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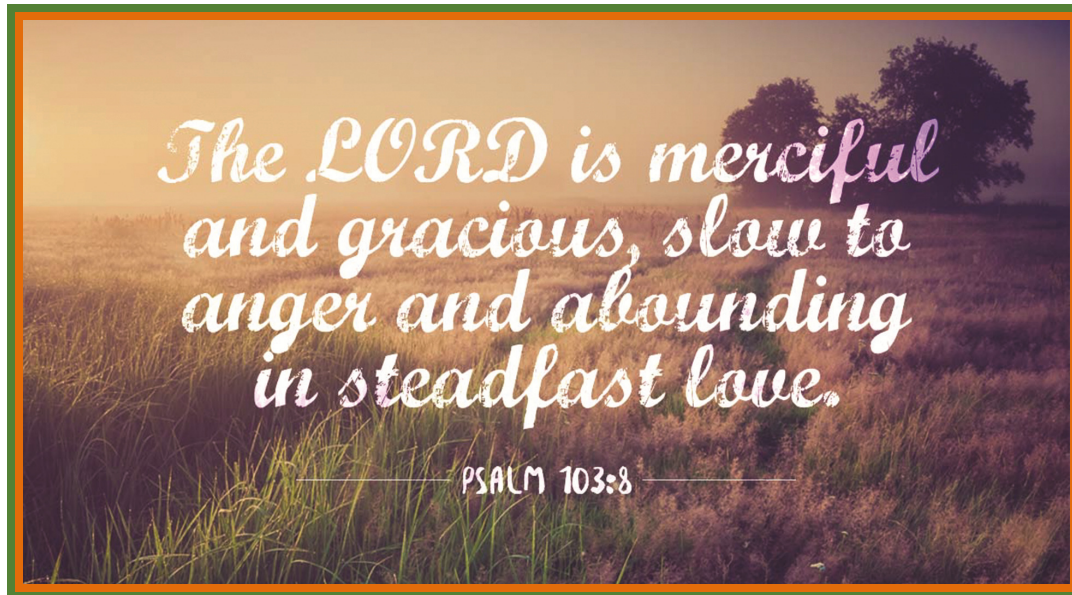
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ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018



Welcome...

This morning we continue a four-week sermon series on a few attributes of God. As an on-ramp to these attributes, we're going to be using Psalm 103:8: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Those four attributes – merciful, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love will be a map for us for the next several weeks. So, this morning we continue by ascribing to the Lord the attribute of grace. The Lord is gracious. Gracious in forgiving our sins and gracious in offering us the gift of salvation.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE

Sunday, June 17, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship #5 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*
"Hosanna"
"O Praise the Name"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance #497 *"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"* (vs. 1 & 3)

THE WORD OF GOD

Time of Testimony Pastor Corey Buchanan: Chicagoland Prison Ministry
Scripture Acts 16:25-34
Sermon "The Lord Is Merciful...& Gracious"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons
The Apostles' Creed
Congregational Prayer Pastor Matt Waterstone
Offering Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology
*Benediction Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace #75 *"God Is So Good"* (vs. 1)
*Postlude Joanne Hoeksema

*Those who are able please stand.

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

OUR GIFTS...

Online Giving June 3 thru June 9

Current Expense – \$1,065.00

Special Projects - \$20.00

Sunday, June 10

Current Expense – \$9,684.00

Benevolent – \$50.00

Missions – \$85.00

Building – \$160.00

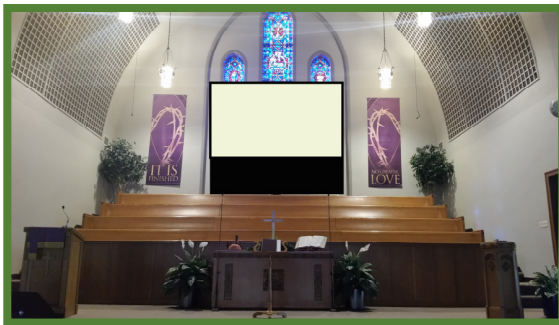
TOTAL – \$9,979.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$150.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$63,898.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church. The dual screens and the center hanging projectors will be removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area. Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still encouraged.

Approximately \$64,000 of the \$75,000 needed for this project has already been raised thanks your gracious support. Your prayers over generosity to this important project are encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CONGRATULATIONS is extended to Peter and Julia Keep on the birth of their daughter, Layla Jane, born on Monday, June 11 at Munster Community Hospital.

SUMMER SERVE DAYS: We have planned FOUR one-day mission trips we are doing as a church this summer.

- **Monday, June 25** – We will be serving **Chicagoland Prison Outreach** at their school and in the Cook County Jail. There are three service teams: painting/flooring, landscaping/cleaning, and a worship service at the jail. We will meet at church at 9:00am for breakfast and worship before serving and we'll come back to church at 4:00pm for a time of sharing experiences and pizza.
- **Thursday, July 12** – Serving **Roseland Christian Ministries** in their thrift shop doing cleaning, sorting, and stocking.
- **Wednesday, July 25** – Serving **Restoration Ministries** helping with summer camp, kids at the park, community garden, and working with visual arts.
- **Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4** – Helping with Exodus Project/CREAM basketball camp, working with kids, serving food, and whatever else Corey asks us to do :)

Will you consider using your gifts to serve in these ways? There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, contact Sara Jabaay at sara.jabaay@gmail.com or (708)302-2612.

PASTOR MATT has published a devotional book of his Friday Letters titled "Dear Church." If you would like a devotional book, a signup sheet is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at the Welcome Center. Books are available for \$15 each and all proceeds go to the Church.

MISSING FROM LIBRARY: “The View from the Lighthouse” by Melody Carlson.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets on **Sunday, June 24** from 11:00am – 5:00PM for DAY AT THE DUNES. Join us for church Sunday morning at 9:30am followed by an 11:00am departure for a day at the Indiana Dunes. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

PRAYER AT THE GATES will take place on the corner of 154th & South Park Avenue on **Wednesday, July 4** from 8:00-8:30am. Please come out and cover the Village of South Holland in prayer.

• **The church office secretary summer hours are 9:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday**

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SUNDAY, JUNE 17

GREETERS: James & Michelle Kuyper, Dawn Kuyper and Kaylee Kuyper
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Rich and Barb Grevengood
NURSERY: Nikki Nyhanna and Gail Housman
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
VIDEO: Ron Rietveld
PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Dave Besser, Daniel Day, Dacia Hill, Peter Keep, and Abby Veldboom
PRAYER ROOM: Dave Wright
WELCOME CENTER: Rick Veldboom
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Trina Taylor; First Response: Rick Furst
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Decker, Diana Abernathy, Arleta Hommes and Nikki Nyhanna

MONDAY, JUNE 18

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

7:00PM: Bible Study in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

7:00PM: Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

GREETERS: John & Ramelle DeVries and Rodger & Sherry Norris
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
NURSERY: Amber Fransen and Chandra Ondrejka
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
VIDEO: Ron Rietveld
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
SOUND: James Kuyper
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nancy Burke, Jeff Hayley, Bill Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley
BRASS: John DeVries, Nancy Rietveld, Jonathan Rietveld, and Matthew Rietveld
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill
WELCOME CENTER: Ron Abernathy
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Trina Taylor; First Response: Rick Furst
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SERMON NOTES...

“The Lord Is Merciful...& Gracious”
Acts 16:25-34
Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone

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.

WORSHIP...

THIS MORNING we join together in affirming the call that God has placed on the following individuals:

Elders

David Besser
Don DeGraff
Russ Paarlberg
Don VanBaren

Deacons

Griff Decker
Brad Housman
Ray Ondrejka
Clint Verhagen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our (only) Outdoor Service on **Sunday, August 26** at 9:30am on the beautiful front lawn of the Church. We will also celebrate our annual Church Picnic on that Sunday immediately following the morning service. Keep an eye open for more information to come!

LEARNING...

JOIN PASTOR COREY as he continues a six-week spiritual formation class entitled “God’s Gift to Us: The Church” on **Tuesday, June 19**. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall after the service. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

BOOK CLUB meets **Tuesday, September 11** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers” by Sara Ackerman. Questions? Call Ann Koval @ 331-4338.

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lynn Hoeksema will be having surgery on June 18 at Northwestern Hospital.

Rich Riddering is in Munster Community.

Kenny Gardiner will be having spine surgery on June 20 at Ingalls Hospital.

Les VanDeursen has returned home from the hospital.

Tom Peterson has returned from Georgia and is now recovering at home from colon surgery.

Kathryn Vinke is in Hospice Care at Arden Court.

Mary Wiersma, Aubrey Durkin’s mother’s cancer has returned. Please keep her in prayer.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lorraine Stevens, 4561 W. 73rd Ct., Merrillville, IN 46410



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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.