

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 26, 2021



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Welcome...

The season from Pentecost through the start of Advent is called "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time falls in the growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, and it's a time to celebrate the way God's Kingdom grows in big ways and small ways. What is your "ordinary?" What are the everyday celebrations and struggles you take with you this morning? What questions are scrawled on the pages of your life? God meets us in our "ordinaries" and leads us into something extraordinary: He creates a community from the disparate; He centers voices from the margins; He changes patterns of self-serving into habits of service; He challenges division with the diversity and unity of his family; He channels the mercy and grace of Christ into your life and into our world. This is the "ordinary" work of the Church. Come, join us in this extraordinary life we live together.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, September 26, 2021 WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Ye Servants of God"
"All That I Am I Owe to Thee"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
"Let It Rise"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Here Is Love"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:3-18

Sermon

First Things First: "Devoted Members"

Song of Response

"Brother, Let Me Be Your Servant"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Roger DeGraff

Offertory

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Doxology

Organ/Piano

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"God Be With You"

*Organ Postlude

"I Am the Church"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

.UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

USHERS: Mike Nylen, Cindy Nylen, and Trina Taylor

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Deb Oord

WELCOME CENTER: Don and Gerri VanBaren

MUSIC TEAM: Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Rachel Wooley

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

SOUND Kevin Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

COOKIE LADIES: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, and Mary Koster

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00PM: Music Team meets

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

USHERS: Lucas VanderWoude, Liam VanderWoude, and Steve VanderWoude

GREETERS: Robert Wooley and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Debbie Woltzen and Alison VanderWoude

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND Kevin Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Wybren & Kathy Oord and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

COOKIE LADIES: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

CARE...

Lois Van Vuren had an angiogram this past week and continues in Community Munster.

Carol Barnes had a ruptured tendon and was at Warren Barr Rehab in Orland Park for rehab. She has returned home.

Carol Housman is doing very well after having her hip surgery. She has no pain and is back at Cedar Hurst, Room 10.

Celeste DeBoer is recovering from skin graft surgery she had Friday, September 17, on her foot. Please pray that this will be a successful last step in dealing with the foot infection that began in April.

Mark Spiekhout will be having back surgery on October 7 at Northwestern Hospital.

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

Margene Paarlberg did spend a few days at Riverside Hospital but is back in rehab now at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

Bob Brink is scheduled for eye surgery on Tuesday October 12. Cards can be sent to him at the Tibstra House, 271 E. 161st Street, South Holland, IL 60473

Don Rietveld, son of Betty Paarlberg, has been approved for a double lung transplant. Pray that a donor will be found soon.

Debbie Woltzen's cousin, **Ron Schultz** who lives in Arizona, had COVID-related pneumonia and is doing better, he is out of the hospital and in rehab.

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.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Anker, Beecher Manor #27, 201 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL 60401

SERMON NOTES...

Romans 12:3-18
First Things First: "Devoted Members"
Rev. James Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will begin its new season on **Tuesday, September 28**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will view the first video of Priscilla Shirer's, "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks". The study guides for this interesting season will also be distributed at this time. Please be mindful that wearing masks will be required. Hope to see you there.

TRUNK N' TREAT is **Saturday, October 30** from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk, please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Chairman, Robert Wooley.

FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP! Beginning in October, our church will be gathering on the first Wednesday of each month, from 6:00-7:00pm for a meal, some learning opportunities, and fellowship. Sometimes it will be a simple potluck, sometimes it will be an exciting experience, but it will always be a blessing to be together! See the announcement below for more detail about October and plan on joining us every month!

OCTOBER FIRST FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: On **Wednesday, October 6**, from 6:00-7:00pm, we will be holding our very first First Wednesday Fellowship Night. This will be hosted by our DNA (Diversity iN Action) team. The food will be a diverse selection from the best South Holland has to offer. We're calling it "A Taste of South Holland." The evening will also include an introduction to our DNA team, a summary of the work they've been doing, and opportunities to learn more about God's beautiful design for diversity. Sign up online or at the Welcome Centers.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Basket Total: \$9,002.25; Online Total: \$4,581.00
Giving Total: \$13,583.25; (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 to need to raise \$39,324.94 to add to the \$85,553.46 that has been raised thus far. For more information or with any questions please see Jim DeGroot, Elder VP, or Robert Wooley, Deacon Chairman. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

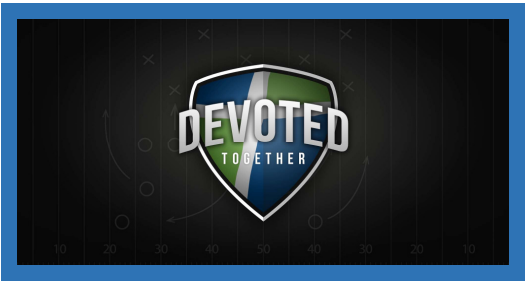
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

Sunday School continues today! All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word. Sunday School runs from 11:00am – noon.

- All children from preschool to fifth grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there.
- 3 - 4-year-olds – Elisha Room (behind the Heritage Room)
- K – 2nd grade – Library
- 3rd – 5th grade – Genesis Room.
- The 6th – 8th graders will meet in the Heritage Room. The high schoolers will meet in the Loft.
- Our adult class will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am.
- Need help finding a class? Ask at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

AREA EVENTS...

ILLIANA ORATORIO SOCIETY will be starting rehearsals for its annual presentation of Handel’s Messiah. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening starting on October 18, at 8:00 pm until 9:30 pm. The concert will be on Sunday December 5, at 2:00 pm. Please join us at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please consider joining us for singing this great work of music to God’s praise!



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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**