

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Communion Sunday
December 1, 2019



Welcome...

The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions—past, present, and future. In Advent we hear the Genesis promises of the Messiah's coming as addressed to us—people who rejoice in Jesus' fulfillment of this promise even as we wait for His return. Our waiting is heightened and enriched as we contemplate the Promised One for Whom we are waiting. Who is this Jesus – our Prophet, Priest, and King?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Communion Sunday, December 1, 2019 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Bonnie Feenstra
Lighting of the Hope Candle	
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#135 <i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i> (vs. 1 & 2) #140 <i>"Emmanuel"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"Eden is Open"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 3:1-15
Sermon	"The Promise of the Problem Solver"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Don DeGraff
Offering	<i>"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"</i>
*Postlude	Bonnie Feenstra
*Those who are able please stand.	

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

GREETERS: Rick & Pam Furst
COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Don & Gerri VanBaren
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
MUSIC TEAM: Daniel Day, Calvin Hondoko, Peter Keep, Nate Krygsheld, and Abby Veldboom
ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra
PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes
WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Tiffany Buchanan; First Response: Rick Furst
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Pam Furst, Norma Smit and Debbie Woltzen

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30AM: Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30AM: Management Meeting in the Genesis Room
6:00PM: Advent Service in the Chapel
7:15PM: Choir Rehearsal
8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

GREETERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Ray & Barb Housman
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Rodger & Sherry Norris
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin
MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Celeste DeBoer
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Rhonda De Bok
PRAYER ROOM: Dave & Jodi Eylander
WELCOME CENTER: Russ Paarlberg
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Tiffany Buchanan; First Response: Rick Furst
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Mary Koster
OASIS: meets in the Loft from 6:30-8:00pm

CARE...

Jeannie Spike has had her treatments suspended due to interstitial pneumonitis.
Joyce Deinema 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 has completed his radiation treatments for lung cancer. Pray for signs of improvement.
Dave Schultz, brother of Deb Woltzen, continues with treatments for lung cancer. Deb’s 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 completed his treatments for Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. His recent Pet Scan showed an improvement and thankfully he will not need additional treatments at this time.

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

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 24
Basket Total: \$6,348.00
Online Total: \$940.00; Special Projects: \$40.00
Giving Total: \$7,320.00
(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

WORSHIP...

ADVENT is a time of waiting and preparation. Join us for this year’s only 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.

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 \$26,695 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.

CHURCH LIFE...

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, November 24, the congregation affirmed the Consistory action to call Rev. James Oord in the position of Senior Pastor. The Consistory asks you to consider extending a word of encouragement to Pastor Jim and his wife Raylene. Their address is 7429 West 86th Avenue, Crown Point, IN 46307 and Pastor Jim's email is jamesoord@gmail.com.

ANGELS OF HOPE CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Our Angel Tree gifts are due back **today**. Please make sure the tags are on the gifts.

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

PLEASE VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the Fellowship Hall after the service to sign cards for our shut-in birthdays and hospitalized.

ANOTHER ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE workday is planned for **Thursday, December 19**. Please call Barb Grevengeod @476-1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.

RESTORATION MINISTRIES is selling live Christmas Trees at the South Holland Thrift Store. The Christmas Tree Lot is set up in front of the store. Hours are 9am to 9pm, Monday - Saturday until Dec. 23. The trees are 5-8 feet tall and cost \$40. All proceeds support Restoration Ministries.

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.

- ❖ December 1: "God's Mercy to a Deceiver"
Over and over again the Bible tells us stories of how God used unfaithful and unlikely people to advance his plan of salvation. But does God still really use such broken people in such extraordinary ways today? Does God use *us* that way? Join us at 11:00am this Sunday morning as we discuss these questions together in light of God's continued provision for his people through his covenant to Abraham.
- ❖ December 8: "God's Gift of Love"
- ❖ December 15: "God's New Name for Jacob"
- ❖ December 22: "The Prince of Peace"

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

- ❖ December 1: "God's Guide to Doing Good" (Q & A 91-93)
Justification and Sanctification; The death of our old life in sin and the birth of our new life in Christ. How do the 10 Commandments help us grow in our faith and in our daily life? Join us in the Heritage Room (next to the chapel) next 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!
- ❖ December 8: "The First Commandment" (Q & A 94-95)
- ❖ December 15: "The Second Commandment" (Q & A 96-98)
- ❖ December 22: "The Third Commandment" (Q & A 99-102)

FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: If you have missed any sessions of *The Armor of God* video series, there will be a marathon viewing in the Genesis Room on Tuesday, December 3, from 9:00am-12:10pm. Here is the schedule: 9:00-9:45am - Session 1; 9:50-10:30am - Session 2; 10:35-11:15am - Session 3; 11:20am-12:10pm - Session 4. Please come and view any sessions you have missed. This is a great way to catch up on our study of The Armor of God. Coffee and a light snack will be provided.

THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON for the First Church Ladies afternoon Bible study is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 10** at Tricia Paarlberg's home (15942 Parkside Avenue, SH) at 1:00pm.

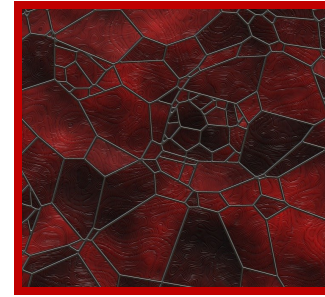
BOOK CLUB will next meet on **Tuesday, January 14** at 9:30am in the Library. We will be reading The Pioneers by David McCullough. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596-7314.

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 3:1-15

The Promise of the Problem Solver

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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.**

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.