

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, November 17, 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.

## UP & COMING AT FIRST...

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**GREETERS:** Larry & Phyllis DeYoung and Don & Gerri VanBaren

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Mike & Cindy Nysten and Faye Gowens

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Sherry Norris

**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

**SOUND:** Aaron Taylor; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**PRAYER ROOM:** Dave Besser

**WELCOME CENTER:** Don VanBaren

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Ray Ondrejka

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok, Mary Decker and Arleta Hommes

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**9:30AM:** Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**6:00PM:** *Taco About a Fall Fiesta* in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Consistory Meeting in the Heritage Room

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**GREETERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Griff & Mary Decker

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jan & Craig Nelson and Ron & Shirley Scheffers

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Barb Housman

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Bill Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**PRAYER ROOM:** Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck

**WELCOME CENTER:** Don DeGraff

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### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Singing	<i>"Hallelu, Hallelujah"</i> <i>#5 "Come, Thou almighty King"</i> <i>"Every Praise"</i>
God's Law	<i>"The Perfect 10"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Nothing but the Blood"</i>

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	I Peter 2:11-25
Sermon	"Who Are You?"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Roger DeGraff
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Rev. Lance Davids
*Sending in Grace	<i>"In This Dry Land"</i>
*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.

**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. We are currently \$20,619.00 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 1<sup>st</sup> Church and eagerly anticipate the work He will continue to do in and through us.

### CARE...

**Harriet DeYoung** has been able to return home from the hospital.

**Keith Flowers** is home recovering from knee surgery.

**Bill Rietveld** is in rehab at the Villa in South Holland.

**Roger Hommes** has concluded his treatments and will have testing soon to determine if additional treatments will be necessary.

**Jeannie Spike** has completed her chemo regimen; her bone marrow biopsy showed good results.

**Joyce Deinema** has been able to return home and will continue rehab on an out-patient basis.

**Russ Gouwens** has been able to return home and will continue rehab on an out-patient basis.

**Chinedu Akoma** continues her recuperation at home.

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

**Bob Griffin's** lung cancer has come back and he has started radiation treatments.

**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 has completed his treatments with a Pet Scan scheduled for Nov. 18.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Barb Rietveld, 1413 E. Joe Orr Road, Chicago Hts., IL 60411

WORSHIP...

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** is on **Wednesday, November 27** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. As you enter for worship, please bring your monetary and material gifts (non-perishable food items and clothing) to the front of the church. Place your offering of food on the steps. Baskets are provided for your monetary offerings. Ushers and Sunday school children are present to help you carry your items if needed. Nursery provided.

**ADVENT** is a time of waiting and preparation. Join us for a mid-week worship service to begin the season of Advent on **Wednesday, December 4**. We will gather in the Chapel at 6:00pm for a time of worship. Nursery provided.

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** is **Sunday, December 15** at 6:00pm. Join us in the Sanctuary for a celebration of Christmas music including Vocal Ensembles, Instrumental Pieces and a Children’s Choir as we hear and sing the story of Christmas. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Let’s fill the Sanctuary as we celebrate this Advent Season. Nursery provided.

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** is **Tuesday, December 24** at 11:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come to greet the infant King through song, prayer, proclamation, the lighting of the Birth Candle and a candlelit sending.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 10

Basket Total: \$12,255.00

Online Total: \$2,376.00

Special Offering: \$575.00

Giving Total: \$15,206.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

- ❖ November 17: “God Provides for His Promise”  
*Do you ever wish God would give you turn-by-turn instructions as a roadmap to your life? How do we continue to trust God as we journey step-by-step through life?*  
Join us at 11:00am this Sunday morning as we discuss these questions together in light of God's provision for the promise He made to Abraham.
- ❖ November 24: “God Renews His Promise”
- ❖ December 1: “God’s Mercy to a Deceiver”
- ❖ December 8: “God’s Gift of Love”

**THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING:** This **multi-generational class** is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up!

- ❖ November 17: “Thankful Living” (Q & A 86-87)  
*If our good words don't earn us favor with God, then why bother with them at all?*  
Join us in the Heritage Room (next to the chapel) this Sunday morning at 11:00am as we delve into this foundational question of our faith. This multi-generational class is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up!
- ❖ November 24: “From “Death to Life” (Q & A 88-90)
- ❖ December 1: “God’s Guide to Doing Good” (Q & A 91-93)
- ❖ December 8: “The First Commandment” (Q & A 94-95)

**FIRST CHURCH LADIES’ AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY:** Due to the inclement weather of November 12, we will be combining the Session 3, “Breastplate of Righteousness” and Session 4, “The Shoes of Peace” lessons and DVDs together in our session on **Tuesday, November 26** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. Treats will be provided by Kathy Verhagen and Georgian VanDrunen.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet this **Tuesday, December 10** at 9:30am in the Library.



**THIS MORNING WE WELCOME** back to the pulpit Rev. Lance Davids. He is the Vision Director, the Director of Spiritual Development, and a Bible teacher at Illiana Christian High School. He is an ordained minister in the RCA and earned his M.Div at Western Theological Seminary.

**AT THE MEETING OF THE CONSISTORY** on Monday, October 28, based on the Search Committee's recommendation, the Consistory unanimously approved to extend a Call to Rev. James Oord to be our next Senior Pastor. There will be an opportunity to receive more information and to affirm the extension of this Call at a congregational meeting to be held immediately following our Sunday morning worship service on November 24. Please pray for the Oord family and for our church family as we move forward in this process, and please make every effort to attend Worship and the congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 24.**

**OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students)** meets tonight, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft.



**ANOTHER ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE** workday is planned for next **Thursday, November 21**. Please call Barb Grevengeod @476-1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.

**Judy Gill**  
*Care & Visitation Assistant*

**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.**