

First Foundation Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 30, 2019

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 30, 2019

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware                     | 001-36461    | 20-8639702             |
| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission  | (IRS Employer          |
| of incorporation)            | File Number) | Identification Number) |

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18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700  
Irvine, California 92612  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(949) 202-4160

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 30, 2019, First Foundation Inc. issued a press release reporting its consolidated financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2018. A copy of that press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, are being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and such information and that Exhibit shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements relate to First Foundation’s current expectations and are subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in First Foundation’s other documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including, without limitation, that actual events and/or results may differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | <u>Press Release dated January 30, 2019, announcing the consolidated financial results of First Foundation Inc. for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2018.</u> |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FOUNDATION INC.

Date: January 30, 2019     /s/ JOHN MICHEL

By:

John M. Michel

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer