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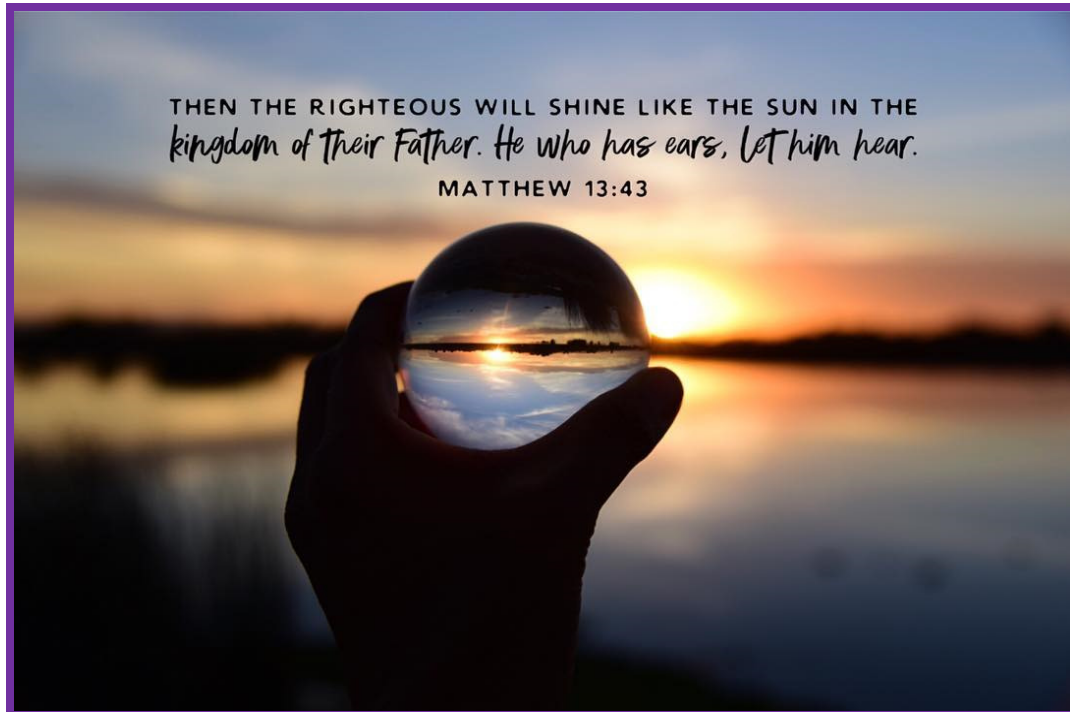
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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 17, 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	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Singing	<i>"Make A Joyful Noise" & "Come into His Presence"</i> #9 <i>"Sing Praise to the Father"</i> <i>"Here Is Love"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"The Lord Is My Salvation"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Matthew 13:43-46
Sermon	"Making Lent Meaningful"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Barb Grevenoged
Offering	<i>"Give Me Jesus"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jason Perry
*Sending in Grace	#479 <i>"O, How He Loves You and Me"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"You Are My All In All"</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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 10

Basket Total: \$11,333.02
Online Total: \$1,015.00
Special Offering: \$1,000.00
Gift/Memorial Paul Paarlberg, \$150.00
Giving Total: \$14,498.02
(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. 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...

JOIN US FOR PANCAKES! We invite you to partner with the South Holland Fire Department for our Annual “All You Can Eat” Pancake Breakfast. This annual event takes place on **Saturday, April 6** from 7:00am until 11:00am at Fire Station #1 (16230 Wausau Avenue). We will enjoy a fun-filled morning with a delicious meal, fellowship, raffle, and conversations with our firefighters.

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW...



My name is Steve Alexander and I have been happily married to Tiffany Alexander (the Kindergarten Teacher at Family Life Christian Preschool and Daycare) for twenty-one years. I have 2 sons—Kyel & Kyree—whom I am very proud of. I currently work for CTA in the Law Department doing video surveillance. I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a BA in Special Physical Education. In my spare time I enjoy coaching baseball, bowling & spending time with my family. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and serving the members of First Reformed Church and Family Life Christian Pre-School and Day Care as the new church custodian.

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WELCOME Pastor Jason Perry to our pulpit this Sunday, March 17 to lead us forward in our Lenten journey towards the cross and the empty tomb. Pastor Perry is a pastor, author, and teacher, and is the founding director of Oak Tree Leadership which provides training and resources to emerging leaders. Today Pastor Perry preaches to us from Matthew 13:43-46.

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 in the Narthex by **today**.

THE MONTH OF MARCH we will be restocking our food pantry. Your donations can be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall. We will accept all foods, but we really need the following: *canned fruit, canned meat & fish, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and canned or boxed potatoes.*

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite casserole for the dinnertime after the **Maundy Thursday** service on **April 18**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite casserole (and soon to be ours)☺.

MEMORY VERSE...

"Blessed are those who live at Your house. They are always praising You."— Psalm 84:4

CARE...

Bob Asmus has been admitted to Ingalls Hospital for tests.

Ralph Paarlberg has been admitted to Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee due to pneumonia.

Dave Besser found out that his cancer is much more aggressive than first thought. He anticipates his last radiation treatment on Monday.

Ralph Knopf continues with his immunotherapy treatments.

Claude Boomsma has been moved to Providence in Crestwood, Room 36-Bed 2.

Tom Peterson is in hospice care at home.

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers is recovering from neurological surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: LaVerne Kampen, Holland Home Room 201, 16300 Louis Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

SERMON NOTES...

Matthew 13:43-46
“Making Lent Meaningful”
Pastor Jason Perry

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, MARCH 17

GREETERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen and Rich Zimmerman
COFFEE SERVERS: Gwen Adams, Trina Taylor and Faye Gowens
NURSERY: Dawn Kuyper and Nikki Nyhanna
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Anthony Bolkema
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley
PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
PRAYER ROOM: Clair Hoeksema
WELCOME CENTER: Dave Wright
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Decker, Rhonda DeBok, Nancy DeVries and Grace Jacobsma

MONDAY, MARCH 18

9:30AM: Quilters and Knitters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:00PM: Meet in the Chapel for Lenten Service, “The Way of John the Baptist”

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

GREETERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Griff & Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Marie Hesselink
ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen
PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, & Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Trina Taylor
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
VIDEO: Mike Decker; **PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Arleta Hommes
WELCOME CENTER: Larry DeYoung
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema & Alice Kats

WORSHIP...

THE PATH TO THE CROSS: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing this **Wednesday, March 20**. 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).

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continues today 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-4th 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** (5th 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: Today is the second of a 4-week class on how modern archaeology can enhance our knowledge of the Bible. There will be many specific examples in the series including Dead Sea scrolls discoveries which complement our understanding of the Bible.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

AFTERNOON WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will be on **Tuesday, March 26** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We continue our study of “The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi.” Session 4 – “Galilee: Ministry Grounds.” (Matthew 4:23-35). We will take a video tour of Galilee, then work on p.69-75 in our study guide. Homework assignment for the next two weeks: “Digging Deeper” p. 77-84. Questions call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Joanne Hoeksema

BOOK CLUB meets on **Tuesday, April 9** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Maggie Bright” by Tracy Groot. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.



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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.