

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY

Communion Sunday, January 6, 2019



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	Isaiah 60:1-6 Pastor Al VanderMeer
*Time of Worship	#16 <i>"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"</i> (vs. 1-4) <i>"In Christ Alone"</i> #185 <i>"We Three Kings"</i> (vs. 1,2,4 & 5)
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Al VanderMeer
Song of Assurance	#60 <i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i> (vs. 1-3)

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	"The Wisemen Are Coming"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Statement of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Larry DeYoung
Offering	<i>"We Three Kings"</i>
Doxology	Joanne Hoeksema
*Benediction	Pastor Al VanderMeer
*Sending In Grace	#171 <i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i> (vs. 1 & 3)
*Postlude	<i>"Triumphal Procession"</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...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

GREETERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Rich Zimmerman

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer

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

SOUND: James Kuyper; **PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor

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, Mary Koster, Jeannie Spike and Deb Woltzen

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library

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

6:30PM: Evening Women's Bible Study meets at Cindy Nylen's home

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

GREETERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and John & Gay Kraai

COFFEE SERVERS: Gwen Adams and Trina Taylor

NURSERY: Gail Housman and Aubrey Durkin

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: John DeVries

MUSIC TEAM: Daniel Day, Dave Besser, Joe Fransen, Julia Keep & Rachel Wooley

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Mike Decker

PRAYER ROOM: Dave & Jodi Eylander; **WELCOME CENTER:** Clair Hoeksema

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Norma Smit.

CHURCH LIFE...

TODAY WE WELCOME to our pulpit Reverend Al VanderMeer who was an interim Pastor here from 2005-2008 and a long-time member of our congregation.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Roger and Laurel DeGraff in the passing of Laurel's mother, Alice Eenigenburg.

THANK YOU to my First Church family for your support. The prayers, cards, visits (poinsettia is gorgeous!) and all displays of concern and friendship are much appreciated. Also, to Pastor Rich and the Care Team, thank you for helping me to not take myself too seriously. – Marla Owens

PLEASE SUBMIT a recent photo of your family and any address, phone number or email updates to the church office for our new upcoming directory.

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. Please remember to use your new number 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.

MUNCH & MINGLE is next week, **January 13** at 11:00am. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office to RSVP.

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 is 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. **Paul Paarlberg** continues with tests. **Marla Owens** is home from the hospital. **Claude Boomsma** is now in rehab. **Colton Smit**, Clarence and Judy Brouwers' infant great grandson, has been able to return home.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Paul VanKley, 624 E. 161st Pl., South Holland, IL 60473

MEMORY VERSE...

“The Lord will keep his promises. With love he takes care of all he has made” – Psalm 145:13



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STAFF...

Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Rev. Mel De Vries
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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 next **Sunday, January 13**.

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be this **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 meet this **Tuesday, January 8** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylén'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 Nylén at 708-217-3713.

BOOK CLUB meets this **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.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: a six-week Sunday School class will begin January 13 titled: "Who Are We? – the Identity of the Reformed Church in America and the First Reformed Church of South Holland."

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, December 30

Basket Total: \$10,395.00; Online Total: \$5,715.00;

Special Projects: \$625.00

Giving Total: \$16,735.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

THE DEACONS thank you for your 2018 giving. 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!