

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 9, 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	<i>"Total Praise"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting	Pastor Rich Grevengoed
*Congregational Singing	#45 <i>"Come, Thou Fount"</i> <i>"Psalm 62"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Jim Oord
Song of Assurance	<i>"Through it All"</i> – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Psalm 30; Hosea 6:1-3
Sermon	"Rock of Ages"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response	<i>"Rock of Ages"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Jim DeGroot
Offering	Margaret Oetjen
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	#560 <i>"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"</i> (vs. 3)
*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, FEBRUARY 9

GREETERS: Griff & Mary Decker and John & Gay Kraai

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Ray & Barb Housman

NURSERY: Darcy Daly & Isabella Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Calvin Hondoko, Julia Keep, Nate Krygsheld, and Nick Paarlberg

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

PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes; **WELCOME CENTER:** Roger DeGraff

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Barb Grevengeod, Gail Housman, Mary Koster & Mary Paulton

6:30-8:00PM: OASIS meets in the Loft

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00-8:00PM: Senior Sweeties Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

GREETERS: Rick & Pam Furst and Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengeod

COFFEE SERVERS: Trina Taylor, Aaron Taylor and Gwen Adams

NURSERY: Darcy Daly & Dacia Hill

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg

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

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: Roger DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER:** Russ Paarlberg

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Mary Decker, Arleta Hommes & Nikki Nyhanna

CARE...

Dorothy Jacobsma has been able to return home.

Robert Wooley is recuperating from surgery he had on Tuesday at Rush University.

Bob Asmus has returned home from the hospital.

Carol Barnes is at Park Place in St. John for rehab.

LaVerne Kampen has returned to Elevate Senior Living, Room 421.

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 now in Franciscan in Dyer for rehab.

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

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 2

Basket Total: \$15,232.80

Online Total: \$1,715.00

Special Offering: \$2,000.00

Giving Total: \$19,467.60; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2020...



Tours of the parsonage improvements are being scheduled for **March**. 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. We have now returned to full staff and therefore need your contributions to support our current budget of \$584,997. Needed each week is 11,249.95 in support of this budget. Our weekly shortfall has been \$1,000. Please continue your faithful giving. As we grow together in the Grace of Christ, we are so very thankful to God for First Church and eagerly anticipate the work He will continue to do in and through us.

SERMON NOTES...

Psalm 30; Hosea 6:1-3
“Rock of Ages”
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...

“FIRST THINGS FIRST,” a class for those who are interested in joining our church or making public profession of faith, will be offered during the month of March. This is a four week course, taught by Pastors Anthony, Corey, and Jim, covering questions like “what do we believe,” “why do we worship the way we do,” and “what does it mean to be a church member?” Attending this class does not obligate you to become a member, it's also a good place to learn more about our church and ask questions about Christianity. If you're interested in joining us, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or speak to one of our pastors.

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 at 596.7314.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is this **Tuesday, February 11**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. Please review the homework from Session 6, “The Helmet of Salvation.” Focus on Ephesians 6:10-20 as we view the DVD and complete the viewer's guide on pages 180-181. You will receive a new study book, “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23.” Please read Chapters 1-3 for our next session. Treats will be provided by Mary Decker and Joanne Hoeksema.

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 from 6:00-8:00pm we will be hosting a Senior Sweeties dinner to celebrate and honor those of our First Church family ages 75 and older. This evening will include delightful music, delicious food, and deep fellowship. If you are over the age of 75 and would like to attend, or under the age of 75 and would like to serve, please contact the church office!

FAMILY AND FRIENDS are invited to stop in and wish Bill Rietveld a happy 90th birthday at his home on **Sunday, February 16**, from 1-3pm. Coffee & cookies served. No gifts necessary!

ANOTHER ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE workday is planned for **Thursday, February 20**. Please call Barb Grevenoged at 476.1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.

PASTOR JIM OORD will be officially installed as our senior pastor at a special service at 3:00pm on **Sunday, February 23**. This service is a special meeting of our RCA Classis. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of our next chapter of ministry with Pastor Jim and his family.

ANOTHER FELLOWSHIP FORMATION EVENT will be held on **Saturday, March 28**. We will be heading to Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Schaumburg, IL. The night will feature a two-hour live medieval knight show (including jousting, weaponry, falconry, and horsemanship) as well as a four-course medieval feast (including soup, garlic bread, potato, chicken, corn on the cob, drinks, and dessert.) Make it a date night or bring the whole family along. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$40 for children ages 3- 12.

