

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
Sunday, December 8, 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?

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 8, 2019 **WE APPROACH GOD**

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"O Come to Set Us Free"</i> – Chancel Choir
Lighting of the Love Candle	Adam and Sara Jabaay
Welcome & Greeting	
*Congregational Singing	#133 <i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i> (vs. 1-3 & 5) <i>"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"</i> <i>"Love Has Come!"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"Christmas Grace"</i> – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Deuteronomy 18:14-22
Sermon	"The Promise of a Prophet"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Larry DeYoung
Offering	<i>"God With Us"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	#754 <i>"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"</i> (vs.4)
*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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer
PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski
PRAYER ROOM: Dave & Jodi Eylander
WELCOME CENTER: Russ Paarlberg
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan; First Security: Rick Furst
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Mary Koster
OASIS: meets in the Loft from 6:30-8:00pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00AM: Trustee Meeting in the Heritage Room
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library
1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM: FRC Foundation Committee meeting in the Heritage Room
8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

GREETERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Bob & Nancy Asmus
COFFEE SERVERS: Ray & Barb Housman and Griff & Mary Decker
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rachel Wooley
MUSIC TEAM: Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok
PRAYER ROOM: Dave Wright
WELCOME CENTER: Rhonda Hesselink
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Emergency; First Security: Rick Furst
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Nancy DeVries, Arleta Hommes and Nikki Nyhanna

CARE...

Roger and Arleta Hommes were in an automobile accident Tuesday afternoon. Arleta has returned home from Ingalls Hospital. Roger had internal bleeding and is recovering from surgery at the University of Chicago.

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 is in the ER at Silver Cross Hospital. He is suffering from intense pain that the doctors are trying to treat with medication. The cancer has further metastasized to other parts of his body.

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.

WORSHIP...

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS is next **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 \$33,000 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.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Dennis & Debbie Woltzen on the passing of Dennis's youngest sister, Julie Fields. She was hit by a car and killed last Sunday night in Naperville. The visitation is today from 3:00 – 8:00pm at the Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home in Naperville (44 S Mill St. Naperville, IL). The celebration of Julie's life is on Monday, December 9 at 10:00am at the funeral home.

WINNETTE ANKER will be celebrating her 102nd birthday tomorrow, Monday, December 9.

PLEASE VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the Fellowship Hall after the service to sign cards for our shut-ins who are celebrating birthdays or are hospitalized.

ANOTHER ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE workday is planned for **Thursday, December 19**. Please call Barb Grevengoed @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 8: "God's Gift of Love"

The life of Jacob is filled with marks of God's grace. Despite Jacob's imperfect and flawed love for others, God continued to display perfect love in and through his life. So, what does God's perfect love look like in an imperfect world?

Join us at 11:00am this Sunday morning as we discuss this question together in light of God's continued provision for his people through the life of Jacob. Adults will meet in the chapel and children ages 3-5th grade will meet in the Genesis Room.

❖ 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 8: "The First Commandment" (Q & A 94-95)

The First Commandment. No other gods before God. What does living coram Deo mean in our lives?

❖ December 15: "The Second Commandment" (Q & A 96-98)

❖ December 22: "The Third Commandment" (Q & A 99-102)

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY for the First Church Ladies' afternoon Bible study is this **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.

OUR GIFTS...

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27

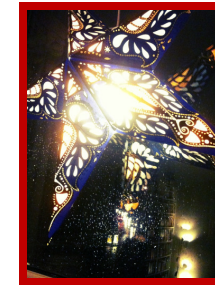
Chicagoland Prison Outreach - \$433.00; Suzie Miller, Reliant - \$735.00
The Exodus Projects - \$395.00; ELIM Christian Services - \$640.00
Total - \$2,203.00

Sunday, December 1

Basket Total: \$7,542.19; Online Total: \$1,090.00; Special Projects: \$190.00
Giving Total: \$8,822.19; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

SERMON NOTES...

Deuteronomy 18:14-22
"The Promise of a Prophet"
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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.

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.