

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

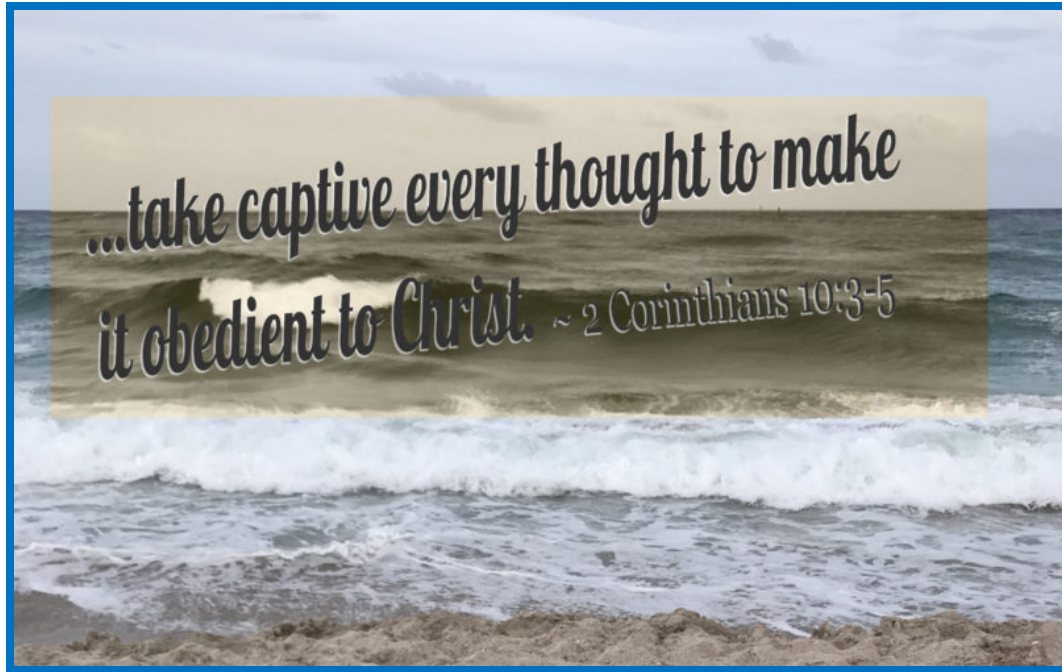
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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

January 20, 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 20, 2019

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Prelude	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Total Praise"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	<b>#43 "A Mighty Fortress"</b> <i>"Cornerstone"</i> <i>"I Am Trusting"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"</i> – Chancel Choir

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	II Corinthians 10:3-5
Sermon	<b>"Fight the Right Way"</b>

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offering	Margaret Oetjen
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	<b>#346 "Sing Praise to the Lord"</b> (vs. 3)
*Postlude	Margaret Oetjen

\*Those who are able please stand.

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

## OUR GIFTS...

### Sunday, January 13

Basket Total: \$6,384.00; Online Total: \$1,701.00

**Giving Total: \$8,085.00** (Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

Special Projects: \$25.00

**THE DEACONS** thank you for your 2018 giving. We have currently received \$305,549.49 of the budgeted \$308,462.50, leaving a shortage of \$2,913.01. Thank you for your generous support of the ministry of First Church!

**THE 2018 OFFERING STATEMENTS** will be handed out by the deacons at tables set up in the Fellowship Hall today following the service. Please say your name to aid the deacons in finding your statements quickly. Any questions on your statements, please call Griff Decker at 708-710-0111.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



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.

## AREA EVENTS...

**REGISTRATION FOR 'SUMMER CAMP 2019'** begins **Friday, February 1** at 5:00am. Remember to register early for preferred dates. Visit [Manitoqua.org](http://Manitoqua.org) for additional information and registration. Call our office at 815.469.2319 if you need any assistance.

**LOOKING FOR SOME FUN WINTER ACTIVITIES?** Camp Manitoqua & Retreat Center is hosting family game nights on Mondays in February. The game nights will include rotations based on age and activities (1<sup>st</sup> grade through adults). Cost is \$5 per person per child each date (parents are free) or \$15 if you come all 4 weeks! Dates and times are **Feb. 4, 11, 18, & 25** from 6:00-7:30pm. To RSVP, please contact [Nathan@manitoqua.org](mailto:Nathan@manitoqua.org) or call 815.469.2319. Payment can be submitted upon arrival. Space is limited so RSVP soon!

**COME OUT AND ENJOY** a hot and delicious breakfast at Calvin Christian School's annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast on **Saturday, February 2**. Bring your friends and family to 528 E. 161st Place, South Holland, IL for all you can eat pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Breakfast will be served from 7:00-10:30 a.m. Donations accepted at the door and will be used to support Calvin's sports teams. See you there!

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THANK YOU** to First Church for your cards, kind words and prayers as Lenore went through her back surgery and now rehab.  
– Al & Lenore VanderMeer

**THANK YOU** for your continued prayers during my second hospitalization, for all your cards, and phone calls. A special thank you to Pastor Rich and my special friends who visited me and continue to care for me.  
– Lillian Kortum

**THANK YOU** everyone for your prayers, cards, and acts of kindness shown to me during my recent knee replacement surgery.  
– Barb Grevengoed

**THE BESSER FAMILY** would like to extend to the church a heartfelt Thank You to all of those who helped support them with Shirley Witvoet's Memorial Service. Their guidance, help, and prayers were deeply appreciated.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Ruth (Santefort) Jansma (a former member) who passed away on November 23, 2018.

**ONE WEEK LEFT – DEADLINE is today Sunday, January 20!** 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@frcsh.org](mailto:office@frcsh.org). **If you would like to have your picture taken today see Nyla DeGraff, Mary Koster, or Rick Veldboom in the Fellowship Hall.**

## CARE...

**Paul Van Kley** continues in hospice care at home. **Ralph Knopf** continues with chemo treatments. **Paul Paarlberg** was discharged from Ingalls this past week. He had a stint put in to improve the function of his liver. Chemo treatments should be able to start sometime next week. Paul is very thankful for all your prayers and support. **Lillian Kortum** has been discharged from the hospital. **Claude Boomsma** is now in rehab at Park Place in St. John, Indiana. **Tom Peterson** has been diagnosed with cancer in his face, head and neck and is waiting for test results. **Marla Owens** has returned home from the hospital.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Winnette Anker, Holland Home Room 632, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473.

### ***SERMON NOTES...***

**II Corinthians 10:3-5**  
**“Fight the Right Way”**  
**Pastor Corey Buchanan**

**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.

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

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

**GREETERS:** Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Rick & Amy Veldboom

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

**NURSERY:** Michelle Kuyper and Faye Gowens

**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**MUSIC TEAM:** Dacia Hill, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, and Bill Nyhanna

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**PRAYER ROOM:** Ron Abernathy

**WELCOME CENTER:** Gwen Adams

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Mary Decker, Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok and Arleta Hommes

**OASIS:** 6:30-8:00PM meets in the Loft

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 21 – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

**9:00AM – Noon:** Church Office Hours (Day Care Closed)

**9:30AM:** Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 22**

**1:00PM:** Women’s Bible Study in the Genesis Room

**6:00PM:** Women’s Bible Study at Cindy Nylen’s home (see announcement)

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

**GREETERS:** Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Rodger & Sherry Norris

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Gerri VanBaren and Rich & Barb Grevengoed

**NURSERY:** Rachel Wooley and Izzy Veldboom

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

**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**PRAYER ROOM:** Ron & Diana Abernathy; **WELCOME CENTER:** Dave Besser

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema and Alice Kats

## MEMORY VERSE...

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

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

**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-4<sup>th</sup> 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** (5<sup>th</sup> 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 CLASS:

- **JOIN RUSS PAARLBERG** in the Chapel for a Sunday School class continuing today titled: “Who Are We? – the Identity of the Reformed Church in America and the First Reformed Church of South Holland.”

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

**AFTERNOON WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will be this **Tuesday, January 22**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room as we continue Lesson 6 “What Matters Most – Chasing Contentment”, Philippians 4:10-23. Study Guide page 140-162; Memory Verse: Philippians 11b-13. Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Mary Koster.

**EVENING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will meet this **Tuesday, January 22** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylen’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 Nylen at 708-217-3713.

**BOOK CLUB** meets on **Tuesday, February 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Breaking Night” by Liz Murray. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

**We take captive  
every thought to  
make it obedient  
to Christ.  
2 Corinthians 10:5**

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## STAFF...

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*Director of Mercy & Justice  
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**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  
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*Church Accountant*

**Gerri Van Baren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Nyla De Graff**  
*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.**