

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 26, 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	Bonnie Feenstra
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	<i>"Lord Most High"</i> #3 <i>"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Beloved"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Romans 15:1-13
Sermon	"Welcome One Another"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Jim Oord
Offering	<i>"They'll Know We Are Christians"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	#560 <i>"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"</i> (vs. 1)
*Postlude	<i>"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"</i>

*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 26

GREETERS: Ron & Diana Abernathy and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Craig & Jan Nelson

NURSERY: Darcy Daly & 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Caring Elders & Deacons meet in the Heritage Room

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

1:00PM: Women's Bible Study in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00-9:00PM: Church-wide fellowship formation bowling event at Lan Oaks Lanes in Lansing

COMMUNION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

GREETERS: John & Ramelle DeVries and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

COFFEE SERVERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Rodger & Sherry Norris

NURSERY: Darcy Daly & Marie Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Abby Veldboom

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

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: Ron & Diana Abernathy; **WELCOME CENTER:** Don DeGraff

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Emergency: Craig Nelson; First Security: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Decker, Pam Furst, Norma Smit & Deb Woltzen

CARE...

Dorothy Jacobsma is rehabbing from her hip surgery at Symphony of Dyer.

Carol Barnes is recovering from successful back surgery at Rush University Medical Center.

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 Woltzen's mother, **Jean Schultz**, is recovering from wrist surgery at Deb and Dennis' home.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Viola VanDam, Providence Palos Room 1, 13259 Central Ave., Crestwood, IL 60418

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATES...

New Address:

Keith and Aubrey Durkin (Anna, John, and Romy)

9724 Northcote Avenue

St. John, IN 46373

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...

Romans 15:1-13
“Welcome One Another”
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...

THERE WILL BE A FOOD PACKING PARTY in the Loft **Saturday, February 8** at 9:00am. If you can help pack boxes from our food pantry, please add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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**, on **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. Nursery provided.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES will be held in the Chapel on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Don't miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus (nursery provided).

March 4 – Lenten Lessons & Hymns **March 25** – Lenten Lessons & Hymns

March 11 – Prayers of Lament **April 1** – Prayers of Lament

March 18 – Liturgical Prayer Service **April 8** – Liturgical Prayer Service

April 9: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (nursery provided). We will have our casserole dinner first and then our service follows.

April 10: Good Friday Service will be held in the Chapel at 7:00pm (nursery provided).

April 12: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 19

Basket Total: \$5,379.00

Online Total: \$1,115.00

Special Offering: \$400.00

Giving Total: \$6,894.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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 26: “God Redeems Adversity”
What happens when human sinfulness comes up against God's sovereignty? Is God able to redeem even the worst adversity in our lives to accomplish His purposes?
Join us as we discuss these questions in light of the story of Joseph.
- ❖ February 2: “God Overrides Evil with Good”
- ❖ February 9: “God Hears His People”
- ❖ February 16: “God Frees 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 26: “The Fifth Commandment” (Q & A 104)
Living in the world: Honoring your parents – the basics.
- ❖ February 2: “The Sixth Commandment” (Q & A 105-107)
- ❖ February 9: “The Seventh Commandment” (Q & A 108-109)
- ❖ February 16: “The Eighth Commandment” (Q & A 110-112)

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 this 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 Christine Worries, Mary Koster, and Grace Jacobsma.



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STAFF...

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