

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 23, 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	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"O Happy Day"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Singing	#99 <i>"When Morning Gilds the Skies"</i> <i>"In Christ Alone"</i> <i>"Stronger"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Jim Oord
Song of Assurance	<i>"Speak, O Lord"</i> – Chancel Choir

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Mark 4:35-41
Sermon	<i>"Follow Jesus and Not the Storm"</i>

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Russ Paarlberg
Offering	<i>"Peace, Be Still"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	#537 <i>"Be Glorified"</i> (vs. 1)
*Postlude	<i>"How Firm a Foundation"</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, FEBRUARY 23

**GREETERS:** Craig & Jan Nelson and Bob & Nancy Asmus  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Griff & Mary Decker and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Kevin Hesselink, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Bella VanderWoude, & Rachel Wooley  
**ORGAN and PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **SOUND:** Aaron Taylor; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Bob Asmus & Dan Dieck  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Gwen Adams  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Emergency: Craig Nelson; First Security: Mike Costello  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Celeste DeBoer, Felicia Flowers, Joanne Hoeksema & Alice Kats  
**OASIS:** 6:30-8:00PM meets in Loft

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**6:30PM:** Faith Formation Groups Leaders' Meeting in the Genesis Room  
**7:00PM:** Consistory meets in the Genesis Room  
**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal  
**7:30PM:** Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**6:00PM:** Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel followed by Soup Supper

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 1

**GREETERS:** Roger & Judy Gill and Ron & Shirley Scheffers  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Calvin Hondoko, Peter Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema  
**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Judy Gill  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Russ Paarlberg  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Emergency: Judy Gill; First Security: Rick Furst  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nyla DeGraff, Pam Furst, Norma Smit and Deb Woltzen

*CARE...*

**LaVerne Kampen** has been discharged from Ingalls and is now at Villa of South Holland.

**Carol Barnes** has been able to leave Park Place and is staying with family in Lockport, IL.

**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** has completed rehab and is staying with Dennis & Deb.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer, Room 221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311.

*WORSHIP...*

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be this **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. Volunteers needed to make your favorite soups. 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.

**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).

**February 26 – Ash Wednesday**

**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.

### *SERMON NOTES...*

**Mark 4:35-41**  
**“Follow Jesus and Not the Storm”**  
**Pastor Corey Buchanan**

### *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 on March 8, 15, 22 & 29. We will be meeting in the living room of the parsonage at 11:00am. 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.

**PASTOR JIM OORD** will be officially installed as our senior pastor at a special service at 3:00pm today **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. Light refreshments will be served downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

**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.

**SOUTH HOLLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S** annual ‘all you can eat’ pancake breakfast is **Saturday, March 28** from 7:00-11:00am at Station #1, 16230 Wausau Avenue. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

**PSALM 91:9 READS:** *“If you say, ‘The Lord is my refuge, and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.’”* Soon, Pastor Jim, Raylene, and the Oord family will lay roots in our community, not in a tent, but in our beautifully remodeled parsonage. We prayerfully ask for your continued contributions as we near the pinnacle of this project. Please see the letter in your church mail slot for further information and the dates of the parsonage tours.

**A NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR PASS:** Please join us as we pray for our staff, our volunteers, our clients and our ministry, as we continue to do this important work. Please come anytime between 5:00 – 9:00pm on these dates: Friday, May 15 in Tinley Park, Friday, August 21 in Lansing, and Friday, November 20 in South Holland. No need to RSVP, please just come! Join us for 5 minutes or the entire time (however long you are able to stay!)

**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.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

THE GOSPEL PROJECT: For ALL ages!

All students (3-year-old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) can be dropped off in the Genesis Room at 11:00am and picked up there at 12:00pm.

- ❖ February 23: “God Delivers His People” – Exodus 13:17-22; 14:1-4, 13-14, 21-22, 26-28  
*Does God still deliver His people from their bondage? And when we come up against our own obstacles in life, does He still part the waters so we can journey safely through?*  
Join us at 11:00am as we discuss this question in light of the story of the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt. Adults will meet in the chapel.
- ❖ March 1: No Sunday School
- ❖ March 8: “A Test in The Wilderness” – Exodus 16:2-4, 13-20; 17:3-6; I Corinthians 10:1-4
- ❖ March 15: “A Leader’s Wisdom” – Exodus 18:7-18, 24-27

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

- ❖ February 23: “The Tenth Commandment” (Q & A 113-115)  
Join us in the Heritage Room (next to the chapel) at 11:00am as we delve into the foundational questions of our faith. This week's lesson studies the tenth commandment and considers how we can live contentedly in a world of discontentment and greed.
- ❖ March 1: No Sunday School
- ❖ March 8: “Praying for All It’s Worth: Lord, teach us to pray.” (Q & A 116-119)
- ❖ March 15: “Praying for All It’s Worth: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.”

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY is this Tuesday, February 25, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We will discuss Chapters 1-3 of the new study book, “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23.” Read Chapters 4-6 for our next session. Treats provided by Elaine Gouwens and Sherry Gouwens.

BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 9:30am in the Library. We will be reading The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg. Questions? Call Nancy Bates at 596.7314.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 16

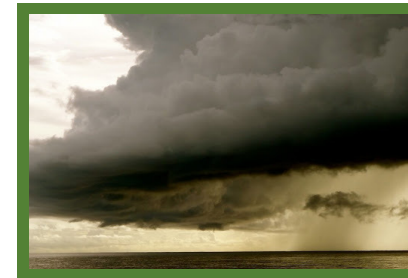
Basket Total: \$4,182.00

Online Total: \$1,265.00

Gift/Memorial: Doris Peterson, \$150.00

Giving Total: \$5,597.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)



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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.