

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 24, 2019



## Welcome...

Each and every Sunday we gather together as a family to be reminded of and re-formed by the Story of the Bible. It's a dynamic Story of a world made by God, stuck in sin, but saved by Jesus and sustained by the Holy Spirit. It's a Story that provides hope for the hurting, purpose for the wanderer, and community for the lonely. And ultimately, it's a Story that draws us in to worship and sends us out in mission, to share this Good News with our world that is in desperate need of salvation. So welcome to worship at First Reformed Church! We pray God will speak to you through His Story today and you would join us in Growing Together in the Grace of Christ.

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### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Day by Day"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	<b>#72 <i>"To God Be the Glory"</i></b> <i>"10,000 Reasons"</i> <i>"Here I Am to Worship"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<b>#514 <i>"Blessed Assurance"</i></b> (vs. 1 & 3)

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 19:1-10
Sermon	"Thanksgiving"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Don DeGraff
Offering	Moment for Missions: Elim Christian Services
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	<b>#346 <i>"Sing Praise to the Lord"</i></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, February 17

Basket Total: \$7,7770.82

Online Total: \$715.00

Special Offering: \$575.00

**Giving Total: \$9,060.82**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

## WORSHIP...

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be **Wednesday, March 6** at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Join us for a time of worship and stay for a Soup Supper following the service as we begin the Lenten Season and become more disciplined in our discipleship (nursery provided).

**THE PATH TO THE CROSS:** Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent beginning **Wednesday, March 6**. They will be held in the Chapel on Wednesdays (through **April 10**) at 6:00pm and are designed to foster the personal and corporate spiritual disciplines that are integral to the development of Christian discipleship. As such, these gatherings will include times of worship, teaching, introspection, and interpersonal discussion (nursery provided).

## 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...

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** is hosting their annual Taste of PK & Kindergarten Open House on **Monday, March 4** from 9:00-11:00am. There will be designated classroom visit times so families must RSVP by Wednesday, February 27 to Tanya Harper, Director of Enrollment at: [tharper@calvinschool.org](mailto:tharper@calvinschool.org). Thank you for your continued partnership!

**THE EXODUS PROJECTS** is looking for volunteers for a March 9 community event in Chicago Heights. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for more information, or see Nikki Nyhanna with any questions.

## CHURCH LIFE...

**WE WELCOME** the Worship Team from Elim Christian Services to help lead and join in our worship service. The deacons have decided that a special offering will be taken in gratitude of and support for Elim Christian Services this morning as well. This offering will be received along with the regular weekly offering. If you would like to designate a gift over and above your regular offering specifically for Elim, please mark your offering envelop or your check accordingly.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Paul Paarlberg who passed away Monday, February 18.

**NOMINATING BALLOTS** for the **Tuesday, May 14** Congregational Meeting at 7:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes on the Narthex shelves by **Sunday morning, March 17**.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make your favorite soups for our annual Soup Supper following our **Ash Wednesday Service, March 6**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333.0622. Also, please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are joining us for the evening.

**THE CHAPEL** is available for you to use to participate in the morning worship service. Please feel welcome to use this space to accommodate your family's needs.

## CARE...

**Dave Besser** has returned home from the hospital but continues with tests.

**Gabby Gatlin** continues in the University of Chicago.

**Paul Van Kley** continues in hospice care at home.

**Ralph Knopf** has started immunotherapy treatments.

**Claude Boomsma** continues in rehab at Park Place in St. John, Indiana.

**Tom Peterson** has been diagnosed with cancer in his face, head and neck area. He has developed an infection in his neck and has started radiation treatments. His lung biopsy did show that he also has lung cancer. Treatments for that cancer will start later.

**Colton Smit**, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers is recovering from neurological surgery he had on Monday.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Paulette Adams, 16301 Drexel Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

### *SERMON NOTES...*

**“Thanksgiving”**  
**Luke 19:1-10**  
**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, FEBRUARY 24

**GREETERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Mary Koster  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Ray & Barb Housman and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mary Decker  
**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Dave Besser, Nick Paarlberg, and Nikki Nyhanna  
**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink  
**VIDEO:** Mike Decker  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Dave & Jodi Eylander  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Ron Abernathy  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Rich Thornton  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Mary Koster and Alice Kats

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**7:00PM:** Consistory meets in the Genesis Room  
**7:00PM:** Music Team meets in the Sanctuary  
**7:30PM:** Elders & Deacons meet

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
**8:15PM:** Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

#### COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 3

**GREETERS:** Craig & Jan Nelson and Ray & Barb Housman  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Myrna Eytcheson and Rodger & Sherry Norris  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** John DeVries  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Peter Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Abby Veldboom  
**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink  
**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **PRAYER ROOM:** Ron & Diana Abernathy  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Veldboom  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Colin Cutler  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Mary Koster and Alice Kats



## MEMORY VERSE...

"Blessed are those who live at Your house. They are always praising You."

-Psalm 84:4

## 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, February 26** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We are beginning our new study of "The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi." Session 1 – "Bethlehem: Where It All Began" and Session 2 – "Nazareth: The Early Years" will be studied. Treats will Questions? Please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Judy Brouwers and Carol Barnes.

**BOOK CLUB** meets on **Tuesday, March 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency" by Alexander Smith. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.



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## STAFF...

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*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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**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.**