

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 5, 2018



Welcome...

What is the one thing we talk about the most? What is the one thing that changes all the time? What is the one thing we complain about whatever it is? What do you think? The weather! Of course. The weather gets brought up in the smallest of small talk. The weather changes by the hour, especially around the Midwest. And we most certainly complain about the weather at every chance we get. But what if I told you that the weather played a very important role in the Bible?! It's true and for the next several weeks, we'll be looking at different weather patterns throughout the Bible. And today, the forecast calls for hail.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

August 5, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#50 <i>"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"</i> <i>"Lord Most High"</i> <i>"I Am Trusting"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	#502 <i>"Amazing Grace"</i> (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Exodus 9:13-35 Ray Ondrejka
Sermon	"The Forecast Calls for...Hail"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Reception of New Member	John Hoeksema
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Matt Waterstone
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i> (vs. 2)
*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...

Sunday, July 29

Basket Total: \$3,663.25

Online Total: \$1,440.00

Giving Total: \$5,103.25

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

Special Projects Total: \$20.00

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lois Van Vuren and Rich Riddering are at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN. **Audrey Rietveld** has returned home from the hospital. **Ralph Knopf** continues with his chemo treatments. **Loretta Bovenkerk** needs prayer as she is recovering at home. **Lynn Hoeksema** continues her recovery at home. **Lenore Vander Meer** is recovering from back surgery. **Nancy Zivkovich** is in hospice care at home.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Leona Jacobs, Park Place, Room 3208, 1050 S. Euclid Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126

WORSHIP...

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!

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 CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Marie Rietveld, who passed away on Sunday, July 29.

THANK YOU for your prayers and cards during my recent hospitalization and recovery at home. First Church is a caring family and I am blessed to be a part of it. – Don Spiekhout

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 has been placed in your mailbox.

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.

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.

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.providencelifeservices.com/torchlight-registration-2018/> or call 708-342-8108 to reserve your seat.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

GREETERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren 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 Grevengoed; First Response: Rich Thornton
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Norma Smit, Jeannie Spike, & Debbie Woltzen

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00AM: OASIS Service and Snacks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

GREETERS: Rich Zimmerman and Larry & Phyllis DeYoung
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
NURSERY: Sherry Norris and Barb Housman
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: John DeVries
VIDEO: Ron Rietveld
PROJECTION: Trina Taylor
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Daniel Day, & Dacia Hill
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Arleta Hommes
WELCOME CENTER: Dave Wright
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Barb Grevengoed; First Response: Rich Thornton
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Celeste DeBoer, Barb Grevengoed, & Arleta Hommes

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

SERMON NOTES...

“The Forecast Calls for...Hail”
Exodus 9:13-35
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.



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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.