

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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.

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 4, 9:30AM

### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i> <i>"We Gather Together"</i>
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i> – Jubilate Ringers
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	<i>"O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i> #9 <i>"Sing Praise to The Father"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Preparation	<i>"Lord I Need You"</i>

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Mark 1:9-13
Sermon	<i>"We, Me, and the Trinity"</i>

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offering	<i>"All Is Well"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Dr. Bill VanGroningen
*Sending in Grace	#840 <i>"God Be With You"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"O Day of Rest and Gladness"</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.

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** in South Holland, IL is hosting their Fall Open House for interested families of PK-8th graders. It's not too early to begin planning for the 2019-20 school year. Come visit and meet staff, Calvin parents, and tour the school. Join us tomorrow from **9:00-11:00 am**. To RSVP, please visit [www.calvinschool.org](http://www.calvinschool.org) and click "Open House Sign-Up" or contact Tanya Harper, Director of Enrollment, at 708.331.5027.

**THE EXODUS PROJECTS** is collecting gently used winter coats for a give-a-way on November 17 in Chicago Heights. If you have any men, women or children's coats you would like to donate, please deliver them **today** and place them on the table in the Fellowship Hall. See Corey Buchanan or Nikki Nyhanna if you have questions. Thank you as always for your support!

**UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** will be hosting an open house on Monday, November 12 at 6:45 p.m. on its campus at 16341 South Park Avenue for prospective 2019 students and interested members of the community.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO FAITH AND ACTION'S** Annual Banquet on **Thursday, November 15** at 6:30pm at the Serbian Social Center (18550 Stony Island Avenue, Lansing, IL). This evening is a fundraiser banquet and will include opportunities for you to partner with Faith and Action through financial gifts, prayer, and fellowship. Please RSVP by November 8 to 708.672.7520 or [faithandaction.jodi@gmail.com](mailto:faithandaction.jodi@gmail.com).

**ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**, Illiana Christian will hold an auction to benefit the athletic department and the tuition assistance fund. A silent auction will begin at 5:00pm and the live auction will begin at 5:30pm in the gym. Great food, great fellowship and lots of great items to bid on. If you would like to donate to the auction, please email [ddeboer@illianaweb.org](mailto:ddeboer@illianaweb.org).

**PREVIEW ILLIANA** (Open house for prospective students and their parents) **Thursday, November 29** at 7:00pm. Meet with faculty and administration, tour the campus, attend informative sessions and have all your questions answered about Illiana. No pre-registration necessary. Questions? Contact Marie Limback, Director of Admissions, @219.558.7066 ext. 49.

## OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 28

Basket Total: \$4,101.00; Online Total: \$1,490.00; Special Offering: \$300.00

**Giving Total: \$5,891.00** (Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

## MEMORY VERSE...

"I will praise the Lord at all times. His praise is always on my lips. My whole being praises the Lord." - Psalm 34:1-2

## SERMON NOTES...

"We, Me, and the Trinity"

Mark 1:9-13

Dr. Bill VanGroningen

**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.

## CHURCH LIFE...

**WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT** this morning Dr. Bill VanGroningen. He is the Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Formation at Trinity Christian College.

**THANK YOU** to all the Trunk R' Treat volunteers and for the generous candy donations. It was a beautiful night with many families coming to visit our campus. Their smiling faces helped make the evening a huge success. A special thank you to Craig and Jan Nelson and Eric Bruinsma for providing the canteen (with the hot chocolate) and the fire trucks which made the night extra special.

**OASIS** meets tonight, November 4, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft.

**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. Please keep those photos coming.

**MUNCH & MINGLE** meets at 11:30am in the Activity Center on **Sunday, November 11**. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office if you are planning to attend.

**THIS YEAR** we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 11** with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates.

**ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE** - We're going back to help! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 15** from 10:00am-1:00pm for sorting and stocking. Bring a lunch and a friend! We can arrange carpools, too. If you can come, please contact Sara Jabaay at [sara.jabaay@gmail.com](mailto:sara.jabaay@gmail.com) or (708)302-2612.

## CARE...

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Tom Peterson** is recovering at home with a compression fracture, herniated disk and several heart problems. **Don Spiekhout** continues with outpatient rehab therapy three times a week.

**Ralph Knopf's** blood count is very low, so he is unable to continue with his chemo treatments. Pray that his pain subsides and that his blood count rises so he can continue with his treatments.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Leona Jacobs, Park Place Room 3208, 1050 S. Euclid Ave., Elmhurst, IL. 60126

**PLEASE CONTACT** the church office if you know of a friend or family member that has been admitted to the hospital.

## WORSHIP...

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** is **Wednesday, November 21** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please wait until the offering time to come forward and bring non-perishable food items, clothing and your monetary donations. Nursery will be provided.

**ADVENT** is a time of waiting and preparation. Join us for mid-week worship services during the season of Advent as we pause, reflect and wait for the coming Messiah. We will gather in the Chapel at 6:00pm on **Wednesdays, December 5, 12 and 19** for a time of worship.

**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is **Sunday, December 9** at 6pm. Join us in the Sanctuary for a celebration of Christmas music including Vocal Ensembles, Instrumental Pieces and a Children's Choir. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Let's fill the Sanctuary as we celebrate this Advent Season. Nursery provided.

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** on Monday, December 24 at 11:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come to greet the infant King through song, prayer, proclamation, the lighting of the Birth Candle and a candlelit sending.

## LEARNING...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES** today for all ages at 11:00am.

- **PRESCHOOL** (Ages 3-4) - This class will meet in the Genesis Room.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) - This class will meet in the rooms across from the drinking fountain in the Activity Center.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade – High School) - This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

### ADULT CLASS:

- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

**DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES!** Our next Bible study will be on **Tuesday, November 13**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church as we continue our new season, Lesson 3 "What Matters Most – Living for Christ & Others", Philippians 2. Study Guide page 57-76; Memory Verse: Philippians 2:3. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Dorothy Jacobsma and Grace Jacobsma.

**EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on **Tuesday, November 13** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nysten's home (16009 School Street). We will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. We will be studying the book "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nysten at 708-217-3713.

**BOOK CLUB** meets on **Tuesday, November 13** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "The Good Neighbor" by Maxwell King. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

**GREETERS:** Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Rich Zimmerman

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

**NURSERY:** Cindy Paarlberg and Sherry Norris

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander

**VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld

**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Judy Gill; **WELCOME CENTER:** Ron Abernathy

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**7:30AM:** Management Team meets in the Genesis Room

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**8:15AM:** Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**GREETERS:** Rodger & Sherry Norris and John & Gay Kraai

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Ray & Barb Housman and Craig & Jan Nelson

**NURSERY:** Kim Bolkema and Nyla DeGraff

**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen

**PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**MUSIC TEAM:** Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom

**SOUND:** James Kuyper; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**PRAYER ROOM:** Ron and Diana Abernathy

**WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Furst

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Mary Koster

**MUNCH & MINGLE:** 11:30 in the Activity Center



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