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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.

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
February 28, 2021



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

"As the Deer"

"Psalm 139"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Time of Worship

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

"Your Presence Is Heaven to Me"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Responsive Reading

Psalm 139:7-12

Song of Mediation

"Thy Will Be Done"

Scripture Reading

John 12:34-50

Sermon

"Not My Will: Running from God"

Song of Response

"Thy Will Be Done"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"All for Jesus! All for Jesus!"

*Postlude

*Those who are able please stand.

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

USHERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen, Deb Oord, Russ Paarlberg, Trina Taylor, and Alison VanderWoude

GREETERS: Clair Hoeksema, Ron Rietveld, Steve VanderWoude, and Dennis & Deb Woltzen

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Julia Keep, Nate Krysgheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

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

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

MONDAY, MARCH 1

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall.

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

7:30AM: Management Team meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

USHERS: Gwen Adams, Don & Nyla DeGraff, Roger & Laurel DeGraff, and Rodger Norris

GREETERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot, Mike & Cindy Nylen, and Don & Gerri VanBaren

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nate Krysgheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg & Abby Veldboom

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

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

BLESS AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOR. As we continue our "Love One Another" campaign, the outreach planning committee will be providing blessing bags for you to give to your neighbors, co-workers and those around the community. This bag will allow you to be a blessing and invite your neighbor to join us for one of our Lent and Easter Services. Sign-up sheets are available after church and you can sign up by E-Mailing office@frcsh.org. Let us know how many bags you want. Items include: Bible, Hand Sanitizer, Gift Cards, and First Reformed Church invite card.

CARE...

Les VanDeursen has been admitted to Munster Community for tests.

Barb Rietveld is receiving hospice care at home as her health continues to decline.

Pray for comfort and peace for Barb and the family.

Marla Owens is home from the hospital; her surgery has been postponed 4 to 6 weeks.

Ruth DeBoer is at Park Place Rehab, Room 103.

Gabby Gatlin has been admitted to the University of Chicago Hospital due to abdominal pain.

Wayne and Joyce Deinema continue to need our prayers as their recovery from COVID has left it exceedingly difficult for them to get around.

Brian Van Vuren is recuperating from surgery at home now. He has a long road of recovery ahead of him.

Lindsey Robertson, brother-in-law of Larry DeYoung, has multiple myeloma and had a stem cell transplant at the University of Chicago Tuesday, February 2. He will need to be in the hospital for 3 weeks.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, continues needing prayer as he struggles with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Stu and Lili Swenson's son, Mark, has been able to leave the hospital; he is showing much improvement and is in rehab. The family appreciates all the prayers.

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

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL: All classes K-5 will meet in the Genesis Room this Sunday. The Sunday School classes start 10 minutes after the service concludes and will last 15 minutes. We look forward to growing in God's Word together!

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 9** at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete Week 4 in your study guide, "Second Chances" p. 81-101. We will be viewing our next video on Jonah, "God Can Make the Impossible, Possible". Hope to see you there.

SERMON NOTES...

"Not My Will: Running from God"

Psalm 139:7-12; John 12:34-50

Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

I HAVE A TALL STACK of cards sent over the past 2 & 1/2 months with words of encouragement and I'm thankful to my First Church family for thinking of me, and for all of your prayers. Two surgeries and COVID are behind, treatments are ahead, and I'm looking forward to the day when we are all able to be together again. Thank you! – Rhonda Hesselink

MY FAMILY AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone for their prayers and concern regarding Hannah's condition. She is currently undergoing treatment with some positive results but, due to her age, the doctors are limited as to which drug she can receive. She continues to have infusions every two or three weeks depending on her pain level. She is home and maintaining a positive attitude trying to get her life back in a semblance order. She remains optimistic and upbeat regarding this terrible time in her life. Again, we thank everyone for their prayers for they have certainly made a wonderful contribution to her recovery. - The Griffin Family

NOMINATING BALLOTS for the **Tuesday, May 11** 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 21**.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 13, we will be having a Bingo Night from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center. Join us in person or remotely. More details to follow.

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP support the compassionate work our missionaries Chad and Dara VandenBosch do each day in Mozambique. Please take this opportunity to partner in the palliative care ministry that Dara provides. To do so, please **purchase, assemble, and deliver** these hospice kits and drop them off at the drop-off table in the Narthex. Our goal is to provide 100 hospice kits for this ministry by Sunday, March 14. Forty-seven have been collected so far. Extra-large storage bags are available in the church office to pack up these items.

UPDATED PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are presently being worked on. If you have any changes on your address/phone number/email addresses or if you would like to submit an updated photo of you or your family, please email to church office at office@frcsh.org. The deadline has been extended until after our Congregational meeting on May 11.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Basket Total: \$19,607.75

Online Total: \$1,515.00

Gift in memory of Leona Jacobs: \$50.00

Giving Total: \$21,172.75

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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

- Online.
- Bring to church office.
- Mail.
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door.

WORSHIP...

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES will be held in the Sanctuary and live streamed on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Do not miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus.

March 3 – Prayers of Lament

March 17 – Following in Patrick's Footsteps

March 10 – Lenten Hymn sing

March 24 – Prayers of Lament

March 31 – Lenten Hymn sing

April 1: Maundy Thursday (at-home worship service)

April 2: Good Friday Service (Sanctuary at 7:00pm)

April 4: Easter Sunday service (Sanctuary at 9:30am)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



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 approaching the halfway point, but we still to need to raise \$65,050.94 to add to the \$59,827.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!