

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018



Welcome...

"We believe that our good God, mindful of our crudeness and weakness, has ordained sacraments for us to seal his promises in us, to pledge his good will and grace toward us, and also to nourish and sustain our faith. He has added these to the Word of the gospel to represent better to our external senses both what he enables us to understand by his Word and what he does inwardly in our hearts, confirming in us the salvation he imparts to us. For they are visible signs and seals of something internal and invisible, by means of which God works in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. So they are not empty and hollow signs to fool and deceive us, for their truth is Jesus Christ, without whom they would be nothing." ~ Article 33 of the Belgic Confession

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September 9, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Time of Worship

"In Christ Alone"

#20 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* (vs. 1 & 3)

"Good to Me"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Christ Is Risen"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:17-26

Sermon

"sac • ra • ment: Eucharist"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Matt Waterstone

Offering

"Worthy Is the Lamb"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Matt Waterstone

*Sending in Grace

#840 *"God Be with You"* (vs. 1)

*Postlude

"In Remembrance"

*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, September 2

Basket Total: \$6,351.00

Online Total: \$1,915.00

Gift & Memorial: Jaci Rietveld - \$10,585.00

Special Projects Total: \$260.00

Giving Total: \$19,111.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Richard Riddering, who passed away on Thursday, September 06, 2018. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Lois Van Vuren continues at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Marcus Barnes is at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Ralph Knopf continues with his chemo treatments.

Robert Wooley is recovering at home from foot surgery.

Sherry Gouwens is recovering at home from a knee replacement surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Paul VanKley, 624 E. 161st Place, South Holland, IL 60473

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 \$71,000 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!

SERMON NOTES...

“sac • ra • ment: Eucharist”
1 Corinthians 11:17-26
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.

CHURCH LIFE...

THIS MORNING we start another year of Sunday School for all ages. Please pray for our teachers and helpers as they lead classes, prepare crafts, and teach the catechism. Also, please pray for learners of all ages as they deepen their faith. A friendly word of encouragement to make Sunday School a priority for you and your family as we grow together in the grace of Christ.

UPTOWN BAPTIST will begin the new season of preparing supper for those less fortunate on **Monday, September 10**. We meet in the church parking lot at **NOON** and are always ready to welcome new faces!

CALLING ALL SINGERS! The Chancel Choir will begin its 2018-2019 season *this Wednesday, September 12* and we would love to have you join us! Rehearsal will be held from 7:00-8:15pm on Wednesday. Whether you've sung with us in the past or have always wanted to, this is a great opportunity to come on board! Please see Anthony with any questions.

MUNCH & MINGLE will begin their new season on **Sunday, September 23** in the Activity Center at 11:30am.

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS are Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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.

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 your seat at <https://www.providencelifeservices.com/torchlight-registration-2018/> or call 708-342-8108.

THE EXODUS PROJECTS invite you to join them at their annual breakfast being held on **Saturday, September 22** at Scrementi's Restaurant in Steger IL, from 8:30 - 10:00 am. This event will include introductions to The Exodus Projects board and staff, a review of the previous year's events, and information regarding upcoming events. Please consider joining them for a morning of fellowship and thanksgiving. To R.S.V.P. please call 708-414-0527 or email theexodusprojects@gmail.com. For more information, please see Corey Buchanan or Nikki Nyhanna.

LEARNING...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Next **Sunday, September 9**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am.

PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT KIDS meet for a time of singing in the Genesis Room at 11:00am followed by their Bible story time.

- **PRESCHOOL** (Ages 3-4) Teachers: Rhonda Hesselink, Sara Jabaay, and Sarah Waterstone. This class will meet in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible stories and a craft-time.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten-4th Grade) Teachers: Kim Bolkema and Nikki Nyhanna. This class will meet in the rooms across from the drinking fountain in the Activity Center for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (5th Grade – High School) Teachers: Pastor Corey, Barb Grevengoed, Mike Hoeksema and Roger Hommes. This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall and will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

ADULT CLASSES:

- **JOIN PASTOR MATT** in the Chapel at 11:00am as we explore the story of Ruth. We'll narrow our focus on the first eighteen verses of chapter 1 and see how God's faithfulness works through a daughter-in-law who not leave her mother-in-law.
- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

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.

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Please join us on **Tuesday, September 25**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church, for a time of food, fellowship, and an introduction to our new season. The first part of the season, we will be working on a DVD Study by Karen Ehman titled, "What Matters Most, A Study of Philippians". In this study, the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians will show us how we can banish our anxieties of the world and rest in the peace of Christ. The cost of the study guide is \$15.00 and will be distributed at the kick-off. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the kick-off, or for more information, please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316.

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, September 25** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylen's home (16009 School Street). We will continue to meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. We will be studying the book "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please call Cindy Nylen at 708-217-3713.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

GREETERS: Roger & Judy Gill and Rick & Amy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Faye Gowens, and Trina & Aaron Taylor
NURSERY: Mary Decker and Merley Verhagen
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Tiffany Surrel; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld
MUSIC TEAM: Dave Besser, Nate Krygsheld, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg
PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck
WELCOME CENTER: Russ Paarlberg
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Colin Cutler
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman and Mary Koster

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
12:30PM: Uptown Baptist meets in church parking lot
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:00AM: New Covenant Assemblies of Peace hosting a Community Fair in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

GREETERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Mike & Cindy Nylen
COFFEE SERVERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Wendy Stehle
NURSERY: Brittany Paarlberg and Gail Housman
ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema
MUSIC TEAM: Anthony & Kim Bolkema, Nancy Burke, Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom
SOUND: James Kuyper; **PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok
PRAYER ROOM: Ron Abernathy
WELCOME CENTER: Don VanBaren
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Colin Cutler
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Decker, Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok, and Arleta Hommes



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Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Gerri Van Baren <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
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