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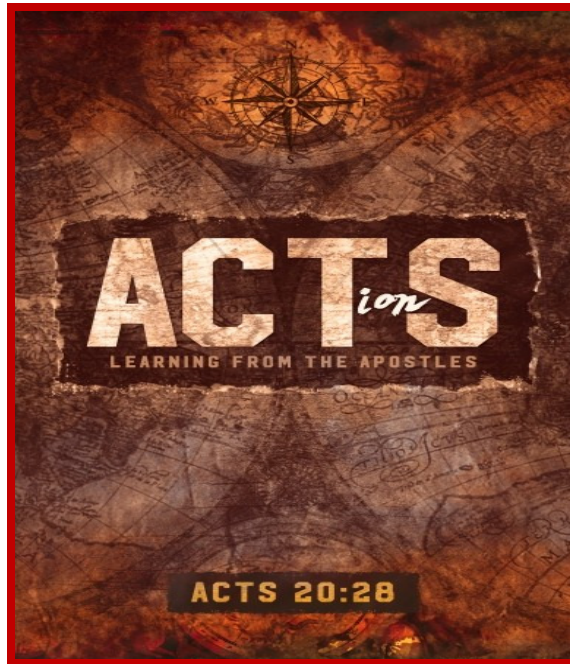
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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 29, 2018



Welcome...

At First Church one of the best ways we can grow together is through Sunday morning worship. Here, you'll find a warm and welcoming community of people from all different walks of life gathered together in unity to lift high the name of Jesus. We do this in all sorts of different ways. We sing new songs with guitars and old songs with an organ. We pray new prayers from the heart and ancient prayers of the faith. We preach the same Good News of Jesus Christ in new and fresh ways in hopes of intersecting the Word of God with the stories of our lives. Whether you grew up Catholic, married a Baptist, or anything in between, you'll find a home in worship here at First Church.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 29, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Bonnie Feenstra

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

"To God Be the Glory"

"We Will Glorify"

Opening Song of Worship

"Is He Worthy?"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Time of Worship

#29 "O Worship the King"

"God the Uncreated One"

"How Great Is Our God"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Thanksgiving

#471 "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Acts 4:1-22

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jill Ver Steeg: "By What Power?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Don DeGraff

Offering

"In Christ Alone"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jill Ver Steeg

*Sending in Grace

#834 "Lord, Dismiss Us" (vs. 2)

*Postlude

"The Solid Rock"

*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 July 15 to July 21

Current Expense – \$1,040.00

Special Projects – \$20.00

Sunday, July 22

Current Expense – \$10,867.00

Benevolent – \$290.00

Missions – \$260.00

Building – \$190.00

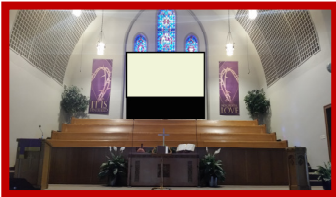
TOTAL – \$12,207.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$600.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$67,028.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church and installation is underway. 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 CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Roger and Judy Gill on the passing of Judy’s mother, Marian Van Someren, on Friday, July 20.

SUMMER SERVE DAYS: Our last mission trip we are doing as a church this summer is **Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4.** We are 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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to attend a Bridal Shower for Tiffany Surrel and Pastor Corey Buchanan on **Wednesday, September 5**, from 6:30-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will honor “the happy couple” with our gifts and a delightful dessert and beverage fare. The official Bridal Shower invitation will be placed in your mailbox at church in the next few weeks.

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.

THE ILLIANA DIVISION OF BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS is hosting Selah in concert on **Friday, September 14** at Bethel CRC in Lansing, IL. Limited seating. Purchase your tickets online at bibleleague.org/selah.

SOUTH HOLLAND’S EDUCATION FAIR is on **Saturday, August 11** from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the South Holland Community Center. Fun for the whole family: face painting, raffle prizes, children’s reading room and master gardener demo. Also, free vision screenings, hearing tests, kids dental check-ups and a blood drive.

AFTER FOUR YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS OF PRAYER, planning, study, research and sweat equity, Unity Christian Academy will open its doors to its first freshman class on August 15. Many members of our congregation have been supporting the school along the way. You are invited to attend the ribbon-cutting at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, August 14** at the campus (16341 South Park Avenue—on the south side of Calvary Community Church).

SAVE THE DATE: Providence Life Services has its 58th annual ministry celebration Torchlight Dinner on **Friday, November 2, 2018** at the Shedd Aquarium. Reserve online <https://www.providenceliveservices.com/torchlight-registration-2018/> or call 708-342-8108 to reserve your seat.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JULY 29

GREETERS: Ron & Diana Abernathy and Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengood

COFFEE SERVERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Wendy Stehle

NURSERY: Kelly Bruinsma and Amber Fransen

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** John DeVries

VIDEO: Mike Decker; **PROJECTION:** Tiffany Surrel; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill

WELCOME CENTER: Rick Furst

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Keith Durkin

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Arleta Hommes, Nikki Nyhanna and Gerri VanBaren

MONDAY, JULY 30

7:00PM: Worship Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30AM: Management Team meets in the Genesis Room

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 & 4

9:00AM: Summer Serve Day at Exodus Project/CREAM basketball

COMMUNION SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

GREETERS: Ray & Barb Housman and Dan & Terry Dieck

COFFEE SERVERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Russ & Sherry Gouwens

NURSERY: Aubrey Durkin and Marie Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

VIDEO: Mike Decker; **PROJECTION:** Tiffany Surrel; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Peter & Julia Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, & Abby Veldboom

PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck

WELCOME CENTER: Dave Besser

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Barb Grevengood; First Response: Rich Thornton

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Norma Smit, Jeannie Spike, and Debbie Woltzen

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

WORSHIP...

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT this morning, Rev. Dr. Jill Ver Steeg, as our guest preacher. Jill is a good friend of Pastor Matt and currently serves as the Chief Ministry Officer for the Reformed Church in America. She serves alongside our new General Secretary, Eddy Alemán. She graduated from Western Theological Seminary, served as Chaplain at Hope College and was on the pastoral staff at Meredith Drive Reformed Church in Des Moines, IA, before heading to work for the denomination.

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...

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 Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jackie Rietveld has returned to Park Place in St. John.

Audrey Rietveld has been admitted to Northwestern Hospital.

Don Spiekhout is confined to home while recovering from a fracture in his back.

Rich Riddering has been transferred to Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Loretta Bovenkerk needs prayer as she is recovering at home.

Ralph Knopf has returned home from the hospital.

Lynn Hoeksema has returned home from the hospital.

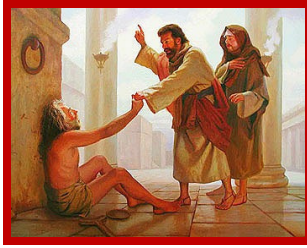
Kenny Gardiner is home recovering from spine surgery.

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

Lenore Vander Meer is scheduled for back surgery on July 31 at Christ Advocate in Oak Lawn.

Nancy Zivkovich is now in hospice care at home.

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



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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.