

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 1, 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.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#60 <i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i> <i>"Praise The Father, Praise The Son"</i> <i>"Lord Most High"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Preparation	<i>"His Mercy is More"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Ephesians 2:4-10
Sermon	"The Problem with Grace"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Jim DeGroot
Offering	<i>"I Know Whom I Have Believed"</i>
*Doxology	Joanne Hoeksema
*Benediction	Pastor Al VanderMeer
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i> (vs. 2)
*Postlude	Joanne Hoeksema

*Those who are able please stand.

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

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. For more information or with any questions please see Don DeGraff, Elder VP, or Ray Ondrejka, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available on the narthex shelves.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP FORMATION...

FELLOWSHIP FORMATION: We are providing monthly fellowship-forming practices this fall, continuing with our fall ministry kick-off ice cream social on **Wednesday, September 11** at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. Additional events will be held on Sunday, October 20 and Wednesday, November 20. More details about these events will be published soon.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On **Sunday, September 15**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am. Class information to follow.

CARE...

Marla Owens has been able to return home from the hospital.

James Rietveld has returned home from the hospital.

Doris Peterson has returned home from rehab.

Bill Rietveld is home recovering from surgery and awaiting test results.

Jeannie Spike has started a new chemo regimen that will go through the end of September.

Chinedu Akoma continues her recuperation at home.

David Besser continues with targeted medications to work against his brain cancer.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson has been diagnosed with early stages of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, is recovery from another neurosurgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Winnette Anker, Elevate Senior Living Room 632, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

[Sunday, August 25](#)

Basket Total: \$4,245.00; Online Total: \$465.00

Giving Total: \$4,710.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for your prayers, kind words and the cards received during my recent hospitalization. A special thank you to Pastor Rich for his visits. – Jim Rietveld

THANK YOU to the First Family for the prayers and the cards we both received. Chuck has had an excellent recovery from having three cervical discs replaced and Sue is continuing with therapy after hand surgery and doing well. – Chuck & Sue Dinkel

THANK YOU for all the prayers, kindness, and cards we received during our difficult time. A special thank you to Pastor Rich and Barb Grevenoged for their many visits. All these things were and are so meaningful and appreciated. – Doris Boomsma and Family

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH is very special to our family. We have worshiped with you, we have celebrated weddings and baptisms here, and you celebrated with us. We have also gone through some of our darkest times and you have grieved with and comforted us. This past year has especially been filled with some of those dark days, but you continue to shine Jesus' love into our lives. You have sent cards with heartfelt messages, you have visited and prayed over Dave, and you have been generous and shown your support. We want you to know how much we appreciate all of you at FRC. – The Dave Besser Family

CALLING ALL SINGERS! Our Chancel Choir will begin the fall season this coming Wednesday, September 4 with our first rehearsal at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Singers of all ages are welcome to join us as we begin this new season!

SEARCH TEAM REPORT: As we continue to review and interview candidates for our senior pastor position, we request and give thanks for your prayers of support. Our weekly meetings and discussions are meaningful and productive. We give thanks to God for His guidance, as we fix our eyes on Him and what He has placed in our hearts. Your support of our meetings and interviews is a blessing. For now, our work continues under God's plan. – Roger DeGraff, Co-Chair, Jim DeGroot, Co-Chair, Tim DeYoung, Joanne Hoeksema, Peter Keep, Nikki Nyhanna, Ray Ondrejka, Trina Taylor, Amy Veldboom, Clint Verhagen and Rachel Wooley.

FAITH FORMATION GROUPS are continuing to form. Our vision is that these small groups would meet one time per month (meeting time and location is up to the discretion of the group) and study “The Fundamentals of the Faith” by John MacArthur in order to help us Grow Together in the Grace of Christ. If you would like to participate in a small group and have not yet signed up, please contact the church office. See Pastor Corey or Anthony with any questions you may have.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

GREETERS: Ron & Diana Abernathy and John & Ramelle DeVries
COFFEE SERVERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Don & Gerri VanBaren
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Peter Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes
WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Colin Cutler
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Furst, Mary Koster, Norma Smit and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – LABOR DAY

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:30AM: Management Team Meeting
6:00PM: Faith Formation Group Leaders’ Meeting in the Genesis Room
7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

GREETERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Larry & Phyllis DeYoung
COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Ron & Shirley Scheffers
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
MUSIC TEAM: Dave Besser, Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg & Rachel Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: John DeVries
PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander
SOUND: James Kuyper
PRAYER ROOM: Dave & Jodi Eylander
WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams
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SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Al VanderMeer
“The Problem with Grace”
Ephesians 2:4-10

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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

HERITAGE FEST (sponsored by the South Holland Historical Society) is on **Monday, September 2** (Labor Day) at the Paarlberg Farm, 172nd Place and Paxton Avenue. Enjoy a Magic Show, Ever after Events DJ, House and Barn Tours, South Holland Municipal Bank, South Holland Master Chorale, Food and Sweet Corn, and Line Dancing.

EXODUS PROJECTS BREAKFAST: Join Pastor Corey and Exodus Projects for their annual fundraising breakfast on September 21. It will be held at Scremtni's restaurant located at 3760 Chicago Rd., Steger, IL. Please RSVP by Sept. 13 by calling the church office or email Nikki Nyhanna at theexodusprojects@gmail.com.

14TH ANNUAL HERITAGE HAUL 2019 (5K Run/Walk/10K/Half Marathon) on **Saturday, September 14** at 7:00am. Join us in Veterans Memorial Park. Register today at southholland.org/haul. Sign-up by August 31 to receive 20% off your entry price!

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE THE ANNUAL DUTCH FEST A SUCCESS! The annual Elim Dutch Festival will be held on **Saturday, September 28**. Donations of new handmade craft items are being welcomed *now* through September. Homemade baked goods will be accepted the week of the event. Questions? Contact Laura.Schnyders@elimcs.org. All proceeds directly benefit children and adults with disabilities. Will you be willing to bring a baked good? If so, contact Lynn Hoeksema@219-808-3752. Thank you!

COMING SOON!

FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY KICKOFF: Dear First Church Ladies, please join us on **Tuesday, September 24** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church for a time of fellowship, fun, food, and an introduction to our new Bible Study season. The first part of our season, we will be working through the DVD study of Ephesians 6 by Priscilla Shirer entitled, "The Armor of God". In this study, we will learn the action plan for putting on the full armor of God and developing a personal strategy to secure victory against our enemy. The cost of the study guide is \$16.00 and will be distributed at the Kickoff. We will then be meeting the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of the month, October - April at 1:00pm. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the Kickoff, or for more information, please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316, or email her at mck_117@yahoo.com. Hope you can come and join us.

BOOK CLUB meets on **Tuesday, September 10** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "The Gown" by Jennifer Robson. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

MUNCH & MINGLE will begin their new season on **Sunday, September 15** in the Activity Center at 11:30am.



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