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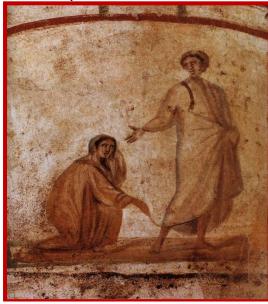
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 25, 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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Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude Joanne Hoeksema

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

"Psalm 40 Thy Tender Mercies O Lord"

"Let us Plead for Faith Alone"

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Singing

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"O Praise the Name / The Hill"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Mark 5:21-43

Sermon "Desperate for Jesus" – Pastor Corey Buchanan

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace "Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore"

*Postlude "My Tribute"

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

^{*}Those who are able please stand.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

GREETERS: Clair Hoeksema, Russ Paarlberg, Jim DeGroot, and Mike & Cindy Nylen **USHERS:** Gwen Adams, Clifton Rhodes, Rodger Norris, Roger DeGraff, Ron Rietveld,

and Deb Oord.

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, and Bill Nyhanna

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema PIANO: Amy Veldboom PROJECTION: Trina Taylor VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Caring Elders and Caring Deacons meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:30PM: Elders meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:30PM: Deacons meet in the Loft

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:00AM: First Impression Committee meets in the Fellowship Hall

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, October 31!

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

GREETERS: Gerri VanBaren, Andy DeBoer, Rodger Norris, and Mike Nylen

USHERS: Gwen Adams, Don & Nyla DeGraff, Jim & Bonnie DeGroot, and Roger

DeGraff

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nate Krygsheld, Bill

Nyhanna and Nick Paarlberg
ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra
PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

CARE...

Bill Rietveld is now allowed to have visitors but the family requests that you call before you come.

Marla Owens is at Great Lakes Nursing Home in Dyer Room 4A for rehab but now has also tested positive for COVID.

Don Spiekhout is hospitalized at Munster Community with pneumonia.

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

Dottie VanVuren's son **Brian** saw a doctor on Tuesday to check on a recurring problem on his lip. Pray for good results and a treatment plan.

Lenore VanderMeer is at St James Manor for physical therapy and dementia.

Ellen Nelson's granddaughter **Grace** had successful surgery to remove metal clamps remaining from her previous surgery.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harris & Marilyn DeYoung, Crown Point Christian Village, 6685 E. 117th Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307

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!

<u>SECRETARIES' COVID OFFICE HOURS</u> 9:00 AM – NOON Monday – Friday

SERMON NOTES...

Mark 5:21-43
"Desperate for Jesus"
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CHURCH LIFE...

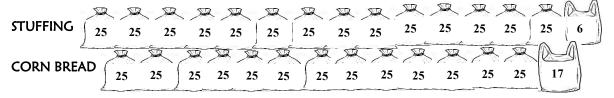
THANK YOU, we are so very grateful for the prayers and expressions of concern from our First Church family in the past couple of months for my brother, Scott Ebbens, who has recovered from COVID.

- Andy & Celeste DeBoer

TRUNK-R-TREAT: We will NOT be holding our annual TRUNK-R-TREAT event. Instead, we will be handing out promotional postcards and baggies in the Fellowship Hall today for you to use if you choose to hand out candy at your home. As you serve as a face of our church, please be generous!

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall starting November 1 with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Take an angel from the tree and PRINT your name and phone# on the angel list on the table. Buy the gift listed on your angel and return it by Thanksgiving. On your gift attach the angel (use it for the name tag and you can put your name as giver if you like.) Wrap the gift as securely as possible as it is handled many times getting to its destination. Please spend the minimum of \$10.00 on your gift. This may be the only present your "angel" will receive. If you are uncomfortable or can't make it in to get a tag from the tree, please call Noreen (708-752-6706) and she will let you know what is available to pick from. Also, some gifts requested are expensive (ex. Coats) so feel free to go together with another family. Thank you.

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. Please see Pastor Anthony, Pastor Jim, or Geni with any questions. We have collected 356 stuffing and 342 corn bread mixes so far. Help us reach our goal by Sunday, November 1!



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 -2^{nd} grade in the Genesis Room, $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ 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 meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 27, at 1:00pm. Please read Chapters 9 and 10 of "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23". Social distancing and mask wearing will be implemented. Hope you can attend.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 18

Basket Total: \$8,068.50; Online Total: \$1,265.00 Giving Total: \$9,333.50; (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

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the Fellowship Hall after the service to sign cards for our shut-in birthdays and hospitalized.

KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member that has been admitted to the hospital.



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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.