Bella VanderWoude, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

OASIS: 6:30-8:00pm meeting in the Activity Center.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room.

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

USHERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen, Deb Oord, Russ Paarlberg, Trina Taylor, and Alison VanderWoude

GREETERS: Clair Hoeksema, Ron Rietveld, Steve VanderWoude, and Dennis & Deb Woltzen

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Julia Keep, Nate Krysgheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

CARE...

Barb Rietveld is receiving hospice care at home as her health continues to decline. Pray for comfort and peace for Barb and the family.

Jan Nelson has returned home from the hospital.

Marla Owens has been admitted to Franciscan Dyer and is having tests.

Betty Paarlberg has returned home from the hospital.

Ruth DeBoer is at Park Place Rehab, Room 103.

Wayne and Joyce Deinema continue to need our prayers as their recovery from COVID has left it exceedingly difficult for them to get around.

Marcus and Carol Barnes have returned to Village Woods in Crete where Marcus is receiving rehab.

Brian Van Vuren is recuperating from surgery at home now. He has a long road of recovery ahead of him.

Lindsey Robertson, brother-in-law of Larry DeYoung, has multiple myeloma and had a stem cell transplant at the University of Chicago Tuesday, February 2. He will need to be in the hospital for 3 weeks.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, continues needing prayer as he struggles with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Chris Griffin's 15-year-old great niece, Hannah, was hospitalized for COVID and has developed Crohn's disease.

Stu and Lili Swenson's son, Mark, is now out of the ICU at Evanston Hospital showing much improvement and is in rehab. The family appreciates all the prayers.

Joy Poulos, daughter of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, has started treatments as her lymphoma has come back.

Jane Coleman, Judy Brouwer's sister, is at Bickford Nursing Home in Dyer for rehab.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Viola VanDam**, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Room 50, Downers Grove, IL 60515

SERMON NOTES...

"Not My Will: Secret Places"

Psalm 139:1-6; John 13:31-38

Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

DEAR CHURCH: Never in my life have I felt so much love and support. I can't thank you enough for the cards, phone calls, prayers, and words of encouragement. I have seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives. Thank you so much. – Marie Hesselink

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP support the compassionate work our missionaries Chad and Dara VandenBosch do each day in Mozambique. Please take this opportunity to partner in the palliative care ministry that Dara provides. To do so, please **purchase, assemble, and deliver** these hospice kits and drop them off at the drop-off table in the Narthex. Our goal is to provide 100 hospice kits for this ministry by Sunday, March 14. See the insert in your bulletin for the itemized list. Extra-large storage bags are available in the church office to pack up these items.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 13, we will be having a Bingo Night from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center. Join us in person or remotely. More details to follow.

UPDATED PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are presently being worked on. If you have any changes on your address/phone number/email addresses or if you would like to submit an updated photo of you or your family, please email to church office at office@frcsh.org. The deadline has been extended until after our Congregational meeting on May 11.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Giving Total: \$10,617.00

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Basket Total: \$785.00; Online Total: \$2,040.00;

Gift in memory of Don Spiekhout: \$1,000.00

Giving Total: \$3,825.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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

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

WORSHIP...

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES will be held in the Sanctuary and live streamed on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Do not miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus.

February 24 – Lenten Hymn sing

March 17 – Following in Patrick's Footsteps

March 3 – Prayers of Lament

March 24 – Prayers of Lament

March 10 – Lenten Hymn sing

March 31 – Lenten Hymn sing

April 1: Maundy Thursday (at-home worship service)

April 2: Good Friday Service (Sanctuary at 7:00pm)

April 4: Easter Sunday service (Sanctuary at 9:30am)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



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 approaching the halfway point, but we still to need to raise \$65,050.94 to add to the \$59,827.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Three and four-year-olds meet in the sanctuary, K-2nd Grade in the Genesis Room, 3rd-5th Grade in the Heritage Room, and 6th-12th Grade in the Narthex. The Sunday School classes start 10 minutes after the service concludes and will last 15 minutes. We look forward to growing in God's Word together!

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will be meeting this **Tuesday, February 23** at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete Week 3 in your study guide pages 57-77, "Desperate Times, Desperate Measures." We will be viewing our next video on Jonah, "Reconciling with God." Hope to see you there.