

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 15, 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	Steve DeVries
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"My God Is So Big"</i> – Children's Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Time of Worship	#48 <i>"God of Creation, All-Powerful"</i> (vs. 1, 3, 4, & 5) <i>"Man of Sorrows"</i> <i>"You Deserve It"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"When I Think About the Lord"</i>

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Matthew 27:11-26
Sermon	"Not That Kind of King: Jesus vs. Power"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offering	<i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Thy Will Be Done"</i>
*Postlude	Steve DeVries

\*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, MARCH 15

**GREETERS:** Don & Gerri VanBaren and Dave & Becky Wright

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Mike & Cindy Nylen and Ron & Shirley Scheffers

**NURSERY:** Mary Decker and Sara Jabaay

**MUSIC TEAM:** Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg & Abby Veldboom

**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries

**PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**PRAYER ROOM:** Rhonda Hesselink

**WELCOME CENTER:** Don VanBaren

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Emergency: Judy Gill; First Security: Rick Furst

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

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

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

**6:00PM:** Lenten Service in the Chapel

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal

**8:15PM:** Bell Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

**GREETERS:** Griff & Mary Decker and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

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

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Isabella Veldboom

**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, & Bella VanderWoude

**ORGAN:** Margaret Oetjen

**PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**PRAYER ROOM:** Dave & Jodi Eylander

**WELCOME CENTER:** Jim DeGroot

**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Emergency: Judy Gill; First Security: Rick Furst

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Joanne Hoeksema, Arleta Hommes, Alice Kats & Mary Paulton

## *CARE...*

**Bill Rietveld** has returned home from the hospital. **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.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Mary Thompson, 16418 S. Dobson Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

## *OUR GIFTS...*

### Sunday, March 8

Basket Total: \$7,301.00; Online Total: \$2,460.00

Giving Total: \$9,761.00 (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

## *WORSHIP...*

**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 and light refreshments are provided).

**March 18** – Liturgical Prayer Service

**March 25** – Lenten Lessons & Hymns (followed by parsonage tour)

**April 1** – Prayers of Lament; **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.

## *AREA EVENTS...*

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

**THE BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS** invite you to their Annual Spring Luncheon at Teibel's restaurant. Join us for a delicious meal, fun, and fellowship along with a Thrift Store Fashion Show on **Thursday, April 16**, at 11:30am. Tickets (chicken-\$18/Fish-\$22) are available from your Key Contact, Judy Gill or Becky Wright. Deadline for tickets is April 9. There will be a freewill offering for Bible League Ministries.

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** in South Holland, IL is hosting their Taste of PreK & Kindergarten Open House for interested families. Come meet Calvin's staff, parents, and tour the school. Mark your calendars for **Monday, March 23, 9:00-11:00 am**. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 18 by visiting [www.calvinschool.org](http://www.calvinschool.org) and click "Open House Sign-Up" or contact Tanya Harper, Director of Enrollment, at 708.331.5027.

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

**Matthew 27:11-26**  
**“Not That Kind of King: Jesus vs. Power”**  
**Pastor Corey Buchanan**

**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...**

**NOMINATING BALLOTS** for the **Tuesday, May 12** Congregational Meeting at 7:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes on the Narthex shelves by **Sunday morning, March 22.**

**“FIRST THINGS FIRST,”** a class for those who are interested in joining our church or making public profession of faith, continues today and on March 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.

**CALLING ALL THOSE WHO LOVE** to bless others with baked items (either homemade or store bought). The Cookie Hospitality Committee is looking for one person to be on a monthly rotation to bring baked items for the congregation to enjoy at our fellowship time after the morning service. The committee is also looking for two people that are willing to be substitutes, in case someone scheduled is not able to bring their treats. This is open for men or women who would like to bake or bring treats. Please contact Mary Koster at 708-380-4316, or Nancy DeVries at 708-921-7970. Thank you.

**ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE** workday has been postponed. Thank you.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are gathering personal items to pass out to those in need! From now until **Sunday, March 29**, bring in your donations to the Fellowship Hall. All of the following items can be purchased at the dollar store: band-aids, hand wipes, lip balm, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clippers, tissues, lotion, and feminine pads. If you don't like to shop, leave a donation and we'll shop for you!

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make your favorite casserole for the dinnertime prior to the **Maundy Thursday** service on **April 9** at 6:00pm. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite casserole (and soon to be ours)☺.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Elim's annual Hostess Supper is **Friday, April 17** at 6:00pm and will be held at our church this year. Everyone is welcome...please join us. Contact Judy Gill, Lynn Hoeksema, Tricia Paarlberg, or Wanda Veld with any questions you may have.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Our annual Chicagoland Prison Outreach banquet – *‘Evening of Thanksgiving’* will be held on **Tuesday, May 19** at 7:00pm at the Serbian Social Hall in Lansing.

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. Adults meet in the Chapel.

- ❖ March 15: “A Leader’s Wisdom” – Exodus 18:7-18, 24-27  
*Have you ever felt crushed by the weight of responsibilities that you bear? What does it mean to carry one another’s burdens? And how do we do this effectively as members of the body of Christ?* Join us at 11:00am today as we discuss this question in light of the story of Moses' wise leadership.
- ❖ March 22: “A Law for God’s People” – Exodus 19:3-6; 20:1-8, 12-17
- ❖ March 29: Class postponed until next week so Elders can attend new members class.

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

- ❖ March 15: “Praying for All It’s Worth: Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed Be Your Name.”  
Join us in the Heritage Room (next to the chapel) today at 11:00am as we delve into the foundational questions of our faith. This week’s lesson studies Questions & Answers #120-122 and considers the phrases "Our Father in Heaven" and "Hallowed be Your Name" from the Lord's Prayer.
- ❖ March 22: “Praying for All It’s Worth: Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be Done.” (Q & A 123-124)
- ❖ March 29: “Praying for All It’s Worth: Give Us Today Our Daily Bread.” (Q & A 125)

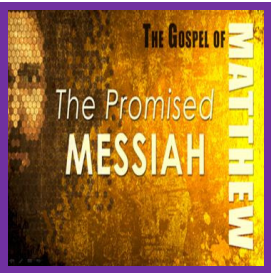
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY is this **Tuesday, March 24**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We will discuss Chapters 7-8 of the new study book, “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23.” Read Chapters 9-10 for our next session. Treats provided by Nancy DeVries and Merley Verhagen.

BOOK CLUB will meet this **Tuesday, April 14**, at 9:30am in the Library. Questions? Call Nancy Bates at 596.7314.

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.



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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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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.