

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 5, 2021



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

“Holy Is the Lord”
“O Day of Rest and Gladness”
“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
“Here I Am to Worship”

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

“Living Hope”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-8

Sermon

“Night School”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

“I’m New Born Again”

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

“God Be With You”

*Organ Postlude

“There Is a Redeemer”

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us outdoors after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

GREETERS: Mike & Cindy Nylén

USHERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren, and Jim DeGroot

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Oord and Trina Taylor

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rachel Wooley

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Mike & Cindy Nylén

COOKIE LADIES: Gwen Adams, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Decker

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – LABOR DAY

Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care Closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00AM: Insurance Team meets in the Fellowship Hall.

7:00PM: Learning Team meets in the Genesis Room.

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

USHERS: Don DeGraff, Lucas VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

GREETERS: Steve and Alison VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff and Raylene Oord

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE LADIES: Rhonda DeBok, Nyla DeGraff, and Mary Koster

OASIS: 6:30 – 8:00PM in the Activity Center

CARE...

Roger Gill is recovering at home and building up his strength.

Margene Paarlberg continues in rehab at Heritage Woods in Manteno.

Joanne Peterson broke her hip. She is recovering from surgery and is in rehab.

Roger Bovenkerk has returned home with 24-hour care.

Chinedu Akoma is recovering from eye surgery.

Craig Nelson is recovering from knee surgery.

Norm Veldboom, Rick's father, has been hospitalized with pneumonia and COVID. His underlying condition is COPD.

Don Rietveld, son of Betty Paarlberg, has a serious lung disease and needs a double lung transplant.

Debbie Woltzen's cousin, **Ron Schultz** who lives in Arizona, is very sick with an unknown infection.

Mary Bosman continues with her physical therapy.

Lindsay Robertson, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, is in partial remission and has begun a new kind of chemo which hopefully will bring him to complete remission.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, is being monitored and will have another PET scan in the future to see if the radiation has helped.

Chad and Dara VandenBosch, our missionaries in Mozambique, need our prayers as the process of adopting Zinha has had many setbacks.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Wayne & Joyce Deinema**, 2440 186th St., Apt. 1-3, Lansing, IL 60438

SERMON NOTES...

John 3:1-8
"Night School"
Pastor Corey Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Barb Rietveld, who passed into glory early this past Monday morning.

THANK YOU for the prayers, cards, and acts of kindness shown to me after my fall.
I am doing much better. – Anna Mae Groeneveld

WELCOMING CHURCH TEAM: If you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings by joining our dedicated team of ushers, greeters, and Welcome Center volunteers, sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or downstairs. It's a great way to interact with members and visitors and be an extension of the smiling face of our congregation.

COMMUNION SUNDAY: Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday, September 12, instead of our usual practice of celebrating on the first Sunday of the month.

PLEASE JOIN US as The First Church Ladies' Bible Study will begin its new season on **Tuesday, September 28th**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This year we will be using the DVD study by Priscilla Shirer entitled, "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks." The study guide will cost \$18.00. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by September 7 if you want to be a part of this exciting and inspirational Bible Study. Hope you can attend!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are in your mail slots! Please take home and put in your binders. If you need a new binder, there are extras on the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH OFFICE AND FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN DAY CARE will be closed on **Monday, September 6** in the celebration of Labor Day.

CHANGES FOR YOUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

Jean Spiekhout

Hartsfield Village, Room #1107, 10000 Columbia Avenue, Munster, IN 46321

Gabby Gatlin

966 Dartmouth Avenue, Matteson, IL 60443, gabbyseton28@gmail.com

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Basket Total: \$5,903.30; Online Total: \$2,825.00; Special Offering: \$1,100.00

Giving Total: \$9,828.30; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



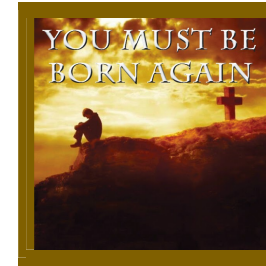
IT IS A GREAT TIME to be a part of our First Church Family. The deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support of the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and your donations. Currently, we need to complete raising funds to pay for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. We are making steady progress, but we still need to raise \$39,824.94 to add to the \$85,053.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

AREA EVENTS...

THE 25TH ANNUAL ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL is on **Saturday, September 25!** Join us for this special 25th celebration! Held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Crestwood, IL), the Dutch Festival is fun for all ages. Enjoy the pannekoek (pancake) breakfast (7:30-10 am) as well as Dutch shops, farmers market, great entertainment, and delicious food (8 am - 4 pm). Free admission, parking, and shuttle. All proceeds directly impact the children and adults of Elim. For more information, call 708-293-6509 or visit www.elimcs.org.

THE WOMEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE OF BETHSHAN ASSOCIATION works once a year to fund special projects to assist in serving their residents who have developmental disabilities. There is information in your mailboxes regarding Bethshan's project to remodel and redecorate some of the Bethshan I building after being quarantined for many months during the pandemic. Please consider how you may be able to support this valuable ministry. Any questions, please call Judy Gill.

ON SEPTEMBER 25, BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS host a conference for you called Spreading the Fragrance of Life. You will be enriched with spiritual encouragement and joyful fellowship. Dr. Lynn Wilder, former Mormon now Bible-believing Christian, will be the keynote speaker. The registration cost is \$20. Sign up online at bibleleague.org/tickets today.



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To get to know you better, please fill out our [Welcome Card](#) 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.

SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS
9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday