

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

*What a joy it is to start this new year with all of you.  
May we rededicate our lives for service to God. Join us  
downstairs after worship for refreshments and so we  
can know each other better.*

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

Time of Praise

Ministry of Music David Schurman & Rita Kingma

Congregational and Offering Prayer

Presenting our Gifts

The offering is for our members and regular attendees. If you are a visitor or a guest, please do not feel obligated to give.

Children, age three through third grade, may leave for Kids' Own Worship held downstairs in the east wing.

Please fill out the Fellowship Pads at this time, and pass them down the row. When the pads get to the last person, please tear out the page and put in pad holder so page is visible.

Message "Is Submission a 'Dirty Word'?"

Ephesians 5:22-33 page 1159

Closing

Benediction

Postlude

*A "Toddler and Me Room" is available at the back of the sanctuary for parents and their children.*

*A staffed nursery is located downstairs for newborns to three-year-olds.*

Personal sound systems are available for those who have a difficult time hearing. Ask an usher for details.

Song sheets are available at the Information Station or from the ushers, if you are unable to see the monitors. Enlarged Song Sheets and Bulletins are located at the Information Station for those who would like to use them.

## Assisting Today

Greeters: John & Shauna Thomas, Bruce & Dawn Toppen,  
Jim & Eileen Toppen

Ushers: Paul Hamstra, Mike Schurman, Fred Dancho, Jay Price

Nursery: Nicole Van Schouwen, Pat Belstra, Andrew DeHaan, Tyler Niehoff

Kids' Own Worship: Cheryl Schaefer, Nathan Kingma, Trevor Fase, Diane Kingma, Alyssa Hoffman, Elijah Schaefer, Alex Hoffman, Kim Scheeringa, Abbey Sittema, Tim Schoonveld, Chris Schaefer, Bailey Heemstra, Brent Van Soest

Coffee Table: Loren & Becky Curtis; Cookie Helper: Sonia Oezer

Prayer Room: Ellen Mullins, Corrie Terborg, Jan Van Riessen

## This Week at the Church

### Today

#### Youth Opportunities

6:00 – Molly and Michelle's Small Group meets at Molly's.

### Tuesday

7:00 – Full Consistory meets in the Lounge.

7:00 – Discovery Group meets at the home of Dave & Connie Fieldhouse.

### Wednesday

6:45 – Faithweaver Friends for children age three through third grade. Meet downstairs. Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and a snack!

6:45 – S.O.S. (Sink or Swim) for young people in fourth and fifth grades. Meet in Youth Building. Leaders this week: Dennis & Edie DeHaan, Jim Shouse, Karine DeKock, and Val Fase.

6:45 – Celebration (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru high school) meets in Youth Building on the Safe Harbor side.

6:45 – Living Fire Year 2 meets in the Consistory room.

### Sunday (January 10)

7:30-9:30 – Living Fire Year 2 meets in the Consistory room.

9:00 – Sunday School!

- Little Lights (age 3 thru Kindergarten) meet in the west wing green room downstairs with the piano in it.
- Beacons (grades 1-5) meet in the east wing downstairs.
- Junior High and High School meet in the Youth Building.
- Adult Opportunities: Two new classes begin today!  
One is an eight week Daily Living/Biblical Life Application-Parenting class being led by clinical psychologist, Eva Ponder, from Chicago Christian Counseling Center. This class will meet in the Lounge. Child care will be provided.  
The focus of the other class is Discipleship-The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in love with the God Jesus Knows. This class will meet downstairs in the green room next to the kitchen.

## News & Notes

**Members of First Church:** Ballots for nominations of elders, deacons, ministry team leaders, and nomination team member were placed in your church mailboxes. Your nominations are very important in this process. Please complete your ballots, sign them, and return them to the ballot box on the Information Station or mail them to the church office by Sunday, January 31.

### Ministry of Care

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us and we use them to serve others. Are you looking for a new way to use your gifts? Have you considered Stephen Ministry? There is still time to add you to our upcoming Stephen Series training class beginning in January. We are especially needing additional male Stephen Ministers. Those interested are encouraged to contact Pastor Rog as soon as possible.

**Don't forget!** Used, damaged, or neglected furniture is needed by the teen boys' Small Group. We will refinish, repair, and restore and then donate to a good cause. To donate furniture, contact Denny Fase at 987-4543.

**Roger Parks, Ph.D.**, a Christian, Clinical Psychologist, in cooperation with Chicago Christian Counseling Center, maintains an office in First Reformed Church of DeMotte. For information, appointments and fees: call 800-361-6880, [www.chicagochristiancounseling.org](http://www.chicagochristiancounseling.org)

**The church office** was broken into this week. Two doors were badly damaged in the forced entry. Thanks to the excellent pro-active work of the DeMotte Police and other law enforcement, office keys, a bottle of water, and a bag of candy were all that was taken, and the intruders were apprehended.

### Ministry Dollars (Giving for week 17 as of December 27, 2009)

General Fund (for operating fund)	\$ 24,153.50
Average budgeted per Sunday	\$ 11,729.00
Year-to-date weekly average	\$ 12,343.06
Percent on Budget	105%
Other offerings	\$ 7,599.50
New Building Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Harvest Drive to date	\$ 52,102.00

### Coming Dates:

Jan. 11	Children's Ministry Team meets.
Jan. 12	Morrell Circle Christmas party at 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Administrative Team meets.

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**Remember in your daily prayers**

**Joy:**

Britta Longstreth and Steven Travers married in our sanctuary yesterday.

**Our Church Family:**

Stacy DeHaan continues to improve from her back surgery. Remember her in prayer during this long recovery time.

Be in prayer for Bess Bult, Christine Goetz, Arlene Hamstra, Lorretta Hamstra, Millie Hamstra, Mandy Koster, Roy Schlarp, Alvin Seegers, and others who have health concerns.

**Extended Family:**

Paul Ciancanelli's mom had surgery for a perforated colon on Thursday. Surgery went well. Remember her in prayer as she recovers, and is away from family. She resides in Florida.

Dennis and Jennifer Nannenga's son Chuck, had surgery on Thursday. The doctors did find cancer and will do tests on Monday to decide on treatment. Pray for good results on the tests and peace for him and his family

**Sympathy:**

We extend our sympathy to Jim and Peggy Shouse and family in the death of Jim's father on Wednesday. The funeral took place on Saturday in Effingham, Illinois.

**Thank You:**

Dear First Church family,

It is a pleasure to receive your greetings, family news, and gifts this Christmas season! We appreciate your love, support, and especially your prayers for us as we minister among you. The Lord does remarkable things when we seek Him and work together in His name. We also appreciate your congregational money gift.

As we look forward into this new year, we pray God will continue to bless you and your families with His best for you. May the outpouring of His gifts encourage us to use them fully for His glory.

In Christian love,  
Pastor Rog and Char  
Chris and Cheryl  
John and Diane

**For those unable to be with us:**

Oak Grove  
Judy Hamstra Marie Hamstra  
Millie Hamstra  
Bethshan  
Becky Przybylski Joey Swart

Corpus Christi Group Home  
Abigail Mullins

Anne Janavich will be studying in Argentina this next semester. She plans to return home the end of June. Pray for God's blessing on her studies and for her safety while away from home.



**To Make a Prayer Chain Request:**

If you have a prayer request, Monday thru Friday, call the Church Office at 987-5156, or email at [frcod@netnitco.net](mailto:frcod@netnitco.net). After 4:30 p.m. or on weekends, contact Sally Hamstra at 987-2297, email [bashfarm@midwaynet.net](mailto:bashfarm@midwaynet.net), or Carol Eenigenburg at 987-3311, email [eburg@netnitco.net](mailto:eburg@netnitco.net).

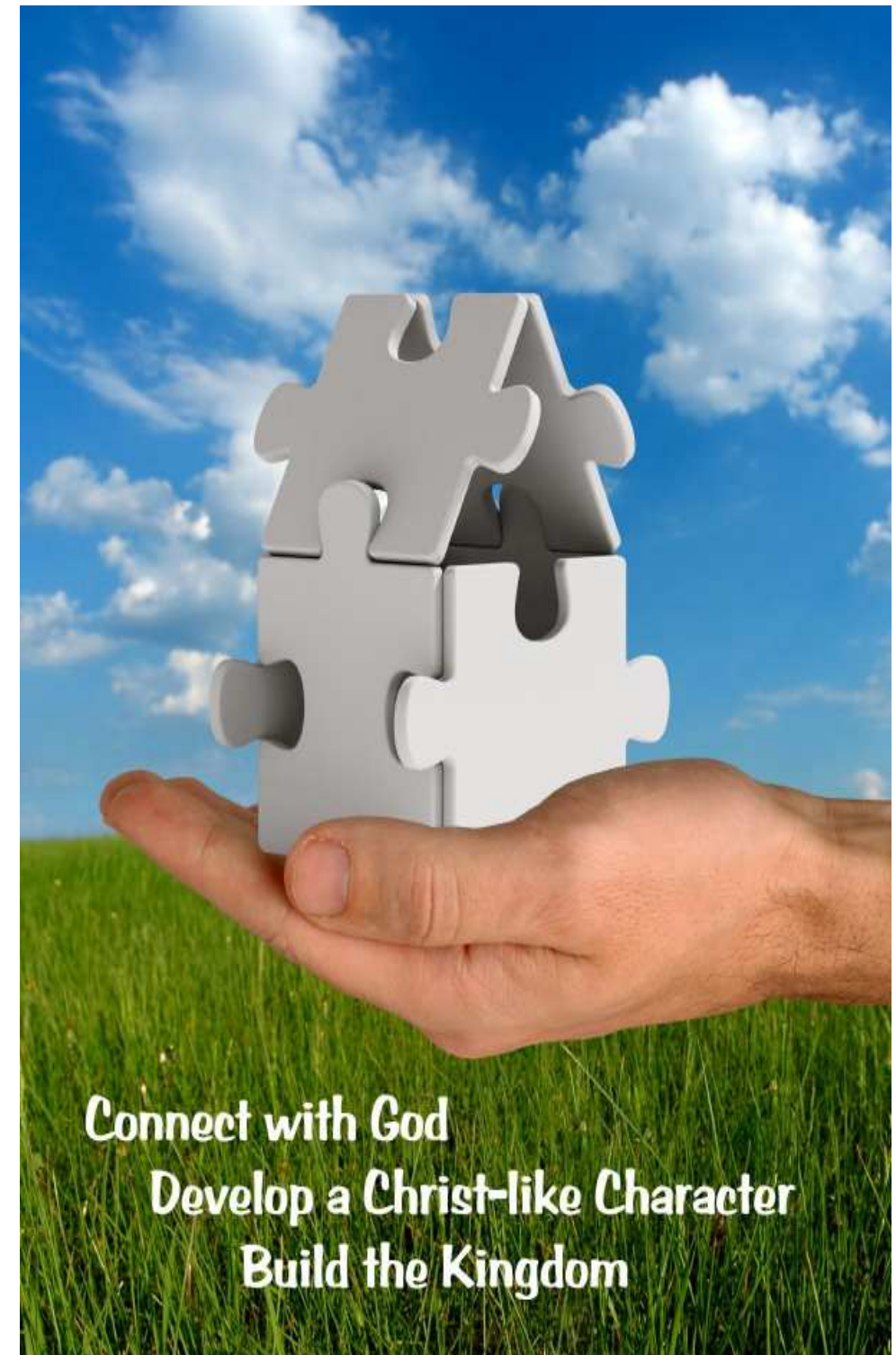
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