

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

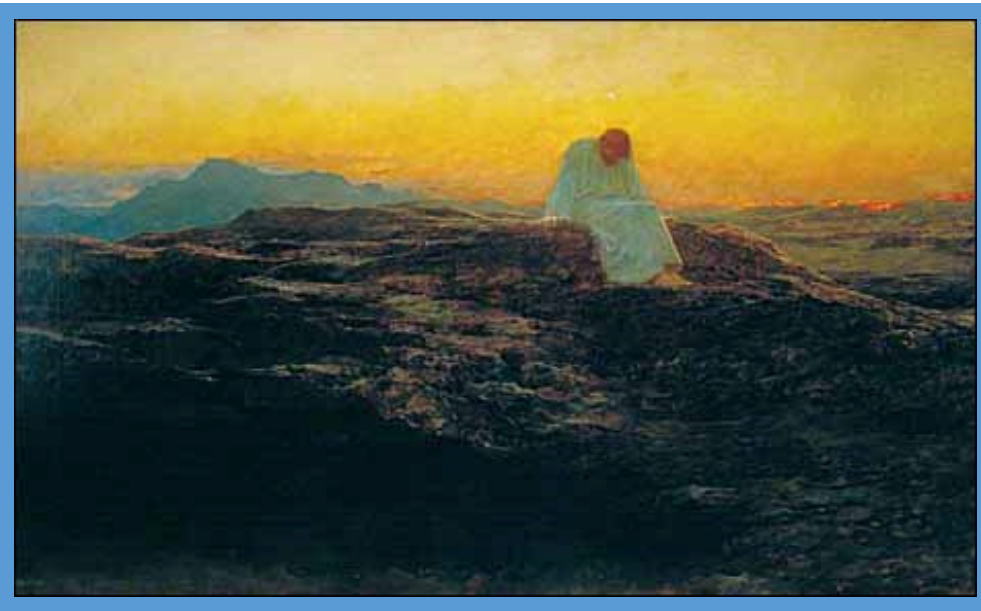
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 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.

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Sunday, October 13, 2019

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"I Will Sing Praise"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#319 <i>"Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"</i> (v. 1-4) <i>"How Great is Our God"</i> <i>"O Praise the Name"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Preparation	<i>"My Life Is in Your Hands"</i> – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Mark 1:29-39
Sermon	"The Secret is the Deserted Place"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Don De Graff
Offering	Margaret Oetjen
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i>
*Postlude	Margaret Oetjen

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

GREETERS: Dave & Becky Wright and Rick & Pam Furst

COFFEE SERVERS: Mike & Cindy Nylén and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Peter Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes

WELCOME CENTER: Dave Wright

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman, and Arleta Hommes

11:30AM: MUNCH & MINGLE meets in the Activity Center

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

GREETERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Craig & Jan Nelson

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, and Bill & Nikki Nyhanna

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: Don DeGraff

WELCOME CENTER: Trina Taylor

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Mary Decker, Mary Koster, and Nikki Nyhanna

ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT: 6:00-8:00pm in the Activity Center

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.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, as well as Faith & Fellowship formation ministries are in full swing and it’s a great time to be part of our First Church Family. With that in mind, as we begin the second quarter of our fiscal year, the deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and donations.

Though our expenses are less than budgeted due to our senior pastor vacancy, it’s important to note that our weekly giving has also been less than budgeted. After the first three months (9/30) of this fiscal year we are \$32,509 behind budget. As we approach the end of this calendar year during this time of transition, please continue your faithful giving. As we grow together in the Grace of Christ, we are so very thankful to God for 1st Church and eagerly anticipate the work He will continue to do in and through us.

CARE...

LaVerne Kampen has returned to Elevate Senior Living.

Mike Lafferty is recovering at home from spinal surgery.

Jan Nelson is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Roger Hommes has completed his tests and has started therapy.

Jeannie Spike has completed her chemo regimen.

Chinedu Akoma continues her recuperation at home.

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

Dave Schultz, brother of Deb Woltzen, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and her mother, Jean Schultz has bleeding in her eye and has started injection therapy to save the eye.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson has been diagnosed with early stages of Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma; he continues with infusion therapy.

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, had good results from a recent MRI and will not need another surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Mulder, Village Woods Room #213, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

SERMON NOTES...

Mark 1:29-39
The Secret is the Deserted Place
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.

LEARNING...

THE GOSPEL PROJECT: For ALL ages!

All **students** (3 year-old through 5th grade) can be dropped off in the Genesis Room at 11:00am and picked up there at 12:00pm. The **adult** class meets in the Chapel from 11:00am-12:00pm.

❖October 13: “Sin and God’s Authority”

What is the root cause of all sin? Join us as we discuss this question together in light of the story of the Tower of Babel.

❖October 20: “Suffering and God’s Presence”

❖October 27: “God Makes A Promise

❖November 3: No Sunday School – 1st Quarter break

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING: Join us in the **Heritage Room** (next to the chapel) as we delve into some of these foundational questions of our faith. This **multi-generational class** is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up!

❖October 13: “How to Grow Your Faith” (Q & A 65-68)

What are the sacraments, and how do they help us grow in our faith?

❖October 20: “God’s Promise to You (Baptism)” (Q & A 69– 74)

❖October 27: “For Me” (Q & A 75–82)

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FIRST CHURCH LADIES’ AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: Please join us on **Tuesday, October 29** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room as we review the homework from Session 1, “Sizing Up the Enemy”. Focus on Ephesians 6:13-14 as we view the DVD teaching and complete the viewer’s guide p. 38-39. As an independent study, for the next two weeks, please do the homework on p. 40-65 for “The Belt of Truth”. We will continue to meet the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of the month, October - April at 1:00pm. For more information, please call Mary Koster @708-380-4316, or email her at mck_117@yahoo.com.

BOOK CLUB will meet **Tuesday, November 8** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Last Christmas in Paris” by Hazel Gaynor. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596-7314.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 6

Basket Total: \$8,882.15; Special Projects: \$90.00; Online Total: \$1,360.00

Gift & Memorial: Ralph Knopf – \$25.00; Lillian Kortum – \$50.00

Giving Total: \$10,407.15 (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for the cards, prayers and calls I have received as I continue to recuperate from my shoulder surgery. They are all very much appreciated! – Jan Nelson

MUNCH AND MINGLE is scheduled to meet today in the Activity Center.

THE SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE has their concert today at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of music and refreshments after the concert.

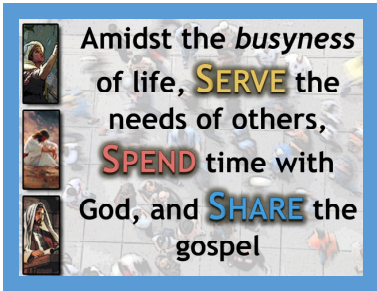
ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE workday is this Thursday, October 17. Please call Barb Grevengoed @476-1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, October 20 for our October Fellowship Formation event. We'll meet in the gym from 6:00 - 8:00pm for a multi-generational game night. We will have a bunch of games ready to go, but we would also encourage you to bring your own favorite board or card game to share with the group. The menu for the night will include BBQ pork sandwiches and some sides. Please sign up for the event in the Fellowship Hall and mark your calendars to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

SEARCH TEAM REPORT: We continue to review and interview candidates for our senior pastor position and 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.

TRUNK N' TREAT is Thursday, October 31 from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2019 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE? All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1300 boxes! These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1300 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Please see Anthony, Pastor Corey, or Geni with any questions.



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Administrative Assistant

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Director of Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Judy Gill
Care & Visitation Assistant

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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.