

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 23, 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

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 9:30AM

### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Opening Song of Worship

*"Come, Ye Sinners"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Time of Worship

#115 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

#118 *"We Will Glorify"*

*"Stronger"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"Grace Flows Down"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

1 John 1:5-9

Sermon

"Sac • ra • ment: Reconciliation"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Matt Waterstone

Offering

*"Blest Be the tie That Binds"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Matt Waterstone

\*Sending in Grace

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

\*Postlude

*"Shine, Jesus Shine"*

\*Those who are able please stand.

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

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS** will take place on **Tuesday, October 9**. There will be a brief public service at Thorn Creek Reformed Church (1875 E 170th Street) at 7:00pm and the parade will begin there at 7:30pm. The parade will then wind through the streets of South Holland, Thornton and Homewood, ending at the Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway, in honor of Homewood Firefighter, Brian Carey, who gave the “Supreme Sacrifice” while fighting a structure fire in Homewood.

**PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES** will host its 58<sup>th</sup> annual Torchlight Dinner on **Friday, November 2** at the Shedd Aquarium. Come celebrate another year of ministry and enjoy a variety of food, music, and, of course, amazing aquatic exhibits. For reservations, contact Joan at (708) 342-8108 or go to [www.torchlight2018.com](http://www.torchlight2018.com) to register.

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Clarence Brouwers** has been discharged from the hospital.

**Don Spiekhout** is in Munster Community Hospital in rehab.

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

**Ralph Knopf** continues with his chemo treatments.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Harriet DeYoung, Holland Home, Room 205, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 16

Basket Total: \$7,814.25

Online Total: \$1,190.00

Gift & Memorial: Rich Riddering – \$200.00

Special Projects Total: \$325.00

**Giving Total: \$9,529.25**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

SERMON NOTES...

“sac • ra • ment: Reconciliation”

1 John 1:5-9

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.

## ***SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...***



The dual screens and the center hanging projectors have been 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!

## ***CHURCH LIFE...***

**AS WE CONTINUE** in 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.

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

**OASIS (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)** meets tonight, **Sunday, September 23** from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Loft.

**UPTOWN BAPTIST:** Come and help prepare supper for those less fortunate on **Monday, October 1**. We will meet in the church parking lot by the office at 12:30pm. Call Norma Smit with questions at 219-864-2958.

**THE SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE** is coming to First Church on **Sunday, October 14** for a concert at 4:00pm in the sanctuary. Mark your calendars for an enjoyable afternoon of music.

**TRUNK R’ TREAT** is **Wednesday, October 31** from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:30pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick R’ Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There will be a candy donation box in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

## ***LEARNING...***

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** continues 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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** (5<sup>th</sup> 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** representatives from The Exodus Projects, Roseland Christian Ministries, Restoration Ministries and Chicagoland Prison Outreach as we reflect on our Summer Serve Days. This time of discussion and information begins at 11:00am in the Chapel.
- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

**DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES!** Please join us this **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 this **Tuesday, September 25** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylen’s home (16009 School Street). We will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BOOK CLUB** meets **Tuesday, October 9** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Notorious RBG” by Irin Carmon. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

*UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**GREETERS:** Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Craig & Jan Nelson  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Colin & Geni Cutler and Griff and Mary Decker  
**NURSERY:** Sara Jabaay and Nikki Nyhanna  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom  
**MUSIC TEAM:** David Besser, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Sarah Waterstone; **VIDEO:** Ron Rietveld  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Arleta Hommes  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Furst  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Colin Cutler  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema and Alice Kats  
**11:30AM:** Munch & Mingle in the Activity Center  
**6:30-8:00PM:** OASIS meets in the Loft

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**9:30AM:** Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall  
**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal  
**7:00PM:** Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**1:00PM:** Women’s Bible Study in the Genesis Room  
**6:30PM:** Women’s Bible Study at Cindy Nylen’s home (see announcement)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**GREETERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Gerri VanBaren  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Myrna Eytcheson and Rodger & Sherry Norris  
**NURSERY:** Gerri VanBaren and Abigail Veldboom  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer and John DeVries  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Bill and Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley  
**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink; **PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok  
**PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Judy Gill  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Larry DeYoung  
**FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS:** First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Colin Cutler  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Carol Barnes, Dorothy Jacobsma, Nikki Nyhanna and Gerri VanBaren



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