

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 31, 2019



Welcome...

Welcome to First Reformed Church on this Third Sunday of Lent. Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. During the forty days of Lent we remember that being a faithful disciple of Christ requires the disciplined nurture of spiritual life and its practical application. Accordingly, the church has historically observed Lent as a time of spiritual renewal practiced by prayer, fasting, and giving. We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning as we continue our journey together to Golgotha and, ultimately, to the empty tomb.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday, March 31, 2019 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Come, Ye Sinners"</i>
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Rich Grevengoed
*Congregational Singing	#50 "Sing Praise to God" <i>"The Lord is My Salvation"</i> <i>"His Mercy Is More"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Nikki Nyhanna
Song of Assurance	<i>"Psalm 62"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Ephesians 3:14-21
Sermon	"Crazy Good"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Jim DeGroot
Offering	<i>"Jesus Loves Me"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Bill VanGroningen
*Sending in Grace	#479 "O, How He Loves You and Me"
*Postlude	<i>"The Wonder of It 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 24

Basket Total: \$5,648.00; Online Total: \$620.00

Gift & Memorial: Paul Paarlberg - \$200.00; Tom Peterson - \$50.00

Giving Total: \$6,518.00

(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.

WORSHIP...

THE PATH TO THE CROSS: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing this **Wednesday, April 3**. 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).

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (nursery provided). We will have our casserole dinner first and then our service follows.

April 19: Good Friday Service will be held in the Chapel at 7:00pm (nursery provided).

April 21: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

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.

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.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets **tonight** from 6:00-7:30pm in the Loft.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite casserole for the dinnertime at our **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)☺.

MUNCH AND MINGLE is scheduled to meet on **Sunday, April 14** in the Activity Center. Please call the church office to reserve your spot.

COFFEE COUNTER in the Fellowship Hall will be open to those who would like to fellowship prior to the service at 9:00am and enjoy a hot cup of coffee.

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.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH will celebrate 25 years of God's faithfulness at their Annual Banquet on **Tuesday, May 21** at 7:00PM (Punch Reception at 6:30). It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. For more information or to make your reservations call the office at 708-331-3301. Thank You.

CARE...

Ralph Paarlberg continues at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee due to pneumonia.

Dave Besser has completed a round of radiation on his brain and will wait until he is stronger before beginning radiation treatments on his hip. Dave started targeted chemo drugs last week. Pray that his body responds well to them.

Ralph Knopf has completed his immunotherapy treatments.

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

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Holland Home Room 205, 16300 Louis Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

SERMON NOTES...

Ephesians 3:14-21

“Crazy Good”

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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

GREETERS: Roger & Judy Gill and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Julia & Peter Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill

WELCOME CENTER: Clair Hoeksema

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Carol Barnes, Lili Swenson and Gerri VanBaren

OASIS: Meets in the Loft from 6:30-8:00pm

MONDAY, APRIL 1

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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

6:00PM: Meet in the Chapel for Lenten Service: *“The Last Passover”*

COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 7

GREETERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Rodger & Sherry Norris

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gail Housman

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **PRAYER ROOM:** Ron & Diana Abernathy

WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Mike Costello

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

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, the Archaeology and the Bible group will visit the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago on a "guided" tour. We will leave in the church van at 11:00am.

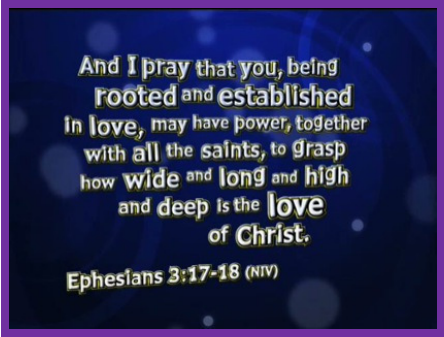
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

AFTERNOON WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will be on **Tuesday, April 9** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We continue our study of “The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi.” Session 5 – “Mount of Olives: The Triumphant Entry” (Mark 11:1-2, 7-9). We will take a video tour of the Mount of Olives, then work on p.87-93 in our study guide. Homework assignment for the next two weeks: “Digging Deeper” p. 95-102. Questions call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Phyllis DeYoung and Nancy Bates.

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.

MEMORY VERSE...

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”
- Philippians 3:10-11



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