

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 8, 2019



Welcome...

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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Communion Sunday
September 8, 2019

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

#20 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* (vs. 1 & 2)
#8 *"All Glory Be To God On High"*

Prayer of Confession

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Song of Preparation

"I Stand Amazed"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 9:18-27

Sermon

"Get Lost"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Don DeGraff

Offering

"Give Me Jesus"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Dr. Dave Larsen

*Sending in Grace

"Take Up Your Cross"

*Postlude

"Take Up Your Cross"

*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 this **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 admitted to Munster Community Hospital in the ICU.

Roger Hommes has been experiencing some health concerns and is awaiting test results.

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; he has started infusion therapy.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Senior Living Room 205, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

EXODUS PROJECTS BREAKFAST: Join Pastor Corey and Exodus Projects for their annual fundraising breakfast on **Saturday, September 21**. It will be held at Scrementi'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, Trisha Paarlberg, Judy Gill or Wanda Veld. Thank you!

THE 24TH ANNUAL ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL is **Saturday, September 28**, from 8:00am – 4:00pm (pancake breakfast 7:30-10am). Held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Crestwood, IL), this event features great food, shopping, entertainment, and a farmer's market. Kids will enjoy games, reptile shows, train rides, and pony rides. Free admission and free parking. Tickets for children's activities and the food court can be purchased at the event or pre-purchased online at <http://www.elimcs.org/dutch-festival/>. **All proceeds directly bless children and adults with disabilities.** Mark your calendar now!

JOIN PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES on **Friday, November 1**, at the Union League Club of Chicago to celebrate the ministry of Providence at our 59th Annual Torchlight Dinner! Go to www.torchlight2019.com to register, or contact Joan at jschutt@provlife.com or 708-342-8108.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 1

Basket Total: \$11,330.00; Special Projects: \$125.00

Online Total: \$865.00

Giving Total: \$12,320.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: James Kuyper

PRAYER ROOM: Dave & Jodi Eylander

WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Colin Cutler

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:30PM: Fall Ministry Kick-Off & Ice Cream Social in the Activity Center

7:30PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

GREETERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Colin & Geni Cutler

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

MUSIC TEAM: Nate Krygsheld, Calvin Handoko, Nick Paarlberg, Erin Pacheco & Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema and Erin Pacheco

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill

WELCOME CENTER: Dave Wright

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CHURCH LIFE...

TODAY WE WELCOME BACK to our pulpit Dr. Dave Larsen. David is the former Director of Bright Promise Fund and is a founding board member at Unity Christian Academy in South Holland. Dr. Larsen has a Masters in Religious Education from Trinity Evangelical Seminary and a Ph.D. from Loyola University Chicago.

WE CELEBRATE TODAY after the service, the 90th birthday of Anne Koval, who had her birthday on Monday, September 2.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS IS EXTENDED to Gwen Adams on the birth of her granddaughter, Kinsley Jaunice Overton, born on Thursday, September 5 at 4:16am, 6 lbs. 11 oz. Baby and mom (Briana) are doing well.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Roger and Loretta Bovenkerk, on the passing of Roger's cousin, Alan Boverkerk, who was Roger's business partner at Bovenkerk's Men's Wear and at Aurelio's Pizza in Schererville. Alan was 74 years old and passed away last week.

THE GOSPEL PROJECT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' informational meeting will be held following the service today at 11:00am in the Genesis Room. See Rhonda Hesselink or Anthony Bolkema with any questions.

BOOK CLUB meets this **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 next **Sunday, September 15** in the Activity Center at 11:30am.

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.

PRAYER ROOM: Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11:00am. 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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP PLANNING & EVENTS: As a part of our Fellowship Formation initiative, we have committed to holding monthly churchwide fellowship events. Events are scheduled for the rest of 2019 (such as ice cream socials, community dinners, game nights, etc.), but we are in need of a team of people who are interested in helping plan, organize, and implement the fellowship events for the rest of the 2019 ministry season. If you would like to be a part of a group to creatively plan some new events (on site or off-site) or if you would like to be a part of a group to help implement those events, please contact the church office. Your help and creativity are crucial to the success and growth of this new initiative. Please see Anthony Bolkema or Nyla DeGraff with any questions, or to sign up!

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.

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.

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS are now
Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm!



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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.**