

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 16, 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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
"At the Name of Jesus"
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"A Mighty Fortress"
"Christ Is Enough"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Turn Your Eyes"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-29

Sermon

Easter Prayer: "Deliver Us from Evil"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of Baptism

Gianna Elise Keep

Reception of New Members

Nancy Boerman, Anita Decker-Steenbergen, and
Michael Spitz

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"He Is Lord"

*Organ Postlude

"Thou Art Worthy"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us outside in front of church after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MAY 16

USHERS: Jim DeGroot, Clair & Lynn Hoeksema, and Rodger Norris

GREETERS: Mike & Cindy Nysten, Ray Ondrejka, and Deb Oord

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

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom

WELCOME CENTER: Don VanBaren

COOKIE LADIES: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Decker, and Mary Paulton

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

OASIS: Meets in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 8:00pm.

MONDAY, MAY 17

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall.

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAY 18

6:15PM: CPO Banquet (see flyer in bulletin)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

10:00AM: First Impressions committee meets in the Fellowship Hall.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23

USHERS: Ron Rietveld, Don & Gerri VanBaren, and Alison VanderWoude

GREETERS: Liam, Lucas, & Steve VanderWoude, and Dennis Woltzen

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

MUSIC TEAM: Peter Keep, Nate Kygsheld, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Don DeGraff

COOKIE LADIES: Mary Decker, Rhonda DeBok, and Mary Paulton

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

CARE...

Hank Koval is waiting for test results from a PET Scan he had Friday to determine what type of treatments he will need for possible chronic leukemia and melanoma.

Celeste DeBoer is in Ingalls Hospital North Building, recovering from surgery on her foot and undergoing antibiotic treatments for remaining infection.

Kathy Spiekhout's back surgery has been postponed due to more testing.

Marcus Barnes is a patient at Silver Cross Hospital, Room 6214.

Barb Rietveld is receiving hospice care at home as her health continues to decline.

Charlie Weeks, grandson of John and Gay Kraai, remains at Rush University Medical Center and is starting to show signs of improvement. He may soon be transferred to the rehab unit at Rush.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, has decided to wait before beginning chemo due to COVID, as his non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma continues to worsen. Pray he will be able to safely begin treatments soon.

Woody Smits, former member of First Church and brother-in-law of Becky Wright, is in hospice care at his son's home in Wisconsin.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lois Van Vuren, Symphony of Dyer, Room 221, 1532 Calumet Avenue, Dyer, IN 46311

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 \$51,000.94 to add to the \$73,877.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

SERMON NOTES...

Colossians 1:15-29
Easter Prayer: "Deliver Us from Evil"
Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of friends of Barb VanMilligan who passed away on Monday, May 10.

TODAY WE WILL HAVE FELLOWSHIP after the morning service outside in front of church and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments. In case of inclement weather, you will be able to pick up your cookie-to-go in the narthex after the service.

PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WELCOME CENTER in the NARTHEX after the service to sign cards for our shut-ins who are celebrating birthdays or for those who are hospitalized.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION for your nominations, attendance, and vote at the congregational meeting of this past Tuesday. The following members were elected to office: Elders: Ron Abernathy, Larry DeYoung, Clair Hoeksema, and Steve VanderWoude. Deacons: Tim DeYoung, Joe Fransen, Rich Thornton, and Robert Wooley. Trustees: Mark Spiekhout, and Don VanDeursen. The Consistory and congregation take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the leading of these individuals to service in our church. We pray for God's blessings on each of them as they will take important leadership positions in 2021-2022. We also bless God for the humble leadership and tireless service of Don DeGraff, John Kraai, Russ Paarlberg, and Don VanBaren, Griff Decker, Brad Housman, Ray Ondrejka, and Clint Verhagen who are outgoing members of the Consistory.

COULD YOU USE A GOOD LAUGH OR TWO? Join us on **Wednesday, May 26** beginning at 6:00pm for our very own First Reformed Church Family Feud game night. The night will include lots of laughter, food boxes from Chick-Fil-A, and tournament-style play of the hilarious game show Family Feud. Be sure to keep your eyes open for a link where you can sign up to participate either as a team or as an individual (we will help place you on a team). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex as well. Contact Anthony with any questions.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN DAY CARE GRADUATION is scheduled for **Friday, June 4,** at 3:00pm in the parking lot. All First Church members are invited to come and support our families in the Day Care Program.

AREA EVENTS...

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL is celebrating their 83rd anniversary of ministry. In your mailbox is a brochure about this ministry with an opportunity to donate. Please prayerfully consider giving. For every \$5 given a BIBLE can be purchased and given to someone who does not have one. Thank You. - Key Ladies, Judy Gill & Becky Wright

THE ANNUAL 'EVENING OF THANKSGIVING' for Chicagoland Prison Outreach is underway, and we cannot wait to spend another virtual evening together! This will take place this **Tuesday, May 18**, at 6:30pm, and you can watch from any digital device or you can join us in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall for a viewing party. Join us on Facebook or YouTube for 25 minutes, listen to a ministry update from Executive Director Corey Buchanan, and watch amazing testimonies from men and women who have been touched by the work of CPO.

THE SOUTH HOLLAND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE is back for 2021! We are grateful to once again host this annual event as we remember military personnel who have given their lives while serving our country.

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION PARADE: The Class of 2021 Graduation will be held on **Saturday, May 29**. Everyone is invited to watch this graduation on live stream.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Basket Total: \$7,181.00

Online Total: \$4,100.00

Gift & Memorial for Les VanDeursen: \$270.00

Giving Total: \$11,551.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

There are several ways to bring your gifts to the church:

- Online.
- Mail.
- Bring to church office.
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door.



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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' SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday