

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

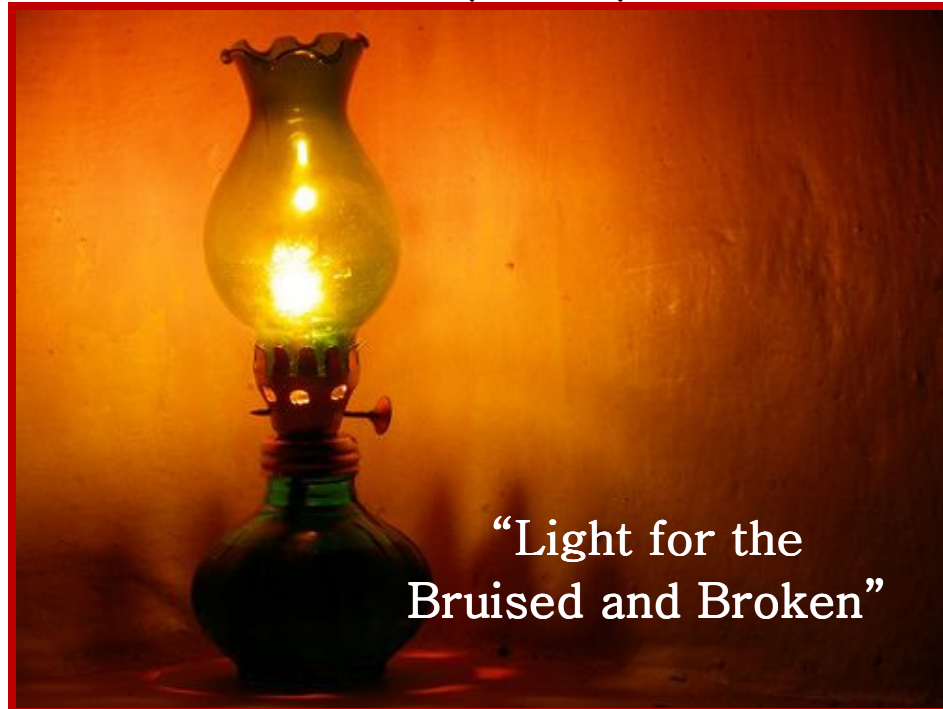
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## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Communion Sunday, January 12, 2020



“Light for the  
Bruised and Broken”

### Welcome...

At 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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### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema  
“Ye Servants of God”  
“Communion Hymn”  
“Here I Am to Worship”

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Singing

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” (vs. 1-3)  
“Our Great Savior” (vs. 1-3)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

“O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9

Sermon

“Light for the Bruised and Broken”

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Don DeGraff

Offering

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

“God of Justice”

\*Postlude

“The Light”

\*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, JANUARY 12**

**GREETERS:** Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Gerri VanBaren

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

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

**MUSIC TEAM:** Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, Abby Veldboom & Rachel Wooley

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

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

**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Arleta Hommes

**WELCOME CENTER:** Rhonda Hesselink

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Emergency: Trina Taylor; First Security: Colin Cutler

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman, & Nyla DeGraff

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 13**

**7:00AM:** Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

**6:00PM:** Fellowship Planning and Events Committee meets in the church office

**7:00PM:** Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

**8:10PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

**9:30AM:** Book Club meets in the Library

**1:00PM:** Women's Bible Study

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

**GREETERS:** Ron & Diana Abernathy and Rodger & Sherry Norris

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

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

**MUSIC TEAM:** Calvin Handoko, Dacia Hill, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Isabella VanderWoude

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

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**PRAYER ROOM:** Gwen Adams; **WELCOME CENTER:** Dave Wright

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Emergency: Trina Taylor; First Security: Colin Cutler

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok, Mary Decker & Mary Paulton

## ***CARE...***

**LaVerne Kampen** is at the Villa in South Holland, Room 120, for rehab.

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

**Bob Griffin** continues with his 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 been able to leave the hospital after surgery for a broken wrist; she will be staying with Deb and Dennis and continues with injection therapy to save her eye.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Doris Boomsma, Village Woods, Room 601, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

## ***PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATES...***

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## ***SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2020...***



Tours of the parsonage improvements will soon be scheduled. 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. The deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support of the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and donations. Though our expenses were 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 in week 27 of 52 and are behind in receipts vs budget by \$25,358.97. 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.

### ***SERMON NOTES...***

Isaiah 42:1-9  
“Light for the Bruised and Broken”  
Pastor Jim Oord

**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.

### ***CHURCH LIFE...***

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** after the service for a time of greeting and welcoming Pastor Jim Oord, Raylene, and their children, Aniyah and Michael.

**OUR LIVES ARE FOREVER CHANGED** with Dave's absence. He is going to be missed immensely. First Reformed Church was so dear to his heart. Thank you again for all of your support and prayers over his battle this past year. Thank you to those that came to honor him at his memorial service this past Saturday, and all those who helped. Special thank you to those who sang and played; Dave would have really loved the music. Thank you to all those who have sent cards, given memorial gifts, and offered heartfelt condolences. We appreciate our special church family here at First Reformed.  
- The Dave Besser Family

**THANK YOU** to our First Church family for your acts of kindness during our difficult time. Thank you, Larry DeYoung, for clearing out our car, thank you, Nancy Asmus, who sat with me in the ER, and thank you to Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengeod, and Pastor Corey for their hospital and home visits. We are so thankful for calls, cards, prayers, flowers, delicious food, and words of encouragement. We ask for your continued prayers as we recover. Thank you, we are so blessed!  
- Roger and Arleta Hommes

**CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Treasurer, Griff Decker.

**OUR FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL OF 2020** will be held this Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. This first rehearsal is a great time for you to join our family of singers and use your gifts to glorify our Father in heaven! Please see Anthony with any questions.

**ANOTHER ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE** workday is planned for **Thursday, January 16**. Please call Barb Grevengeod @476.1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.

**MUNCH AND MINGLE** has been cancelled for Sunday, January 19.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make your favorite soups for our annual Soup Supper following our **Ash Wednesday Service, February 26**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333.0622. Also, please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are joining us for the evening.

WORSHIP...

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be **Wednesday, February 26** at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Join us for a time of worship and stay for a Soup Supper following the service as we begin the Lenten Season together.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL classes will resume next Sunday, January 19.

BOOK CLUB will meet this **Tuesday, January 14** at 9:30am in the Library. We will be reading The Pioneers by David McCullough. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596.7314.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: Our first session in the New Year is this **Tuesday, January 14** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. Please make sure the homework from both Session 3, “The Breastplate of Righteousness”, and Session 4, “The Shoes of Peace” are completed. We will be viewing the Session 5 video on “The Shield of Faith”. Treats will be provided by Phyllis DeYoung and Joanne Hoeksema.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 5  
Basket Total: \$7,254.00  
Online Total: \$980.00  
Gift/Memorial Dave Besser: \$50.00  
Giving Total: \$8,240.00  
(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

AREA EVENTS...

YOU ARE INVITED to our Summer Camp Open House at Camp Manitoqua & Retreat Center. Join us on **Tuesday, January 28**, anytime between 4-7pm starting in the Chapel. Come take a tour of our facility and meet staff. Summer campers now is the time to bring your friends and introduce them to Camp!

REGISTRATION FOR ‘SUMMER CAMP 2020’ begins **Monday, February 3** at 5:00am. Remember to register early for preferred dates. Visit Manitoqua.org for additional information and registration. Call our office at 815.469.2319 if you need any assistance.



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STAFF...

<b>Rev. James Oord</b> <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<b>Gerri VanBaren</b> <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
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<b>Dr. Anthony Bolkema</b> <i>Director of Worship &amp; Student Life</i>	<b>Steve Alexander</b> <i>Church Custodian</i>
<b>Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed</b> <i>Pastor of Care &amp; Visitation</i>	<b>Jane Ackerman</b> <i>Church Accountant</i>
<b>Nyla DeGraff</b> <i>Church Administrator</i>	<b>Darcy Daly</b> <i>Nursery Coordinator</i>
<b>Toni Smith</b> <i>Director of Family Life Christian Pre-School &amp; Day Care</i>	

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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.