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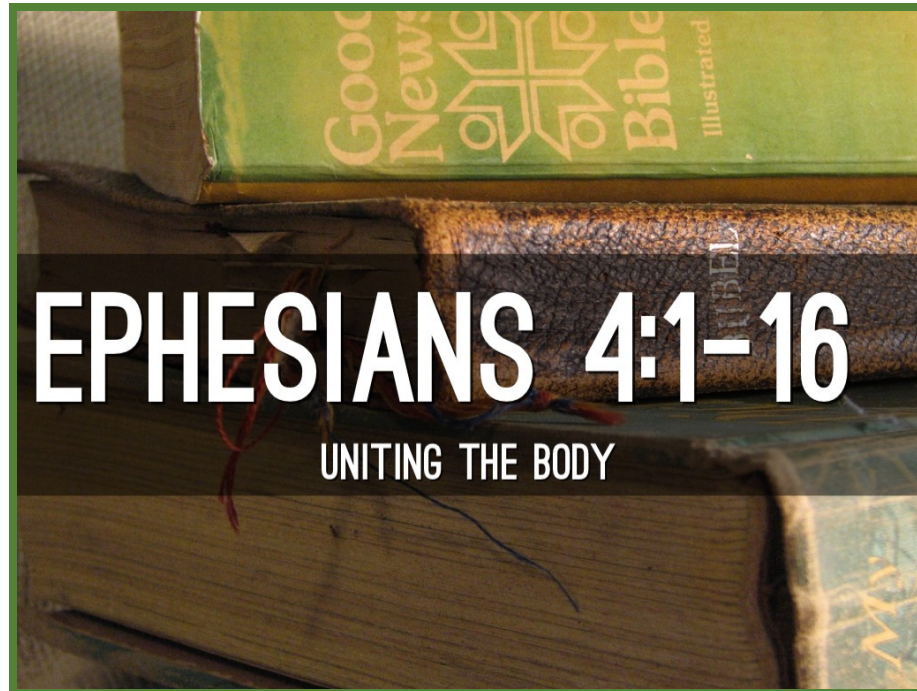
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 19, 2020



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude Margaret Oetjen

Opening Song of Worship *"Come and Worship"* – Chancel Choir

Welcome & Greeting Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Singing
#356 *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* (vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5)
"You Deserve It"
"Lord, I Need You"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance *"God of Grace"* – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon *"Jesus Uses Spiky, Shy, and Scared People, Too"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Barb Grevengoed

Offering Margaret Oetjen

*Doxology

*Benediction Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace #560 *"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"* (vs. 4)

*Postlude Margaret Oetjen

*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, 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: Mike Decker

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, Nyla DeGraff & Mary Paulton

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Martin Luther King Day - Church Office and Day Care closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00PM: Family Life Day Care Board Meeting in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

GREETERS: Larry & Phyllis DeYoung and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Don & Gerri VanBaren

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nikki Nyhanna

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

SOUND: Aaron Taylor

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Dave & Jodi Eylander

WELCOME CENTER: Roger DeGraff

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Celeste DeBoer, Barb Grevengoed, Joanne Hoeksema & Alice Kats

CARE...

Dorothy Jacobsma fell and broke her hip. She is recovering from hip surgery at Franciscan Healthcare in Munster.

Larry DeYoung has returned home from Ingalls Hospital.

Faye Gouwens had a heart procedure done at Ingalls this past Thursday.

Carol Barnes will be having back surgery on Monday, January 20 at Rush University.

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

Leona Jacobs is in hospice care at Park Place in Elmhurst.

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, is recovering from wrist surgery at Deb and Dennis' home.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Mulder, Village Woods, Room 213, 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 28 of 52 and are behind in receipts vs budget by \$30,492. 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.

SERMON NOTES...

Ephesians 4:1-16
“Jesus Uses Spiky, Shy, and Scared People, Too”
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...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the families of Mike and Cindy Nylen and Randy and Rhonda DeBok on the passing of Cindy and Randy’s mother, Elene DeBok, who passed away on Saturday, January 11.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available in the Fellowship Hall from the deacons following the service. Please announce your name as you approach the table. Please review your statements. If you have any questions, please call Griff Decker at 708-710-0111. Please leave a message.

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 NEXT CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP FORMATION EVENT will be held on **Saturday, February 1** from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Our entire church family is invited to join us for a night of bowling at Lan Oak Lanes in Lansing. The cost is \$10/person and includes shoe rental and two hours of bowling. If you do not want to bowl but would still like to participate in this time of fellowship, the bowling alley will still require a \$10 entry fee, but we would love for you to join us! All RSVPs and money must be to the church office by next Friday, January 24. (Payment can be cash, or a check made payable to First Reformed Church.) Come join the fun!

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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 12

Basket Total: \$5,647.00

Online Total: \$469.75

Gift & Memorial/Doris Peterson: \$375.00

Giving Total: \$6,491.75

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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...

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.

- ❖ January 19: “God Redeems Betrayal”
Is there ever any limit to what God is able to redeem? What if the situation arises from our own detrimental or destructive devices? Join us at 11:00am as we discuss these questions in light of the story of Jacob and Joseph.
- ❖ January 26: “God Redeems Adversity”
- ❖ February 2: “God Overrides Evil with Good”
- ❖ February 9: “God Hears His People”

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

- ❖ January 19: “The Third & Fourth Commandment” (Q & A 99-103)
Living for God: God’s will for how we use His name and the Sabbath day.
- ❖ January 26: “The Fifth Commandment” (Q & A 104)
- ❖ February 2: “The Sixth Commandment” (Q & A 105-107)
- ❖ February 9: “The Seventh Commandment” (Q & A 108-109)

BOOK CLUB will meet this **Tuesday, February 11** at 9:30am in the Library. We will be reading Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus by Nabeel Qureshi. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596.7314.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY is on **Tuesday, January 28** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. Please review the homework from Session 5, “The Shield of Faith.” Focus on Ephesians 6:17 as we view the DVD and complete the viewer’s guide on p. 150-151. As an independent study, for the next 2 weeks, please do the homework on p. 152-176 for “The Helmet of Salvation.” Treats will be provided by Dorothy Jacobsma and Grace Jacobsma.



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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.**

