

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Disability Awareness Sunday, October 11, 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 De Vries
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Singing	<i>"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</i> <i>"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"</i>
Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"I've Been Redeemed"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 4:1-16 – Gail Housman
Sermon	"Rules of Engagement: Participation" – Pastor Jim Oord

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Profession of Faith	William VanderWoude
Reception of New Members	Steve, Alison, Isabella, Lucas, William, & Jonathan VanderWoude Eric Pradelski, Raylene Oord, & Deb Oord
The Sacrament of Baptism	Harrison Christopher & Hudson James Paarlberg
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Jim Oord
Offering	Pastor Jim Oord
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore"</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, OCTOBER 11

GREETERS: Andy DeBoer, Cindy Nylen, Deb Oord, Mike Spitz, & Geri VanBaren

USHERS: Don DeGraff, Clair Hoeksema, Mike Nylen, Russ Paarlberg, Ron Rietveld, & Debbie Woltzen

MUSIC TEAM: Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, & Rachel Wooley

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: 4th Annual Quarterly Consistory meeting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

1:00PM: Ladies Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00PM: Learning Team meets in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot, Clair Hoeksema, Deb Oord, Mike Spitz, & Don VanBaren

USHERS: Gwen Adams, Cindy & Mike Nylen, Ray Ondrejka, & Debbie & Dennis Woltzen

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nikki Nyhanna, Austin Parks, & Matthew Rietveld

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Mike Decker

OASIS: Meets from 6:30-8:00PM

CARE...

Bill Rietveld has returned home and continues his rehab.

Don Spiekhout is recuperating from skin surgery he had on Wednesday.

Marla Owens has returned to Great Lakes Nursing Home in Dyer.

Lenora Anker is now living with her daughter Lynn in Crete.

Leona Jacobs is out of Hospice Care and in an Assisted Living Apartment at Park Place in Elmhurst.

Ellen Nelson's granddaughter **Grace**, broke both her elbows in an accident several months ago. She had successful surgery yesterday to remove metal clamps remaining from the surgery.

Scott Ebbens, brother of Celeste DeBoer has now been diagnosed with COVID and, due to his diabetes, he is struggling with the symptoms.

Chad and Dara VandenBosch, our missionaries in Mozambique, need your prayers as they continue with their adoption of Zinha.

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

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 4

Basket Total: \$25,501.00; Online Total: \$4,596.00

Giving Total: \$30,097.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

There are several ways to bring your gifts to the church:

- Drop off to the deacons as you exit the parking lot on Sunday
- Online
- Mail
- Bring to church office
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door

AREA EVENTS...

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL fundraiser begins tomorrow. Bidding will begin at noon and continue until 5:00pm on Saturday, October 17. New this year is the Online Auction Format, [www.32auctions.com/Calvin Christian School](http://www.32auctions.com/Calvin_Christian_School). Every day, we will feature one item that will only be available that day, from 5:00 – 11:59pm. You will want to visit daily so you do not miss a thing!

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 4:1-16
“Rules of Engagement: Participation”
Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK the congregation and church staff for prayers, calls, and texts offered for our family during my and our grandson’s recent hospitalizations. Jordan Tanis (our grandson) and Grandma Jo (me) had heart procedures on the same day, same time, different hospitals with fantastic results. Jordan is back in school and, Lord willing, I will be returning to work soon. God is good – all the time!

- Joanne and Mike Hoeksema

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS: Now that we are back to worshipping indoors, the Consistory and Worship Committee would like to unveil a new plan for our Sunday congregational prayers. To represent our congregation, we would like to invite individuals, families, small groups, or friend groups to sign up to be scheduled to occasionally craft and lead congregational prayers. To sign up, individuals should be members of our church, high school age or older (but younger members can participate if doing so as part of a family or small group), and willing to attend two training sessions with staff members. Contact Pastors Anthony or Jim if you are interested or have any questions.

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2020 THANKSGIVING CHALLENGE? All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing and corn bread mixes in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall (or you can drop off at the church office.) **Our goal as a church is to collect 400 boxes OF EACH!** These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 400 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Please see Pastor Anthony, Pastor Jim, or Geni with any questions. We have collected 28 stuffing and 12 corn bread mixes so far. **Let’s reach our goal!**

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, First Reformed Church will once again host a **SERVE SATURDAY** from 9:00am to 11:30am. Whether you would like to help distribute food and coats, write holiday cards to be distributed by CPO, help rake leaves for our church members and their neighbors, or join us as we do some clean-up for the Village of South Holland, **there is a need for you to use your gifts!** This event will take place

almost exclusively outdoors and will observe all applicable social distancing guidelines. To sign up to volunteer, or to request yard-cleaning service for yourself or as a gift to a neighbor, sign up in the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex, or online in the link provided in the Friday Newsletter. See Anthony with any questions.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2020...

AS INDOOR WORSHIP HAS RESUMED and Faith & Fellowship Formation ministries are starting up again, it is a great time to be a 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 your donations. Currently, we need to complete raising funds to pay for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. We are 1/3 of the way there already , but we still to need to raise \$80,000 to add to the \$40,000 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are so glad Sunday School has started again! Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we are modifying our normal practice: the Sunday School children will sing during the service and then gather for a lesson from 11:00-11:15am. 3-4-year olds will meet in the Sanctuary, Kindergarten – 2nd grade in the Genesis Room, 3rd – 5th grade in the Chapel. They will be sent home with crafts and projects. Please remind your children to keep their masks on during Sunday School. We look forward to growing in God's Word together!

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will resume this **Tuesday, October 13** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We will continue our study of “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23”. This first session will focus on Chapters 7 and 8, so please reread them. Social distancing and mask wearing will be implemented. Hope to see you there.

FORMATION GROUPS: many of our members have been greatly blessed by their participation in a small group over the last year (especially during the pandemic). This Fall, we are re-launching this important ministry, so if you have not been a part of a small group, contact the church office to sign up.

SECRETARIES' COVID OFFICE HOURS
9:00 AM – NOON Monday – Friday



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Dr. Anthony Bolkema <i>Pastor of Worship & Ministry</i>	Steve Alexander <i>Church Custodian</i>
Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed <i>Pastor of Care & Visitation</i>	Jane Ackerman <i>Church Accountant</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.